



The Wycliffian

2022/23

A Roundup

Highlights from our
2022/23 academic year

School House Awards 2023

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Celebrating our
sporting achievements

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“ The quality of the Pupils’
academic and other
achievements is excellent. ”



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Every year, the focus of my address to you are the Year 13 pupils who are leaving us. However, by the end of the day I often find myself reflecting that today is just as significant a moment for the parents of Year 13 pupils and I am especially struck by this this afternoon given that for many, many families here today, the last member of the family is bringing their Wycliffe career to an end, often after connections with the College going back well over a decade. In fact, for no fewer than four families today, this is the 'end of an era' for the third of their three children, and, for one family, this afternoon sees the fourth of four daughters leave Wycliffe for the final time. It is wonderful also to have parents here from around the world: I know that we have parents who have taken the trouble to get here today from Germany, Spain, China, Hong Kong and Nigeria and it is lovely to have you all here with us. So please allow me to start by thanking every single parent – whether you have one, two, three or four children – for your support for and trust in Wycliffe and all that we have been striving to provide for our pupils (your children!).

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that parents were reassured that their trust had been well-placed when they saw the findings of Autumn's visit from the Independent Schools' Inspectorate (ISI). It was the first time since 2016



that what is referred to as "educational quality" had been scrutinised and we were delighted to be awarded 'Excellent' (the highest judgment possible) in all areas. I was especially pleased that so many of the features of a Wycliffe education that we ourselves believe to be distinctive and special were also identified by the Inspection team: the greater levels of academic aspiration of recent years; the emphasis on character development and the sort of people our children become; the critical role that Houses play in creating

a true sense of belonging here; and our stated aims to engender "pioneering spirit" in our pupils with which to face their futures and take their place in the world as truly "global citizens". Focusing

for a moment on this last point, I was particularly gratified that the ISI team felt able to write the following about us: "*... pupils value and respect cultural diversity, which they experience on a daily basis given the school's international community ...*".

One of the Inspection's observations was that "*pupils' levels of attainment ... [] ... show that they make excellent progress over time ...*" which gives me a convenient, albeit slightly clunky, link to the public examination outcomes of Summer 2022. Grades last year were intended to be higher than 2019 (the most-recent 'normal' year) but significantly lower – especially with

regard to top grades – than in 2020 and 2021 when grades were assessed and awarded by schools. We were absolutely delighted therefore to see our A Level grades (plus BTEC equivalents) exceed 40% for A* and A. This was a far higher figure – in terms of A* and A grades – than 2019 (34%) and all years prior to it. Six pupils – from a year-group of 81 – earned A*A*A: **Lorna Collinson** (Collingwood), **Rachel Egan** (Ivy Grove), **Henry Garrard** (Collingwood), **Georgina Loring** (Ivy Grove), **Poppy**

Sathasivam (Haywardsend), and **Jerry Xue** (Ward's). And, even more extraordinarily, **Sasha Sathasivam** (Haywardsend) secured three straight A*s whilst **Josia Chan** (Ward's), persevering with four A Levels, earned A*A*A*A. BTEC highlights included Double Distinctions (starred) in Sport for **Bella Best** (Collingwood), **Stella Fielder** (Collingwood) and **James Hulme** (Haywardsfield). As a result, Year 13 leavers opened up a wide range of opportunities across a variety of courses (including Medicine and Veterinary Science) and University destinations both within the United Kingdom, as well as in the United States, Germany, Spain, Holland, Switzerland and even Costa Rica (for a course in Sustainable Tourism Management).

At GCSE, well over one-third of grades were awarded at 7, 8 or 9 and eight of every ten grades was at 5 or higher. On an individual level, **Aidan Kitching** (Haywardsfield) earned an 8 or a 9 (formerly A*) in nine of his subjects, **Takara Harris** (Ivy Grove) did the same in eight subjects and **Jonty Jones** (Ward's) in seven. Amongst our international Boarders, Development

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Year pupil **Sophia Grasl** (Loosley Halls) managed to earn an incredible six 8s and 9s after just ten months of study whilst **Ane Hoien** (Loosley Halls), also in the Development Year, managed to secure no fewer than five of her seven passes at 8 or 9 (like Sophia, all achieved in just ten months at Wycliffe).

Turning next to some of the year's other pupil highlights...

We entered our usual wide range of national and international competitions in Mathematics and the Sciences: in the 2022 Cambridge University

Chemistry Challenge, the highlight was the Silver award earned by **Orla Wright** (Y13, Haywardsend) which placed her in the top 20% of all 8,000+ entrants; and then, in the past few weeks, in the 2023 version of the same competition, **Eloise Etherington** (Y12, Loosley Halls) managed to secure the top Roentgenium award, placing her in the highest-achieving 0.59% of all entrants and entitling her to attend a residential camp next month at St Catharine's College and the University Chemical Laboratory. Over 6,000 pupils nationwide took part in the Physics Olympiad competition and **Eloise**



Etherington again featured strongly, ending up amongst the top 100 pupils in the UK and earning a ‘Gold’ award in both the online challenge and the written paper. Our senior pupils earned the best results for many years in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge with three Golds – for **Sarah Zhou** (Y13, Lampeter), **Eloise Etherington** (Y12, Loosley Halls) and **Ethan Chivers** (Y13, Loosley Halls) – plus eleven Silvers and eighteen Bronzes. Results in the Intermediate event were also the best for some time with six Golds for **Eleanor Casey** (Y10, Ivy Grove), **Miles Cheung** (Y11, Ward’s), **Liza Dorosheva** (Development Year, Loosley Halls), **Vincent Fan** (Development Year, Loosley Halls), **Charlie Hart** (Y11, Collingwood) and **Kanami Yanagi** (Development Year, Loosley Halls). Charlie (Hart) then went on, in fact, to secure a Merit in the next – even more challenging – round of the competition.

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) continues to be a centrally-important part of Sixth Form academic careers with almost 25% of Year 13 completing their submissions this year. Amongst others, topics ranged from the recovery of the Japanese economy after World War II, the influence of **Jane Austen** on contemporary British society, pirates and privateering, the

treatment of autoimmune diseases, “sportswashing” in Football, the relationship between sustainability and aesthetics in modern architecture, and gender stereotyping in Disney films.

The inter-House General Knowledge competition saw multiple competitive and enjoyable matches (in a similar format to ‘University Challenge’) culminating in a final which saw the boys of Ward’s secure victory (470-350) in a very high-quality final indeed over their counterparts from Haywardsfield. And then at inter-school level, our team (**Jonty Jones**, Y12, Ward’s; **Aidan Kitching**, Y12, Haywardsfield; **Nate Child Villiers**, Y10, Collingwood; **Emily Gaulton**, Y9, Haywardsend) did fantastically well to win through matches (held virtually) versus schools from North Yorkshire and Berkshire to progress into the closing stages of the national ‘Schools Challenge’ competition, eventually losing to RGS Lancaster, one of the strongest schools in the country in this particular event.

In Esports, we have fielded a team in a national competition based on the ‘Super Smash Brothers’ game, failing by the narrowest of margins – as we did in 2022 – to make it beyond the Regional round by winning all games bar one with

only the 1st-placed team progressing to the National Finals. Our senior players, competing in the ‘League of Legends’ national competition, enjoyed considerable success and – after ‘top twenty’ finishes in the past three years – 2022/23 saw them finish 4th out of all Esports teams in the country.

Covid had caused a hiatus in our annual Creative Writing competition dating back to Spring 2019 but we put that right this year with eighteen pupils of all ages seeing their exceptional and emotionally-insightful work – all inspired by the single word “Hope” – make this year’s Anthology. Award-winning author **Chris Vick** came into school to work with pupils on their writing and then presented the prize to this year’s winner who was **Tilly Strefford** (Y9, Ivy Grove).

And we returned to offering a full programme of educational visits including two major overseas trips: an Art/Music/Drama cultural trip to New York in the Autumn and a Spanish trip to Andalucía in the Spring; with an exciting trip for our Geographers to the Azores coming over the hill in the Autumn.

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from late January into the first half of December and the performances of “A Christmas Carol” were a real treat for everyone who got to see them; **Abigail Opaleye** (Y11, Collingwood) as Scrooge was particularly outstanding. In addition, the ‘new tradition’ of putting together a Scholars’ Play each Summer continued into its second year with a cast drawn principally from Years 9 and 10 (with a few Year 11 and 12s thrown in) producing a performance of “Pygmalion” with **Beth Leach** (Y12, Lampeter) exceptional in the role of **Eliza Doolittle**. And the biennial House Drama competition used the theme of ‘House Values’ as its inspiration and saw the girls of Haywardsend – in a piece written and directed by **Maddy Small** (Y12), with directorial support from **Bella Owens** (Y12) – come out on top, whilst one of the very youngest performers, Year 9 Ivy Grove pupil **Noma McBurney**, won the Best Actor award.

In Music, we have had three members of the National Youth Choir: **Lucy McKerrow** (Y13, Lampeter) plus sisters

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Naomi and Abi Opaleye (Y13 and Y11, Collingwood). In addition, **Stephanie Chao** (Y10, Lampeter) was invited to join fellow flautist **Eloise Bartram** (Y11, Collingwood) in the Gloucestershire Youth Wind Orchestra (GYWO). House Song was deservedly won by the boys of Ward’s (led by **John Nowak**) with all of the Houses involved doing fantastically well and it was – as ever – one of the best events of the whole academic year. The Autumn Term also saw a flute-and-strings quartet of **Eloise Bartram** (Y11, Collingwood),

Kenyon Chow (Y11, Robinson) and **Naomi and Abigail Opaleye** (Y13 and Y11, Collingwood) play at the opening ceremony of the Round Square International Conference in Oxford and a truly wonderful Choral Day – all day one Sunday – with the professional group ‘Apollo Five’. And, lastly, the 30+ pupils of all ages who created the Spring Concert produced one of the best events for many, many years including many audience members standing to applaud **Kenyon Chow** (Y11, Robinson) whose performance of Wieniawski’s

“*Scherzo-Tarentelle*” on Violin was simply extraordinary.

Activity at all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme remains incredibly busy with many of the year’s weekends being dedicated to all sorts of expeditions across the Black Mountains and the Brecon Beacons, as well as closer to home (including the Wye Valley) for our Bronze pupils just starting out. Over-and-above **Emily (Mimi) Green** (Y13, Haywardsend) who earned her award in the Summer of Year 12, no fewer than eleven other members of Year 13 successfully completed every aspect of the Gold Award this year: **Zainab Sambo** (Y13, Haywardsend), **Naomi Arthurton**, **Hannah Denning**, **Lucy McKerrow**, **Rosie Palk** and **Connie Palmer** (all Y13, Lampeter), **Jakob Heberger**, **Morgan Owen**, **Olly Shute** and **Jack Tawlks** (all Y13, Ward’s) and **Naomi Opaleye** (Y13, Collingwood).

As for the Combined Cadet Force, an impeccably-observed Remembrance Service in early November (preceded the night before by a dinner to commemorate fifty years of Wycliffe CCF) saw some beautiful singing

by the Choir (“*Abide With Me*” was spectacular!) and outstanding individual contributions from CSM **Rosie Palk** (Y13, Lampeter) leading the Colour Party and laying the wreath, and Colour Sergeant **Jack Tawlks** (Y13, Ward’s) carrying the Standard and reading the Prayers so exceptionally well. It was wonderful to be able, for the first time in several years, to see our CCF Contingent march up to the Stonehouse War Memorial later that same morning as part of the wider community’s observance of this special day in the calendar. And, lastly, a dedicated group of eight Year 10 Cadets spent months preparing for, and then participating in, May’s 35-mile Ten Tors event on Dartmoor.

At a wider ‘community’ level, after having the Poet Laureate, **Simon Armitage**, here in 2020 and then Professor **David Olusoga** and **Temí Akindele-Barker** this time last year, in Spring 2023 we enjoyed a wide-ranging consideration of the topic of “Culture Wars” involving journalists and authors (Lord) **Daniel Finkelstein** and **Polly Toynbee**, plus our very own **Bella Owens** (Y12,

Haywardsend). Bella encouraged us in her introductory address to “strive to be better at disagreeing” and then our guests – rather neatly – managed to demonstrate and exemplify precisely that, offering a range of views (sometimes conflicting ones) but always doing so from a point of respect, inclusion and tolerance.

And a notable feature of this year has been the amount of engagement in, and commitment to, charitable and fundraising activity, with almost £14,000 raised for a wide range of good causes by way of not just our regular Non-Uniform Days but also – with each of the following activities raising significant four-figure sums – a Sponsored Row in Loosley for Breast Cancer, a Touch Rugby ‘Marathon’ by Ivy Grove and Ward’s in aid of Scotty’s Little Soldiers, the two Year 10 Ten Tors teams who got themselves sponsored in support of The Down’s Syndrome Association, and Robinson and Lampeter joining forces in the past few days to walk The Cotswold Way in support of Blood Cancer UK.

In Sport, my own personal highlight of the year has in fact been ‘participation’





rather than ‘achievement’ based. The enthusiasm among so many of our senior girls to represent their school in team sports (whether Hockey, Netball or Cricket) has been – in many ways and week-in and week-out – a source of genuine pride this year. Seeing so many girls, often very busy with involvement in many other areas of school life, prepared to want to represent a 3rd XI at Hockey or a 5th VII at Netball has been truly uplifting.

As for some of the specific sports themselves: The highlight of the Autumn Term were the results of our Senior Hockey players, with the 1st XI recording a ‘winning season’ and an excellent performance in the Tier 4 regional finals (five wins, one loss – narrowly missing out on qualification to the ‘national’ stages), the 2nd XI losing just three times in nine matches and the 3rd XI winning three from five. In the Spring, a talented 1st XI Football team lost just four times in thirteen term-time matches, whilst the Under 15 boys went unbeaten all term and the U14 boys lost just twice, and in Netball, the 2nd VII were the most successful results-wise, winning ten games out of eleven. In Shooting, our Air-Pistol team came a highly creditable 5th in the National Team Finals. And in Squash, multiple teams



won through qualifying rounds to make the National finals with our U18 Girls finishing 7th, our U18 Boys ending 5th, our U16 Boys coming 4th, and our U14 Boys winning the whole event as the best team in the country (as well as our U14 ‘B’ team winning the Plate event). Cricket has seen a Girls 1st XI play inter-school fixtures for the first time in our history and a young Boys’ 1st XI led exceptionally well by **Fred Collinson** (Y11, Collingwood), one of the very best cricketers the school has seen in recent years. Last-but-not-least, achievements in Rowing have been truly exceptional with no fewer than three girls from Loosley Halls (**Ella Fullman**, Y13 ; **Yasmin Howe**, Y13 ; **Lily Martin**, Y12) representing Great Britain in May, our Girls’ Eight

winning the Head of the River event on the Thames in March, our 1st and 2nd Quads each winning their respective events at the National Schools Regatta at Eton Dorney, our ‘A’ Quad winning the event at Women’s Henley and then that same group of four girls coming agonisingly close to winning at Henley Royal Regatta last weekend, just losing out in Sunday’s Final.

In Athletics, last week’s Sports Day saw team triumphs for the girls of Lampeter (both Junior and Senior) with the boys of Robinson and Haywardsfield tying in the Junior event and Ward’s winning the Senior Boys’ category. The respective ‘Victores Ludorum’ were shared between **Melody Benn** (Y9, Lampeter), **Ana Derbaix-Esteve**

(Development Year, Loosley Halls) and **Lotti Williams** (Y11, Lampeter) for the girls and **Xander Gray** (Y10, Robinson), **Oliver Fisher** (Y10, Collingwood) and **Freddie Searle** (Y13, Ward's) for the boys.

On an individual level, our recent end-of-year Sports Dinners saw **Daisy Hartson** (Y13, Collingwood) named Sportswoman of the Year and **Freddie Searle** (Y13, Ward's) Sportsman; **Poppy Beaumont** (Y12, Lampeter) and **Logan Fitzpatrick** (Y12, Robinson) won the Most Improved awards. And we were delighted – very recently – to see our 1st XV Rugby captain, **Naquan Smith** (Y13, Collingwood) rewarded for many years of exceptional single-mindedness and dedication with the award of a professional contract with Gloucester

Rugby – my goodness, it will be a proud day for many of us if-and-when he makes his home debut at Kingsholm.

Leading the community across this year of extraordinary achievements have been our three senior pupils **Olly Shute** (Ward's), as Head of School, and **Emilín Isgín Navarro** (Lampeter) and **Naomi Opaleye** (Collingwood) as his two Deputies. Olly has that rare quality of being able to persuade and inspire others to follow him and work with and for him and yet he does so in such a warm and 'light touch' way that outside observers might not realise and appreciate just how effective he is. We have certainly had very few Heads of School with whom the younger years identify quite so readily and for whom they have quite so much

natural admiration. Emilín has been a true exemplar for our international Boarding pupils and if I urge pupils (as I do) to aspire to be 'radiators' rather than 'drains', she has embodied and epitomised that with her energy, enthusiasm and loyalty throughout her Wycliffe career. And Naomi is quite simply one of the highest achieving pupils – across an incredibly wide range of areas – that I can recall in the past decade. Her contribution to Music and to Art, in particular, has been truly exceptional, but it will be her independence of thought and spirit and her mischievous sense of humour for which I will most remember her.

I am grateful to all three of them, and the Prefect team of eighteen pupils as a whole, for their example and their support this past year – they truly have been the 'ambassadors' that we ask them to be on our shared behalf and the following comment from the ISI team might have been written with that team of Prefects in mind: "... the school clearly places significant emphasis on the benefits of volunteering and on the moral purpose of giving back to the community [and pupils feel that] happiness, close relationships and leaving something of value to the next generation all give meaning to life ...".





Turning to staff, I would like to single out one or two of them now as well as mark the departures and retirements of others, starting – in terms of the ‘singling out’ but not the retiring – with our Head of Learning Support, **Mrs Elizabeth Dytham**. This time last year, I stood here thanking Mrs Dytham for what I described as “her extraordinary compassion and energy” in stepping in as Housemistress of Ivy Grove and now here I am again, this time thanking her just as sincerely for leading the girls of Haywardsend since January. A rather longer period of tenure has seen **Mr Tim Larkman** lead the boys and girls of Loosley Halls for the past seven years (as well as being our Senior Housemaster for the last three of those) and he will now focus all of his energies on his Geography teaching and

sporting expertise, handing over Loosley in excellent shape to **Mr Scott Costello** who, in turn, relinquishes his role at the top-end of Collingwood after five years in post. And **Mrs Julie Saynor** completes her 30th year of continuous service to Wycliffe this year in the areas of cleaning and housekeeping, latterly looking after the boys of Robinson.

Leaving the Senior School Common Room this Summer will be **Miss Niamh Hulburd**, **Mr Reeve Messenger** and **Mr Phillip Moroney** after one-year roles respectively in Lampeter, Ward’s and Physics; **Miss Livvy Hoskins** after two years at Wycliffe, both of them involved in Sport and ‘Year 2’ as Resident Assistant in Ivy Grove; **Mr Mark Shopland** after three years as our Assistant Director of Sport; **Ms Darcy Ahl** after six years as Assistant

Librarian; **Mr Matt Kingscote** after six years as our Head of English; and **Mrs Cass Moran** after fourteen years in our outstanding Learning Support team.

And then – if they will forgive me – some ‘big beasts’ of the Common Room end their time at Wycliffe this year, each after fifteen years of service: **Mr Andy Naish**, most recently Housemaster of Robinson and prior to that our Director of Sport for a decade; **Dr Keith Rose**, Head of Chemistry and specialist advisor for those aspiring to degrees at Oxford or Cambridge or in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science; and **Mr Ian Russell**, teacher of Mathematics, leader of our ESports initiatives and erstwhile Housemaster of both Haywardsfield and the younger part of Collingwood. A somewhat gentler ‘beast’, **Mrs Paddie Norman** from the Health Centre, retired from Wycliffe at Easter after twenty-three years here. And – almost incredibly – having started his Wycliffe career in 1988 (!), our Head of Design and Technology, **Mr Graham Wheeler**, will finally permit himself to have a break after thirty-five years of unbroken and truly remarkable service to Wycliffe.

Lastly, I would like to mention two people without whose contributions I do not think I would be standing in front

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of you today. Our Director of Finance and Operations, **Mr Tom Wood**, ends his six years at Wycliffe in August and without his support, expertise and hard work, I am not sure that the College would have been able to negotiate the various challenges of recent years as effectively as we have. Thank you, Tom – my personal and professional gratitude to you is enormous. And **Mr Paul Etheridge**, who died at the turn of the year, played a very significant role in bringing me to Wycliffe and was then an immensely supportive guiding presence in my first few years in post but, far more importantly than that, Paul (a pupil here between 1948 and 1955) served as a Trustee for almost thirty years between 1979 and 2006, most of it as Chair, before then becoming President of Wycliffe between 2006 and 2021. Whilst nigh on impossible to sum up Paul's contribution to Wycliffe in a couple of lines, decisions he took in the mid-



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1990s to build both Loosley Halls and also Wycliffe Hall are widely credited with having saved Wycliffe from going out of business.

And so – finally – some closing thoughts aimed specifically and directly at our Year 13 pupils who are leaving Wycliffe today.

That ISI Inspection team from back in the Autumn that I have taken as my theme today identified that they felt that you “understand that making good decisions is instrumental to [your] own success and well-being”, that you “demonstrate an awareness that hard choices can be more beneficial than easy ones and acknowledge that [you] can influence [your] own destiny” and that they felt that you “are well-prepared for the next stage of [your] lives and face it with a calm assuredness”.

Hearing and reading those things back in the Autumn and hearing and reading those things again this afternoon of course makes me feel very, very proud of all of you. However, what is most important is that they are true. I believe truly and wholeheartedly that you leave here equipped to make good decisions about your futures, that Wycliffe has prepared you well for whatever those futures hold, and that the quality of “calm assuredness” will serve you all very well indeed.

Thank you everyone for listening.

Nick Gregory

Nick Gregory, Headmaster





MR JASON MURPHY (1970-2023)

The entire Wycliffe community was devastated to learn of the death of Mr Jason Murphy on Tuesday 8th August.

Mr Murphy had been taken seriously ill late at night on Thursday 6th July in Loosley Halls, the Boarding House in which he had worked for several years as Resident Assistant. And although looked after in Intensive Care Units since then, he was simply not able to recover.

Mr Murphy joined Wycliffe very early in 2015 and had taught Media Studies / Digital Media to a range of Sixth Form groups, as well as being responsible for all of our audio-visual needs (e.g., light, sound, video etc.), be that for large events such as School Productions or Concerts or for the day-to-day needs of Assemblies and Chapel Services.

Kindness, thoughtfulness, dedication, generosity, patience, humility, decency, care, consideration: these were some of the many words used by pupils,

parents and colleagues to describe Mr Murphy's qualities. Those fortunate enough to have had Mr Murphy as their Tutor during their years at Wycliffe will perhaps have been best-placed to appreciate these attributes.

Mr Murphy was the epitome of the sort of 'unsung heroes' that just allow schools to work. He helped make Wycliffe work and embodied what makes Wycliffe a special community to which to belong.

Mr Ross Beamish (Head of

Department of the Digital Media team within which Mr Murphy worked) captured something of what Mr Murphy brought to Wycliffe when he said that he "... assisted a great many young people to not only achieve beyond what they thought possible, but also inspired many to discover a life-long passion in the very things he also loved – photography, videography, editing, and graphic design. A truly inspiring teacher, a fantastic colleague, and a good friend indeed ..."

He will be very sorely missed.

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AWARDS FOR 2022-23

Wycliffian Commendations

These are open to all pupils and are additional means of recognising the exceptional, either in terms of effort/attitude or in terms of achievement/accomplishment. These Commendations cover all aspects of College life and are awarded to pupils for exceptional individual achievement.

Autumn Term

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| Jonty Jones (Year 12, Ward's) | For outstanding leadership at the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Summer Camp. |
| Charlie Ashman (Year 10, Haywardsfield) | For winning 1st prize in the worldwide video-editing competition run by "Travel for Teens" leading to a trip (as prize) to Costa Rica. |
| Lou Tucker (Year 12, Ivy Grove) | For excellent dedication – within the BTEC in Digital Content Production – to photography skill-set development, through creation of an outstanding blog portfolio. |
| Eloise Bartram (Year 11, Collingwood) | For exceptional piano accompaniment across a wide range of pieces and groups. |
| Naomi Opaleye (Year 13, Collingwood) and Abi Opaleye (Year 11, Collingwood) | For being invited to become a member of the National Youth Choir Training Choir. |
| Naomi Arthurton (Year 13, Lampeter) | For active, generous and thoughtful support of other pupils in order to allow them to integrate and participate when – without her – they would have struggled to do so. |
| Flora Lauchlan (Year 13, Lampeter) | For an exceptionally innovative, creative and well-written UCAS Personal Statement. |
| Talia Owen (Year 10, Ivy Grove) and Sheyda Fogarty (Year 10, Lampeter) | For outstanding effort, research and understanding in order to create exceptional knowledge-organisers on "Naturalism and Non-Naturalism" in GCSE Drama. |
| Codie Beachus (Year 10, Robinson) | For being selected to perform at The Horse of the Year Show 2022. |
| Thomas Cox (Year 9, Robinson) | For earning 100% in an end-of-topic Geography test on "Development" – some of his answers were so good that he deserved more than 100%! |
| Abigail Opaleye (Year 11, Collingwood) | For her dedication to the school production of 'A Christmas Carol' and for her excellent portrayal of Scrooge. |
| Morgan Owen (Year 13, Ward's) | For his impressive performance as Marley in the school production of 'A Christmas Carol'. |

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| Jacob Cheetham (Year 11, Robinson) | For his creativity and energy in his role of Fezziwig in the school production of 'A Christmas Carol'. |
| Spring Term | |
| Xuening (Chloe) Li (Year 13, Loosley Halls) | For production of an exceptional, animated short film for her Film Studies coursework. |
| Barnaby Storey (Year 10, Haywardsfield) | For hugely dedicated and reliable approach to volunteering in Chapel. |
| Lou Tucker (Year 12, Ivy Grove), Isabela (Izzi) Rant (Year 12, Ivy Grove), Jonty Jones (Year 12, Ward's), William (Billy) Kerslake (Y12, Ward's) | For their efforts in a 12 hour Rugby Marathon in support of 'Scotty's Little Soldiers' (raising £1,860). |
| Xinyi (Britney) Yang (Development Year, Loosley Halls) | For an outstanding piece of written coursework on 'Macbeth'. |
| Eloise Etherington (Year 12, Loosley Halls) | For 'Golds' both online and in the written paper in the British Physics Olympiad. |
| Zhakhangir (Zack) Mamayev (Year 13, Robinson) | For above-and-beyond work in the software project aspect of his Computer Science course. |
| Emily (Mimi) Green (Year 13, Haywardsend) | For an exceptional presentation in A Level Spanish on Spain's transition to Democracy. |
| Summer Term | |
| Rhynell Rusere (Year 12, Ward's) | For commitment – overall several years – to E-sports. |
| Bethany (Beth) Leach (Year 12, Lampeter) | For an outstanding performance in the Scholars' Play 'Pygmalion'. |
| Nadine Bowerman (Year 11, Collingwood), Iris Parker (Year 11, Haywardsend) | For the creation of truly outstanding portfolios of work for GCSE Art. |
| Kin Wang Jaden Lau (Year 13, Ward's) | For exceptional endeavour in A Level Art. |
| Henry Bishop (Year 11, Haywardsfield), Nadine Bowerman (Year 11, Collingwood), Katherine Cox (Year 11, Ivy Grove), Sebastian Forrest (Year 11, Ward's) | For exceptional pieces of Coursework in GCSE Design & Technology. |
| Katherine Cox (Year 11, Ivy Grove) | For her dedication and hard work in submitting an application for an Arkwright Scholarship. |
| Orla Wright (Year 13, Haywardsend) | For 'making history' as the first-ever Captain of our 1st XI Girls' Cricket team. |

Wycliffe Commendations (continued)

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| Emilia Middleton (Year 11, Lampeter) | For qualifying for the prestigious Blue Chip Championships equestrian event. |
| Isabella (Izzy) Uys (Year 10, Lampeter) | For her Summer Term work ethic leading to the most-improved Learning Engagement grades in the whole of Year 10. |

House Learning Engagement Trophy

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| Autumn Term | Lampeter |
| Spring Term | Lampeter |
| Summer Term | Lampeter |

Sibly Awards

For Years 12 and 13 for Outstanding Contribution to the College in more than two areas.

Silver / Black

Daisy Hartson, Mia Baker, Morgan Owen, Sophia Grasl, Naomi Arthurton, Hannah Denning, Constance (Connie) Palmer, Jaden Bartlett, Nero Harms, Jonty Jones, Oliver Moores, Oluwadahunsi (Dahunsi) Oduwole, Sohil Rai, Luke Saunders
Jason Umahi, Madison Charnley-Heaton, Oliver (Olly) Shute, Madeline (Maddy) Small.

Loosley Awards

For Years 9 to 11 for Outstanding Contribution to the College in more than two areas.

Black / Bronze

Talia Owen, Charlie Ashman, Florence (Flo) Smalley, Aerin Baylis-Crisp, Blake Mosimann, Charles (Charlie) Hart, Maximilian (Max) Kirsch, Athina Marceau Veron, Conrad Mosimann, Kanami Yanagi, Logan Coby Llewellyn.

Honours

Red

Naomi Opaleye, Lily Martin, Yasmin Howe, Codie Beachus.

CCF Small Bore Shooting Awards

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Marksman | Micah Groves, Anjus Gurung, Maximilian (Max) Kirsch Florence (Flo) Smalley, Lexi Bartlett, Lily Coulton, Chloe Newton. |
| 1st Class Shot | Chloe Newton, Thomas Cox. |
| 2nd Class Shot | Conrad Mosimann, Austin Webster, Alvaro Gamba Antuna, Antonio Gamba Antuna, Molly Gibbons, Harry Larkman. |

| Rock School | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Hei Yin (Vincent) Fan | Grade 2 Drums | Passed with Distinction |
| Alexander (Xander) Allman | Grade 6 Drums | Passed with Merit |

| Associated Boards Music Exams | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Eloise Bartram | Grade 7 Flute | Passed with Distinction |
| Isobel Carrick | Grade 4 Singing | Passed with Merit |
| Eleanor Casey | Grade 5 Piano | Passed with Merit |
| Melody Cheung | Grade 8 Piano | Passed with Distinction |
| Katharine Cox | Grade 3 Clarinet | Passed |
| Alexander Evanson-Goddard | Grade 5 Alto Saxophone | Passed |
| Alexander Evanson-Goddard | Grade 6 Trumpet | Passed |
| Vincent Fan | Grade 4 Drums | Passed with Merit |
| Flo Smalley | Grade 3 Singing | Passed with Merit |
| Xander Allman | Grade 6 Drums | Passed with Merit |
| Lucy McKerrow | Grade 7 Singing | Passed |
| Naomi Opaleye | Grade 8 Singing | Passed with Distinction |

| Colours – Music |
|---|
| Full Senior |
| Kathryn Burton, Melody Cheung, Lisa Dorosheva. |
| Half Senior |
| Jenrola Oyewumi, Amelia Flaxman, Blake Mosimann, Vincent Fan. |
| Full Junior |
| Anjus Gurung, Kaylee Li, Conrad Mosimann, Rason Wong, Charlie Ashman. |
| Half Junior |
| Lily Parkes, Flo Smalley, Albie Spiers, Isobel Turrell, Violet Sum, Logan Llewellyn, Immy Bewsey. |

| London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA) Awards | | |
|---|----------|-------------|
| Millie Ranyard | 6 - Solo | Merit |
| Mia Baker | 7 - Solo | Merit |
| Morgan Owen | 8 - Duo | Distinction |

| Chapel Awards | |
|---------------|----------|
| Autumn Term | Robinson |
| Spring Term | Robinson |
| Summer Term | Ward's |

| Colours - Sport | | | | |
|-----------------|--|---|---|---|
| | Half Senior | Full Senior | Half Junior | Full Junior |
| Rugby | 1st William (Billy) Kerslake Sam Gregory Conal Navruz Zac Rowles Montgomery (Monty) Stokes | 1st Sohil Rai James Candy U16 - | U15 Felix Thomson Nicholas (Nico) Perez Tabarnero U14 Samuel (Sam) Hart Kieran Etheridge Lucas Smith | U15 Keneolisa (Kene) Okafor William Welby Xander Gray Daniel Robertson Oliver Thomas U14 Toby West |
| Hockey | 1st Orla Wright Alissa Goring Lotti Williams Naomi Opaley | 1st Emily (Mimi) Green Constance (Connie) Palmer | U15 Talia Owen U14 Molly-May (Molly) Gibbons Lily Coulton | U15 Rebecca McCoubrie Anna Leonard Lexi Bartlett |
| Cross Country | Thomas Moreton Maximilian (Max) Stokes Amy Bond James Kay | Senior Sebastian Forrest Ana Derbaix Esteve | - | U15 Oliver Fisher |
| Basketball | Ching Nam (Miles) Cheung | Nicholas (Nico) Perez Tabarnero Logan Llewellyn | Daniel German Darius Ozakpolor Wai Shun (Milton) Yau | - |
| Shooting | - | Henry Bishop Jack Tawlks Jaden Bartlett | Lexi Bartlett | Charlie Ashman |

| Colours - Sport | | | | |
|-----------------|--|---|--|--|
| | Half Senior | Full Senior | Half Junior | Full Junior |
| Football | Codie Beachus Joe Davison Joshua Foulkes Xander Gray Samuel (Sam) Hart Oliver (Ollie) Jewkes Toby Littlejohn | Telmo Baranda Foral Luca Dickin Mateo Ecija Alonso Kiva Madhvani Frank Parker-Delves Leo Simonetti- Whitford William Welby | Luke Davison Logan Fitzpatrick Oliver Gabb Soren Harder Harry Hogg Jake Hogg Conal Navruz Frederick Searle Edward Thompson | Alexander (Xander) Allman |
| Squash | Oliver Jewkes Archie Larkman Harry Larkman Arthur McKay Seamus Parker Lok Nok (Violet) Sum | - | Alexander Beloborodov Harry Bloomfield | Nero Harms Daisy Hartson Luke Saunders |
| Fencing | Olabaderinwa (Bade) Martins | - | Ching Fung (Gareth) Chu James Kay | - |
| Cricket | Lucy Bond Millie Downey Josie Drury Archie Larkman Rebecca McCoubrie Talia Owen | Toby Littlejohn | Sacha Cooper Harry Bloomfield Fred Collinson Sam Gregory | Orla Wright |
| Tennis (Boys) | Gabriel Bonnel Kiva Madhvani Toni Lai | - | Elio Cuccolini Salas Blake Mosimann | Jakob Heberger Maximilian (Max) Stokes |
| Tennis (Girls) | - | - | Olivia Lundie | Daisy Hartson Rosanna (Rosie) Palk |
| Athletics | Lily Coulton Josie Drury Lucie Speariett William Welby | Oliver (Oli) Fisher | - | Ana Derbaix Esteve Sebastian Forrest |

| Colours - Sport | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| | Half Senior | Full Senior | Half Junior | Full Junior |
| Rowing | Max Fullman | - | Eloise Etherington Amelia Flaxman Violet Holbrow-Brooksbank Mia Lowes Lily Martin | Kathryn Burton Ella Fullman Yasmin Howe Elisabeth Sekinger |

CUPS AND SHIELDS

| Cricket | |
|--|---------------|
| Cup Junior House Cricket | Collingwood |
| PASS Mini Salver - Most Improved Junior Cricket Player | Oliver Thomas |
| PASS Shield - Most Improved Senior Cricket Player | Toby Grant |
| PASS Salver - Most Improved Junior Girl Cricket Player | Talia Owen |
| PASS Salver - Most Improved Senior Girl Cricket Player | Ateca Smith |
| Cup Junior House Cricket | Haywardsend |

| Football | | |
|----------|---|---------------|
| Junior | Haywardsfield Centenary Cup For Junior House Football | Robinson |
| | Pass Shield - Most Improved Junior Player | Isaac Eyre |
| Senior | Graham Challenge Cup | Haywardsfield |
| | Pass Shield - Most Improved Senior Player | Soren Harder |

| Hockey | | |
|--------|---|---------------|
| Junior | Pass Shield – Most Improved Junior Player | Anna Leonard |
| Senior | Pass Shield – Most Improved Senior Player | Alissa Goring |

| Netball | | |
|---------|---|----------------|
| Junior | House Cup | Haywardsend |
| | Pass Shield - Most Improved Junior Player | Lucy Bond |
| Senior | House Salver | Collingwood |
| | Pass Shield - Most Improved Senior Player | Poppy Beaumont |

| Tennis | |
|---|------------------------|
| The Chaplin Cup Senior Girls House Tennis | Lampeter |
| Shield - Most Improved Senior Girls Tennis Player | Lok Ching (Cathy) Chow |
| Shield Junior Boys House Tennis | Haywardsfield |
| Tom Tucker Cup Senior Boys House Tennis | Haywardsfield |
| Wycliffe College Tennis Cup Junior Boys Singles | Telmo Baranda Foral |
| PASS Cup - Senior Boys Singles | Blake Mosimann |
| PASS Shield - Most Improved Junior Boys Tennis Player | Telmo Baranda Foral |
| PASS Shield - Most Improved Senior Boys Tennis Player | Elio Cuccolini Salas |

| Ben Gannon Bowling Award | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Most Wickets for 1st XI | Thomas Ranyard |

| British Physics Olympiad Year 12 Challenge Certificates | |
|---|--|
| Online Challenge | - |
| Bronze Online | Pak Dik (Aidan) So |
| Silver | Jaden Bartlett, Aidan Kitching |
| Gold Online | Eloise Etherington |
| Commendation | Jaden Bartlett, Pak Dik (Aidan) So |
| Bronze Award | Aidan Kitching |
| Silver | - |
| Gold Award | Eloise Etherington (In The Top 9% Of All Participants) |

| UKMT Senior Kangaroo Awards | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Shuyue (Sarah) Zhou | Certificate of Merit |
| Eloise Etherington | Certificate of Merit |
| Ethan Chivers | Certificate of Qualification |
| Charles (Charlie) Hart | Certificate of Merit |

| Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Best in School Awards | |
| Intermediate 12 – 14 | Conrad Mosimann |
| Seniors 14 – 16 | Frederick (Freddie) Thomas |
| Elite 16 – 18 | James Candy |

| Year 9 Projects | |
|---------------------|--|
| Silver Commendation | Harriet (Hattie) Akerman, Molly Bibbons, Lily Parkes, Aitana San Emeterio Palacios, Emily Thomas, Thomas Williams. |
| Gold Commendation | Melody Benn, Francesca Capanni, Lily Coulton, Emily Gaulton, Noma McBurney Seamus Parker, Eduard (Edu) Zavidny Reekie-Black. |

| Duke of Edinburgh | |
|-------------------|---|
| Gold | Naomi Opaleye, Morgan Owen, Constance (Connie) Palmer, Oliver (Olly) Shute, Jack Tawlks, Naomi Arthurton, Hannah Denning, Rosanna (Rosie) Palk, Lucy McKerrrow, Zainab Sambo, Jakob Heberger. |
| Silver | Amy Bond, Charlotte Bond, Katherine Cox, Yasmin Keen, Olivia (Liv) Larkman, Sophie McKerrrow, Isabella (Bella) Shute, Oliver Hobbs, Harry Tawlks, Aoife Wright. |
| Bronze | Aerin Baylis-Crisp, Kacey Connolly, Thomas Lockie, Rebecca McCoubrie, Talia Owen, Cameron Tompkins, Isobel Turrell, William Welby, Matthew Bartlett, Sienna Keen, Tennyson (Sonny) Ashbee, Ho Yin (Raphael) Fan, Archie Larkman, Conrad Mosimann. |

| Sports Day Results | |
|--------------------|--|
| Junior Girls | Melody Benn |
| Junior Boys | Xander Gray and Oli Fisher |
| Senior Girls | Ana Derbaix Esteve and Lottie Williams |
| Senior Boys | Freddie Searle |

SCHOLARSHIPS

| 13+ | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Archie Bartram | Academic |
| Melody Benn | Drama |
| Lily Coulton | Academic |
| Thomas Cox | Academic |
| Luca Dickin | Sport and Design and Technology |
| Millie Downey | Sport |
| Josie Drury | HD Academic |
| Max Fullma | Rowing |
| Emily Gaulton | Academic |
| Molly-May Gibbons | Sport, Drama, Design and Technology |
| Oliver Jewkes | Sport |
| Archie Larkman | Sport |
| Noma McBurney | Art |
| Arthur McKay | Squash |
| Conrad Mosimman | Music, Academic |
| Seamus Parker | Squash |
| Jonathan Phillips | Art |
| Flo Smalley | Music, Drama |
| Albie Spiers | Academic |
| Matilda Strefford | Academic |
| Lucas Smith | Academic |
| Jemima Tapping | Art |
| Austin Webster | Drama |
| Toby West | Sport |
| Thomas Williams | Academic |

| Sixth Form | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Awad Adeleke | Academic |
| Adebare Adeniyi | Academic |
| Alexander Beloborodov | Squash |
| Hoi Shun (Melody) Cheung | Music |
| Alex (Sacha) Cooper | Sport |
| Joseph Downey | AR |
| Eloise Etherington | Sport, Rowing |
| Amelia Flaxman | Academic, All Rounder, Music, Sport |
| Logan Fitzpatrick | Sport. All Rounder |
| Toby Gaulton | Academic |
| Oliver Grant | Design and Technology |
| Sophia Grasl | All Rounder, Academic |
| Violet Hobrow-Brookshank | Sport – Rowing |
| Laila Howse | Sport |
| Jony Jones | All Rounder |
| Billy Kerkslake | Sport |
| Aidan Kitchin | Academic |
| Mariia Koberman | MFL |
| Beth Leach | Academic, Sport, All Rounder |
| Mia Lowes | Sport |
| Lily Martin | Sport – Rowing |
| Pia Middleton | MFL |
| Jenrola Oyewumi | Art |
| Isabela Rant | All Rounder, Modern Foreign Language |
| George Rowlands | Sport |
| Ateca Smith | Sport – Netball |
| Molly Tapping | MFL |
| Maisie Tomlinson | All Rounder, Design and Technology |

MEET THE PREFECTS

Congratulations to the Year 12 pupils on their appointment as Year 13 prefects.



Joseph Downey and Oliver Grant (Collingwood); **Bella Owens and Maddy Small** (Haywardsend); **Aidan Kitching** (Haywardsfield); **Fami Adesina, Madison Charnley-Heaton and Jenrola Oyewumi** (Ivy Grove); **Bethany Leach, Ateca Smith and Maisie Tomlinson** (Lampeter); **Amelia Flaxman, Sophia Grasl and Masha Koberman** (Loosley Halls); **Logan Fitzpatrick and George Rowlands** (Robinson); **Jonty Jones and Rhynell Rusere** (Ward's).



A LEVEL AND BTEC RESULTS

Against a back drop of falling top grades nationally, there was nonetheless much about which to be pleased at Wycliffe on A Level results day.

Not only did the proportion of top grades exceed expectations, the range of destinations to which Wycliffe pupils are now set to proceed is again hugely impressive, as is the performance of some who have battled significant personal and educational barriers to achieve their goals.

An indication of the range is shown by the results of **Sophie Izon** from Rodborough, Stroud (with AAB) who will study Veterinary Science at Surrey University, **Hannah Denning** (AAB) from Nailsworth, who will be reading Social Policy at Bath, and **Lucy McKerrow** (AAB) of Stroud, who is off to study Biomedical Science at Birmingham, where **Daisy Hartson** (AAB) from Standish will join her to study Psychology. **Zakh Mamayev** (A*AAB) from Kazakhstan is heading to Boston, USA to follow a degree in Computer Engineering whilst **Sarah Zhou** (A*A*A) from China will be heading north of the UK border to read

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History and Politics at Edinburgh.

BTEC results were truly exceptional with almost half of all grades in Sport, Digital Production and Business being awarded at the top Distinction* and Distinction. As a result of these, **Kathryn Burton** (with Double Distinction*, with an additional A Level grade B) from Thornbury has secured her place at Durham to study Sport Science, and **Charlotte Robbins** (Double Distinction*, B) from Nailsworth is off to Reading after Business and Management.

Headmaster Mr **Nick Gregory**

commented: “This group of pupils had to contend with periods of ‘lockdown’ that affected the Summer of their Year 10 and the Spring of their Year 11. I am therefore so, so pleased that they now leave Wycliffe having enjoyed such full and varied two-year Sixth Form careers, excited about and enthused by what they are heading off to do next, from Degree courses in Medicine, Veterinary Science and Law (to name but a few), to professional Rugby contracts, Scholarships at Universities in the United States, a range of different Apprenticeships, and/or amazing ‘gap year’ projects.”

GCSE RESULTS

Headmaster of Wycliffe College, Nick Gregory, expressed his pride in this year's GCSE results.

“For a non-academically-selective school like Wycliffe, seeing pretty much one-third of all grades awarded at 7, 8 or 9 (previously A*/A) is exceptionally pleasing and speaks volumes for the efforts of the pupils involved and the support and guidance that they received from our teaching staff. However, even more than that, I am most pleased with the breadth and consistency evidenced more widely by the fact that almost eight out of every ten grades was at 5 or higher.”

This has been the largest cohort to sit GCSEs at Wycliffe for several years, across Year 11 and the ‘Development Year’ (a pre-A Level course for

international Boarding pupils).

Outstanding individual performances from Year 11 pupils included **Abigail Opaleye** from Hempsted and **Olivia Larkman** from Stonehouse each with no fewer than ten subjects at 8 or 9, **Cathy Chow** from Hong Kong with nine

such top-grades and **Sebastian Forrest** of Brownshill with eight. The pick of the international pupils (studying a slightly-reduced number of GCSEs but in just ten months) was **Naiara Lasa Martín-Almagro** (from Spain) who secured an 8 or a 9 in six subjects.

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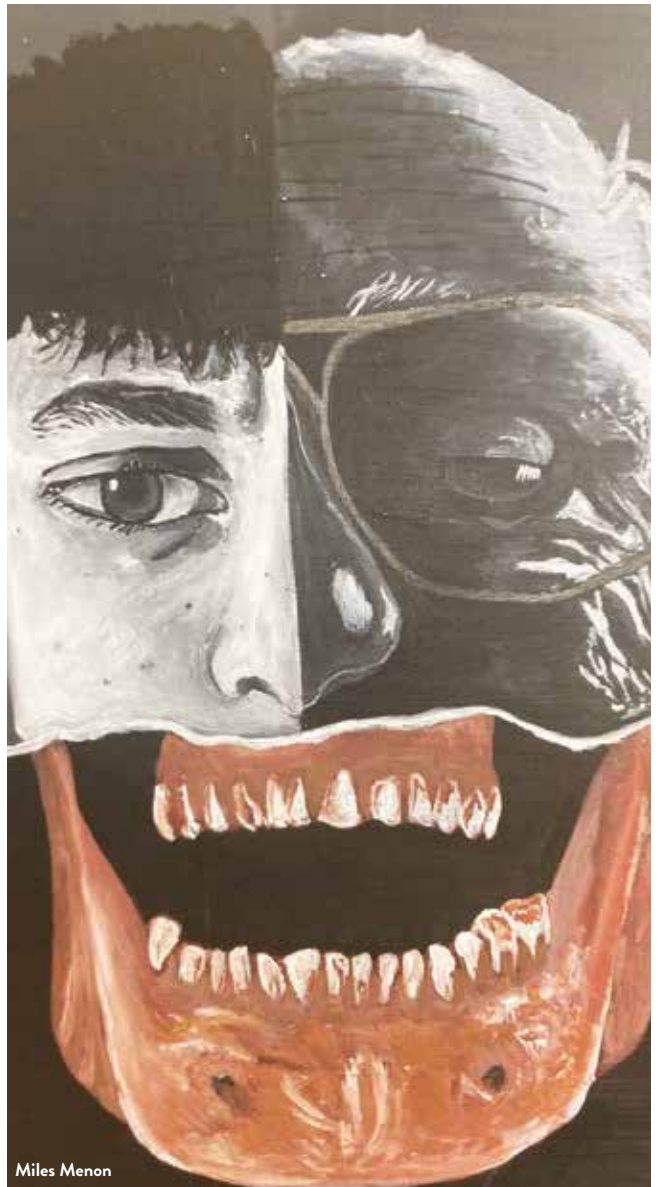
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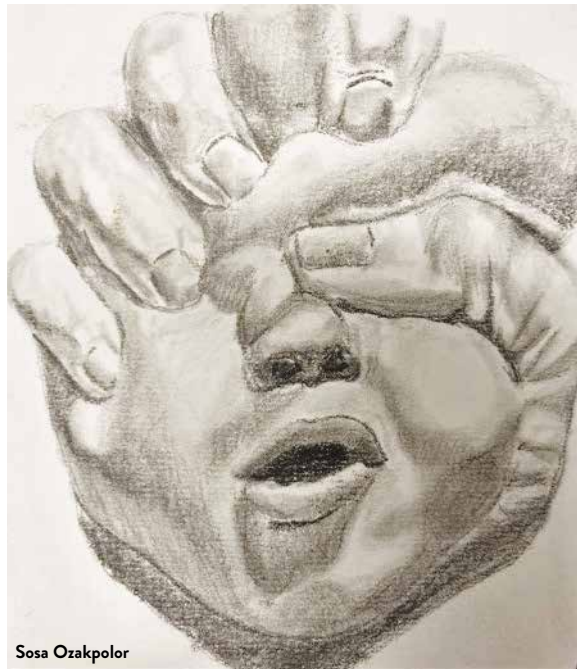




Naomi Opaleye



Sosa Ozakpolor



Miles Menon

ART AND DESIGN

Year 9 has had a journey of artistic exploration and skill development this academic year.

Pupils began by delving into the world of perspective drawings, learning to create depth and dimension on a two-dimensional surface. Additionally, they dedicated time to researching renowned artists like **Julian Opie**, **Jim Dine**, and **Frida Kahlo** and gaining inspiration from their unique styles and techniques.

Monoprinting, lino-printing and etching became useful mediums for Year 9, allowing them to experiment with creating one-of-a-kind prints using various materials and textures. Clay

sculpture-making offered a hands-on experience.

Portrait drawing was another focus for Year 9, as they honed their skills in capturing the likeness and essence of a subject. This served as a valuable exercise in observation and expression.

Throughout the year, Year 9 has exhibited an enthusiasm for the subject, embracing learning and refining new skills. Their passion and dedication have been evident in their artwork. As we conclude the academic year, we eagerly anticipate these talented pupils'

continued growth as some prepare to join the GCSE Art group in the coming year.

Year 10 embarked on their artistic journeys this academic year, focusing on two themes: Fairgrounds and Portraiture.

To enrich their understanding and artistic skills, Year 10 had the opportunity to visit Hauser & Wirth. In this renowned Art Gallery, they immersed themselves in various artworks and drew inspiration from contemporary artists.



Scarlett Armitage

Additionally, they participated in a workshop on ceramics and monotypes, expanding their repertoire of techniques and mediums.

Lino prints and the creation of large portrait woodcut prints allowed them to experiment with bold and expressive designs.

In their exploration of fairgrounds, Year 10's artwork displayed bright, occasionally abstract paintings that captured this theme's dynamic energy and vivid colours.

Furthermore, the integration of dramatic photography added a unique dimension to their projects, enabling them to capture moments of excitement, motion, and emotion.

The creativity and dedication displayed by Year 10 have produced an impressive body of work. Their artwork reflects their development, as well as their willingness to experiment and take risks.

Year 11 and Year 13 embarked on an inspiring artistic journey during this academic year, marked by gallery trips to London and exploring personal projects encompassing a range of thought-provoking themes.

With the freedom to pursue personal

projects, both year groups explored themes such as The Moon, Decay, and The Seaside, delving into each subject matter's symbolism and visual potential.

The reintroduction of the exam project marked a significant milestone for Year 11 and Year 13. Drawing upon the skills and knowledge acquired, they could apply their expertise in a focused and comprehensive manner. The creation of large paintings showcased their ability to work on a grand scale.

We applaud Year 11 and 13 for their achievements and the remarkable progress throughout the year.

Year 12 has had an enriching and dynamic academic year filled with inspiring experiences. Valuable trips to London galleries, where they had the opportunity to immerse themselves in exciting exhibitions and the attendance

of the Final Degree shows at prestigious institutions such as the Slade and Central St Martins. The possibilities are designed to fuel their creative aspirations and ambitions.

Life drawing workshops played a pivotal role, enabling them to refine their drawing skills and hone their ability to capture the human form with accuracy and expression.

A screen-printing workshop at the GPC introduced Year 12 to the versatile medium of printmaking. They participated in a productive workshop with **Ian Murphy**, helping all pupils to develop their imagery further.

They have engaged in large-scale studies and experimented with multi-layered lino prints, adding depth and complexity to their printmaking endeavours.

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BIOLOGY

No subject could be more fascinating than the study of life itself. Biology is the study of living organisms, and the range of topics we cover ensures that something fascinates everyone.

Some of our A Level pupils like nothing better than to while away the hours taking an in-depth look at the biochemistry of a protein molecule. Others prefer the endless complexities provided by the study of life at the genetic level. However, whatever the personal preference of the pupil, it is the opportunity to study living things in their natural environment that never fails to stimulate a biological mind.

At Wycliffe, we are blessed to have considerable natural beauty on our doorstep; as we aim to inspire pupils and nurture a passion for Biology, it would be a shame not to make the most of this resource. For this reason, we make an annual pilgrimage to explore a local nature spot in the name of science. While there, our pupils painstakingly catalogue the different living things they find, assessing the area's rich biodiversity and gaining a deeper appreciation of our environment's abundance but fragility. While achieving



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this understanding, our pupils can also hone their skills in important biological techniques such as kick sampling in the stream or using keys to identify the observed flora and fauna.

It can be hard work doing biology in the Sun, but it all seems worthwhile when you hear the excited noises that inevitably mean someone netted a fish!



CHEMISTRY

It has been a long and active year in the Chemistry Department.



It began with a surprise invitation for our Head of Department, **Dr Rose**, to appear on stage with one of our former pupils, **Dr Camilla Pang**, at the Cheltenham Science Festival.

On STEM Day, our Year 12 and Year 13 pupils led lessons on the importance of Polymers for visiting Primary School pupils.

Since then, we have had a busy year teaching and supporting our pupils as they complete the course and prepare for exams. We anticipated that this year's Year 13 pupils, who did not sit formal external exams for their GCSEs two years ago due to COVID restrictions, might need extra support in their run-up to A Levels. They impressed us all with their commitment and careful preparation.

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Pupils in Year 12 finish each year by entering a Cambridge Chemistry Challenge exam. For the first time, a couple of our very able younger pupils had a go. We were deeply impressed with **Eleanor Casey** (Year 10), who gained a Silver Certificate and showed considerable potential for her future studies. However, the icing on the

cake was from **Eloise Etherington** (Year 12), who managed to find time from her busy Rowing schedule to gain the very top award in the same competition. Her place in the top 0.5% internationally has invited her to attend a Residential Camp at St Catherine's College, Cambridge, in late August.



BUSINESS STUDIES AND ECONOMICS

With school celebrating International Week, it was an opportunity to visit Cardiff on St David's Day with Year 10 Business pupils.

The group enjoyed a talk from the Education Officer at Cardiff Castle as well as a tour and learned about the castle as a business, their Marketing Mix, the impact of being based in the centre of a capital city, and the factors that have affected them over recent years and strategies they have used to adapt to these changes. Pupils then enjoyed the grounds, tunnels and the Castle Keep. The afternoon saw a visit to the Principality Stadium, and pupils benefited from a wonderful tour and talk, which included the hospitality boxes, the President's box, changing rooms, the press room and the pitch itself. The guide explained the use of technology for the pitch and the multi-purpose roof, the stadium as a centre for international sports, concerts,

WWE and Monster Truck events, and the pricing strategies for these events.

In February, A Level Business pupils in Year 13 benefited from a talk from Old Wycliffian **Bruno D'Abo**, Chief Executive of Little Verzons Farm. Topics such as strategic planning, business growth and risk management were all brought to life. Bruno's perspective as an OW was hugely valuable, and the pupils were left with a useful case study to use in their subsequent examinations.

As part of their study of Unit 4 of the BTEC Business course, nine pupils organised the Year 11 Ball. They were responsible for planning and running the event, which was a huge success. The pupils then used this as the basis for their written assignments, including

a detailed evaluation of their and the team's performance.

The department has continued to run several revision support sessions for GCSE and A Level pupils over the year. A Level Economics pupils were particularly grateful for some of **Mr Axford's** tutorials over half-term and at weekends, demonstrating his commitment and passion for economics.

2023-24 promises to be even busier. Year 12 A Level Business pupils will visit The Morgan Motor Company and Stroud Brewery in the autumn. Year 10s will enjoy the annual trip to Cardiff, and both A Level Business and Economics pupils should be able to participate in the Tutor2u Gradebooster revision events in April.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

This year has been a significant one for Wycliffe Design and Technology, the last year for our Head of Department, Mr Wheeler, who is retiring after 35 years of service to the school.

This has been a fittingly full and exciting academic year for the department and its pupils, and it has been the first time since 2019 that no pandemic measures have been applied. Year 11 and 13 pupils have returned to manufacturing full-scale, functional products or high-quality concept models as their GCSE and A Level final pieces. As well as invigorating for staff, the pupils responded enthusiastically and creatively, submitting a wide range of fantastic work. Years 10 and

12 have been honing their skills this year, designing creative, stylish and fun passive amplifiers in Year 10 and posable desk lamps in Year 12.

We now look forward to what ideas they will develop as they start their main design and make projects. Year 9 created various products including desk organisers, colour-changing night lights, mugs with their packaging, balsa bridges and concept house lights. In October, Year 12 pupils headed to London to visit the Design Museum, Science Museum,

and the Victoria and Albert Museum. This enjoyable and educational trip was well received, and the fascinating ASMR exhibition will live long in the memory. In June, Year 12 pupils went to Oxford's Mini Motor Car Factory. Here they could see many of the processes they'd covered in theory put into practice and experience large-scale automated manufacture. Looking ahead to next year, we will welcome a new member of staff, **Ms Safri**, to the Department in September.



Tilly Coles GCSE DT Eco House Concept



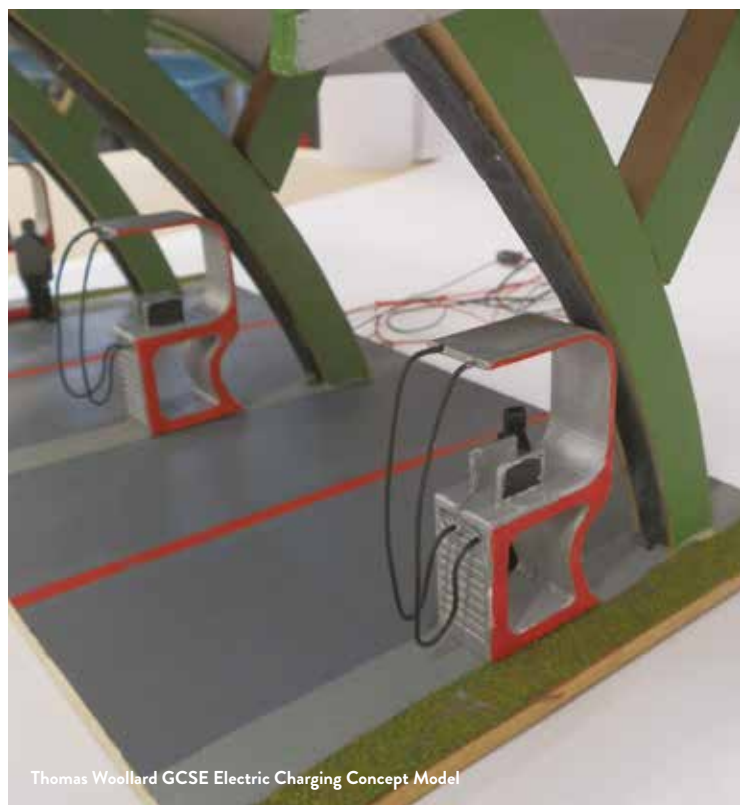
Henry Bishop GCSE Promoting sustainable phone charging station



Jake Hogg GCSE DT Storage



Louis Acocks A Level DT Concept House



Thomas Woollard GCSE Electric Charging Concept Model



Farid Abu-Mughaisib – 'Gloucestershires Golden Gate'

DIGITAL ARTS

It has been another incredible year for Media product; ranging from electronic magazine design, to photography, to short film making.

As always, the year started with editing footage shot over the summer for A Level Film Studies. This resulted in a collection of very high-standard short films that were shot all around the globe, several of which received top grades after being submitted as coursework. A number of these films will also be entered into the 'Eduqas Moving Image Awards 2023' (in partnership with the BFI), which recognises and rewards the UK's most talented young filmmakers, in which previous pupils have also enjoyed success. Standout product produced by Year 13 A Level Film Studies pupils includes:

- Works by **Xuening (Chloe) Li** (an incredible digital animation telling the

story of a young man who falls in love via an app but comes to regret it).

- **Flora Lauchlan** (a story of a girl who lost her mother at a young age, but reconnects with her after finding a hidden book with a special message).

- **Leon Webb** (a narrative from the perspective of a bullied teenager who is secretly an impressive musical talent, who everyone anonymously admires without knowing she is the titular 'Drummer').

Once again, pupils from within the Department (and from the wider School) entered their independent photography into the '2023 Gloucestershire Young Photographers Competition'.

Notable works (all of which received public commendations and display) included shots by **Xuening (Chloe) Li** ('A Great Show'); **Ka Yi (Kaylee) Li** ('Serendipity'); **Charlie Ashman** ('Twisting Roads of Mallorca'), **Farid Abu-Mughaisib** ('Gloucestershire's Golden Gate'); and **Thomas Woollard** ('Last One Home'). **Zhakhangir (Zhak) Mamayev** was selected for 'Special Commendation' for his photograph 'Grazing Sheep'.

We were especially proud as a department to be cited within the 2022 ISI report by name for the contribution of our pupils to the 'Stunning artwork around the school' through their 'Excellent practical and creative skills'.



Charlie Ashman - 'Twisting Roads Of Mallorca'



Chloe Li - 'A Great Show'



Zachary Mamayev - 'Grazing Sheep'



Kaylee Li - 'Serendipity'



Still From Chloe Li's Film 'Soul Mate'



Thomas Woollard - 'Last One Home'



DRAMA

Almost 50 pupils took part in our School Production of *A Christmas Carol*. This feel-good story of redemption and kindness seemed perfect for Christmas 2022.

It was a fantastic opportunity to have fun, sing carols and perform creatively, but it allowed English Literature pupils to see their exam text live. Most importantly, it allowed all the pupils to star in this festive show.

Whilst the strength of the production was in its ensemble approach, it is impossible not to mention **Abi Opaleye**, whose transformation from miserly Scrooge to jolly Ebenezer entertained audiences greatly each night. Equally, **Morgan Owen**'s haunting Marley, **Henry Blythe**'s unearthly Ghost of Christmas Past, **Maisie-Jayne Tomlison** and **Ruby Clutterbuck**'s hilarious double-act of Ghost of Christmas Present and **Arseniy Merkulov**'s striking portrayal of The Ghost of Christmas Yet

to Come were real highlights.

Providing elements of light to counteract the mysterious ghosts were the Cratchit Family, excellently led by **Rhynell Rusere** (Bob Cratchit) and **Ruby Dixon** (Mrs Cratchit), whilst **Jacob Cheetham** (Fezziwig) never failed to entertain. Furthermore, both **Harry Hogg** (Young Scrooge) and **Hannah Denning** (Belle) broke hearts each evening as they gave a subtle and effective portrayal of the demise of Ebenezer's first and only love.

So many others could be singled out for their detailed and considered performances, but the true strength of this year's cast was their collaborative and ensemble-based approach. This was

mirrored backstage, where **Catherine Lomer** led the way as Stage Manager, ably supported by Deputies **Murdo Matthews** and **Billy Kerslake**. The team organised a slick and professional operation, all superbly overseen by **Mr Murphy**.

Behind the scenes, **Mrs Scott** and **Mr Thomas** took the directorial reins, supported by **Ms Mason** and our first pupil Producer **Mia Baker**, who demonstrated real strength in this role. **Mrs Russell** directed four Vox singers (**Lucy McKerrow**, **Kathryn Burton**, **Naomi Opaleye** and **Hannah Denning**) along with **Kenyon Chow**, who provided a fantastic soundtrack for the show. **Mrs Candy**, **Mrs Dytham** and **Mrs Attwell** ensured that every cast member wore

amazing costumes. Sincere thanks also go to the tremendous DT and Art Departments, who confirmed that the key aspects of Victorian London could be represented through the set. 'A Christmas Carol' provided a valuable opportunity for creativity and collaboration, and thanks are owed to all involved!

This academic year also saw our second Wycliffe Senior Scholars' Play 'Pygmalion'. **Mrs Scott** (Director) led a dynamic cast of 11 pupils in creating a stylish, thought-provoking and challenging piece of theatre. **Beth Leach** shone in the central role of Eliza Doolittle, with **Henry Blythe** and **Molly-May Gibbons** stepping up from just Year 10 and 9, respectively to create hilarious portrayals of Professor Higgins and Colonel Pickering. Special mention should also go to **Grace Gosling** (Mrs Higgins), who guided younger scholars superbly through the process.

We look forward to seeing what this talented group can produce next year!

Our last major event of the year was House Drama. This biennial competition required each house to create performances from scratch that demonstrated their house values. OW Actor **Peter Dukes**, fresh from rehearsals of a brand-new stage production of 'The Lord of the Rings', served as our guest judge, selecting the 'Best Overall Performance' and 'Best Actor'.

Each House brought its spin to the theme, having clearly considered what makes their houses special. Lampeter was impressed with a range of scenes and styles, including music recorded by House members. Haywardfield

highlights included a witty 'poetry battle'. Loosley Halls created a 'play within a play' with a magical twist, whilst Ward's House provided a thoughtful re-working of 'Oliver Twist'. Collingwood produced a clear piece of theatre highlighting the importance of trust and Ivy Grove created a well-polished piece based on a well-known talent show, with **Noma McBurney** winning 'Best Actor' for her engaging performance. Robinson's twist on 'Goldilocks' amused us hugely, but Haywardsend took the title of 'Best Overall Performance', with a well-constructed piece highlighting inspirational women from history. The evening was the perfect way to round off a busy year in Drama.

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ENGLISH

This academic year has seen another busy time for pupils studying English at Wycliffe College and their teachers, enhancing the educational experience for our pupils.

In January, our GCSE pupils were treated to a mesmerizing experience during the Poetry Live event in Bristol, watching esteemed poets bringing their works to life on stage. The current poet laureate **Simon Armitage** and his predecessor **Carol Ann Duffy** performed, along with friends of Wycliffe College **Owen Sheers**, **Daljit Nagra** and the crowd-pleasing favourite **John Agard**. Poetry Live offers an invaluable opportunity for pupils to hear the power of language and the beauty of poetic expression, encouraging them to explore their creative depths and prepare pupils for their Literature exams in May.

We were also delighted to celebrate the remarkable achievements of **Mrs Attwell** and **Mrs Browne**, who were trained this year by the world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Company. Focusing on bringing to life through performance in the classroom some of the thirty-eight plays the Bard

wrote, we can look forward to some exciting lessons next year!

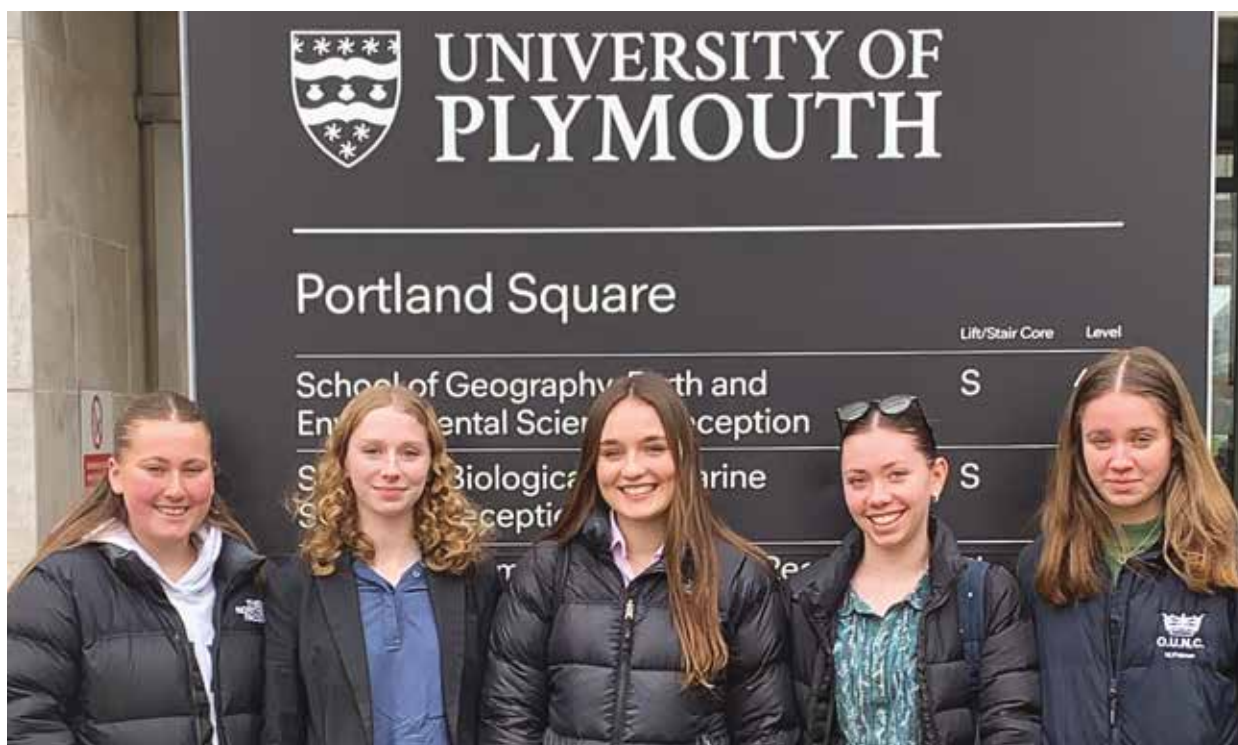
Year 9 welcomed the esteemed author, **Lauren James**, to our Department. Her visit provided a unique opportunity for our pupils to interact with a talented storyteller, gaining valuable insights into the writing process and the world of literature, in connection with our Library Team, and helped prepare the College for the relaunch of the Creative Writing competition under the capable leadership of **Mrs Orr**.

This year, we had the privilege of collaborating with another popular author, **Chris Vick**. Together, Mrs Orr and **Mr Vick** guided our pupils' work, nurturing their literary talents and enabling them to produce exceptional pieces of fiction and poetry, which were eventually unveiled, following several creative writing workshops, at our well-attended showcase evening. With extracts from several of the stories read aloud, the competition gave our young writers a real audience for their work –

many of whom had never experienced such a feat before.

The Department has also had a busy time offering even more extra-curricular opportunities to our pupils; **Mrs Wheeler** and **Mrs Orr** both lead the Model United Nations club, **Mr Kingscote** led the comic book club, and there were weekly Friday lunchtime GCSE revision sessions available throughout the year for our exam cohort. On top of the integral role in achieving the excellent ISI result obtained by Wycliffe College, we are proud of the commitment and dedication of our pupils and staff. There will be some changes ahead in the year for the faculty as we look forward to a new Head of Department in English to Wycliffe as we bid a fond farewell to Mr. Kingscote. While Mr Kingscote's enthusiastic leadership, support, and determination have shaped the recent direction of the faculty, we look forward to welcoming **Mrs Workman** on board to continue our successes.





GEOGRAPHY

This past year has seen a return to the full range of field trips on offer to our examination classes in the Geography Department normally offer our examination groups.

Early in October, Year 11 visited the River Churn. The pupils identified features and changing characteristics of the river through a series of measurements and sampling techniques. The pupils each had the opportunity to enter the river in waders and take charge of using the equipment provided to gather data.

Our Year 10 GCSE pupils had the first of their two days in the field in the Urban environment of Bristol. Here two contrasting wards of the City were visited and assessed for their environmental and housing quality. The pupils had a short amount of time to admire and study the construction and rejuvenation of the developments Temple Meads area.

Fieldwork in Year 12 has centred around

the pupils' NEA (Coursework). Various opportunities have been presented to the pupils so they can follow a course of study that matches their interests. The suggested themes included urban regeneration and change, sand dunes studies, and beach sediment analysis. Their investigations occur in a mix of local and national locations, with some visiting Formby and Porthcawl.

The Year 13 pupils completed their excursions with a trip to Plymouth in March. They visited the University for a series of lectures on Tectonic Hazards. Several experts in their field presented some fascinating insights into the dangers and costs of living on plate boundaries. While the journey to and from the venue was longer than the lecture series, it still proved to be a



popular and worthwhile experience.

Next term, our international trips will return with a first visit to the Azores Islands. A mix of GCSE and A Level pupils will experience five packed days on the Islands, studying the landscape of this Volcanic archipelago.



HISTORY

This academic year started with the death of Queen Elizabeth II. This was hugely important for a Department that is very much based on tradition and monarchy.

Mrs Halford Scott (and her son **Rory**, Year 8) did the Lying In State Queue, and later in the year, as a tie-in with the Coronation, **Mrs Conway** took a chapel on the monarchy.

In November, we took Year 9 pupils on our annual visit to the Black Country Living Museum,

where they experienced Victorian life in the School, shops, mine, and canal.

Several pupils and even staff had to face punishments in the School!

The Sixth Form also visited Hampton Court Palace as part of the Tudors unit so they could follow in the footsteps of the monarchs we study.

In February, the Sixth Form pupils then visited the Imperial War Museum as part of our new A Level topic, to visit the 'new' exhibition on the Holocaust.

Our final visit of the year was in June to the National Holocaust Centre in Nottinghamshire. The Memorial Gardens were in full bloom with white roses, and our pupils spent time here for lunch and reflection. This year, we were privileged to meet in person and then hear the testimony of Holocaust survivor Hanneke Dye and key her message of standing up to hatred.



MATHEMATICS

“Sparx” has arrived in the Mathematics Department, trialled by Year 9 and 10 pupils in the summer term.

This recently launched homework platform has been developed on the back of many years of research and development, and they claim “We use over 200 million data points to personalise every homework for every pupil.

This ensures pupils always receive homework that is both achievable and challenging. This means they experience success as well as being stretched by harder questions”.

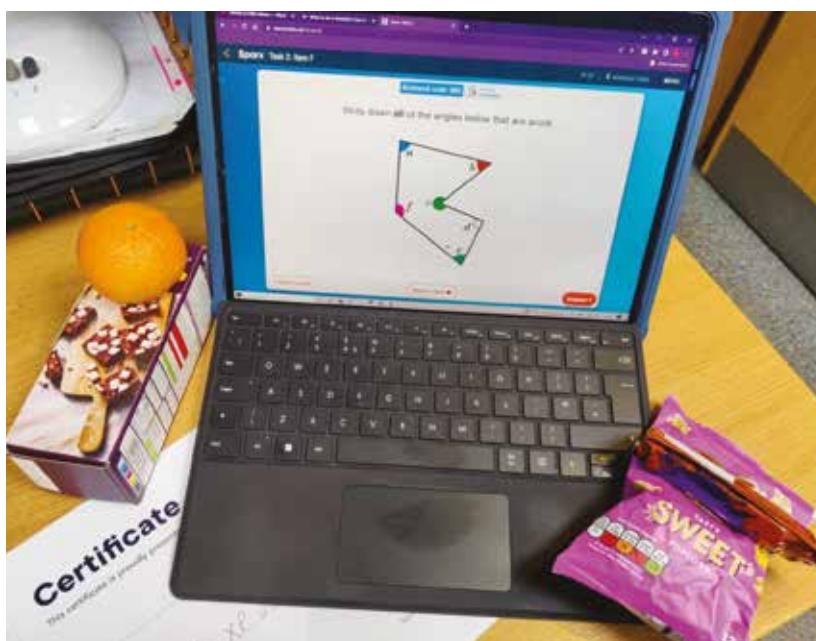
This encapsulated what we want for pupils, a personalised approach which scaffolds their journey to continued success in the subject. Each week, the pupils receive 40 minutes of prep, carefully selected by the algorithm to practice at the right level. Teachers and tutors can monitor completion, and maths teachers can intervene when help is required.

There is a Sparx buzz around school, and **Mr Dunne** (Deputy Head Academic) commented this week: “Everywhere I look, pupils are doing Sparx!”. This enthusiasm has been encouraged by edible rewards, following a survey amongst pupils on what would motivate them most – biscuits and chocolate won by a mile. We have also used more traditional methods such as certificates and merits. And there is more intrinsic

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satisfaction the pupils feel as they watch their XP scores rise, aim for their 100% completion score each week and gain confidence.

We look forward to seeing how much higher these numbers are when we return in September.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

By Mr Hancock

This year in Religious Studies, various events and activities have taken place both within and extending outside of the Academic Department.



Within the Department, Sixth-Form pupils attended our usual trip to a Philosophy and Ethics conference hosted at Oxford University, featuring renowned academics, including **Professor Alister McGrath** and **Professor Daphne Hampson**.

Within the College, relevant themes from international days were introduced into lessons with Year 12 in November, considering the theme of International Philosophy Day 2022, 'The Human of the Future', and with Year 10 on World Empathy Day in June, informing our learning on Capital Punishment that morning.

In addition to the above, the Religious Studies Department once again put on

some of the Year 12 Life Skills sessions this year, exploring cultural diversity and awareness issues. The 'Philosophy for Life' discussion club once again ran throughout the academic year, with a core of regular attendees discussing everything from AI and automation, the purpose of education, the future of

humanity, and the meaning of virtue.

Towards the end of the year, I and other senior school colleagues – including fellow RS Department member **Father William** – visited the prep school for our annual 'Questions of Faith' event with Year 8 pupils on the 24th June.

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PHYSICS

On Monday, 27 February, Year 10 science pupils attended the Science Live event in Bristol, allowing them to see and hear five of Britain's top scientists working at the cutting edge of their specialisms.

These included **Professor Dave Cliff** talking about the science behind the latest developments in Computing. Haywardsfield pupil **Logan Llewelyn** said this was his favourite presentation. "He was enthusiastic and made it interesting". Other presentations included neuroscientist **Dr Hannah Critchlow** and materials scientist **Dr Anna Ploszajski**, talking about how smart materials will change our lives soon. **Mrs King** led the trip and was star-struck upon meeting TV scientist and renowned professor of Physics **Jim Al-Khalili**, "A REAL rock star!".

Micah Richards (Haywardsfield) said, "It was great to hear from some real scientists with real-life examples".

Pupils were also given a session on exam technique, providing useful guidance for the exams this year and next. A stimulating and educational day for all involved.

Year 12 science trip to see Professor Chris Whitty at Gloucester Cathedral

By **Eloise Etherington** and **Lily Martin**, Year 12.

On Thursday, 26 January, we had the opportunity to travel to Gloucester Cathedral to listen to a lecture by Professor Chris Whitty, England's Chief Medical Officer and a key figure during COVID. The lecture focused on **Edward Jenner's** legacy, specifically, his work surrounding vaccines, and how these have subsequently impacted global health. It was fascinating to learn about different types of vaccines and hear about new research into vaccines that could be used to prevent



or cure cancers that aren't caused by infections. This could change the lives of so many people. We did not anticipate the presence of people demonstrating against the vaccine programme, including one person who interrupted **Prof Whitty**, calling him a

liar. This led to an interesting discussion about whether people should have the right to protest in the UK. The talk has inspired many of us to research the subject further, whether for EPQ or personal interest. Thank you to **Mr Clements** for organising the trip.

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Physics Olympiad

Year 12 Physics pupils took part in the British Physics Olympiad (BPhO), a series of annual physics competitions and challenges to encourage the study of physics and recognise excellence in young Physicists. The challenges aim to allow pupils to practice their problem-solving skills

and see the real-world potential of physics. This year **Eloise Etherington** achieved a Gold Award in both the online challenge and the written paper. A Gold award in the latter is an awe-inspiring achievement; well done Eloise! **Aiden Kitching** and **Jaden Bartlett** both achieved Silver awards. Well done to all who took part.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French

This has been yet another action-packed year in the French Department. We ramped up the number of activities provided in the autumn and welcomed more external speakers than ever for nearly all the year groups. These included **Viv Menon** and how languages have been essential to his 22 years in the wine trade, **David Binns** from Sanako, his journey with languages and technology, **Steve Eadon** and his job as a Player Liaison Office with Arsenal FC Football, and **Pete Roberts** from Médecins Sans Frontières.

Our Christmas party was a great end to the autumn term. The making of *crêpes* in February was the least messy on record. France was brilliantly represented at the international fair by **Athina Marceau Veron** and **Isobel**

Turrell (Year 10), **André Kamel** and **Bas Balletta** (Year 12).

Year 10 enjoyed a meal in June at the Petit Coco Restaurant in Cheltenham. Four pupils chose to have escargots as a starter...and enjoyed them! **Mdme Livreau-Burgess** also reported that **Aerin Baylis-Crisp** and **Jason Cai** conversed in French throughout the meal – *très sophistiqué!*

Pia Middleton (Year 12) has been doing great speaking work with our more junior pupils. It is wonderful to see the Wycliffe francophone community interacting. Pia is getting work experience in Italy over the summer and has all the traits of a dynamic linguist.

We have adopted the most forward-thinking approach to language learning. The work of Gianfranco Conti and his

Extensive Processing Instruction (EPI) has motivated pupils in their learning of set chunks, practice active listening skills (listening bingo has been a class favourite!) and developed spontaneity in speaking and writing across a range of GCSE topics. It is just right for our Wycliffe learners. **Mdme Livreau-Burgess** is forging a pathway towards becoming a pioneering becoming EPI teacher.

A big 'bravo!' to every pupil of French this academic year.



German

The German Department has had another wonderful year at Wycliffe, with high-quality teaching and enriching cultural experiences. Pupils in Year 9 enjoyed learning the Viennese waltz at the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Christmas party.

We also organized exciting gingerbread house competitions for Key Stage 4 pupils, fostering creativity and teamwork.

In the summer term, pupils had the opportunity to engage in a cooking experience, preparing traditional German dishes such as schnitzel and *Kartoffelpuffer* (German hash browns) with homemade apple sauce.

These culinary adventures allowed them to explore German cuisine and develop their language skills in a fun and practical way.

To ensure that pupils' experiences were truly valued, the department conducted a survey, and the results were overwhelmingly positive. An impressive 100% of the outgoing Year 11 and DY pupils enjoyed German lessons and felt well-supported throughout their studies.

Looking ahead, there are even more exciting events on the horizon. Sixth Formers can look forward to an Oktoberfest Pop-Up-Restaurant visit, immersing themselves in German culture and cuisine. Additionally, there will be an MFL wine-tasting event and a trip to the

enchanting Christmas markets in Trier. These upcoming experiences promise to deepen further pupils' appreciation for the German language and culture.



Japanese

Another busy and exciting year in Wycliffe Japanese! We have filled the year with lots of fun and learning.

Following our success in the JAL World Haiku Contest last year, we had British Haiku Poet, **Paul Conneally**, joined us again for one of his inspiring and creative haiku workshops with pupils from Year 10 and Year 11. Pupils learnt about Japan's haiku poetry, spent time outside finding inspiration, and then created their haiku, which Paul gave feedback on for pupils to write their best haiku piece. Pupils then performed these for each other. Fingers crossed, we'll be successful with our haiku in future contests!

We were delighted to host a group of Japanese pupils from Reitaku High School, Japan in February. They gave presentations on Japanese culture, particularly about Japanese toys and games. Then our pupils got to experience playing these which included *chanbara* (paper sword fight), *hagoita* (similar to badminton), and *kami zumou* (paper sumo wrestling). The highlight of their visit

was a short play about the 12 zodiac animals and their beautiful singing of the song 'Jupiter' (a Japanese version of 'I vow to thee, my country').

Japan was once again represented at the International Fair in March, assisted by DY pupil from Japan, Kanami.

There were Japanese snacks and treats to be tasted, as well as origami and some Japanese games.

We ended the year with a sushi lunch for pupils in Year 11 – 13 held in our Japanese classroom. We chatted about all things Japan and Japanese whilst sipping on *miso-shiru*, *ramune*, *ocha*, and enjoying delicious *sushi* and

senbei (rice crackers).

As well as learning all about the Japanese language and preparing for GCSE and A Level exams, we have filled our Japanese lessons throughout the year with a plethora of Japanese culture, including *origami* (paper folding), *shodou* (calligraphy), *anime* (Japanese animation), learning about special days and festivals e.g. *Hina matsuri* (3rd March), *Kodomo no Hi* (5th May), and *Tanabata* (7th July).

2023-24 will bring more exciting opportunities in the Japanese Department and we are also looking forward to our Japan Trip in October 2024.



Spanish

This year has been exciting, with many fantastic events for our pupils. In the first term, we took our Sixth Form pupils to an authentic Tapas restaurant in Cheltenham. Studying Hispanic Gastronomy is a part of the A Level course, so experiencing this first-hand was a great treat. Pupils tried dishes they had never eaten, including *Pulpo a la Gallega* (Octopus). The staff were native speakers, and the pupils had to communicate with them in Spanish.

During Easter, the Spanish Department took 45 pupils to Spain for a one-week language and cultural immersive trip.

They stayed at Puerto de Santa María near Cádiz. Most mornings, pupils attended Spanish lessons targeted at their level; they visited Sevilla, Jerez de le Frontera and Cádiz. Other cultural activities included:

- A Paella cookery experience.
- A visit to an authentic Flamenco show.
- A Flamenco lesson.
- Witnessing the Semana Santa processions and a lesson in the popular Spanish racket sport.
- Padel.

For fun and adventure, they did a high ropes and zip wire adventure course

and, with the beautiful weather, spent time on the beach.

In the final term, Year 9s were tasked with a research and presentation task on Hispanic Fiestas. There were fantastic presentations on *La Tomatina*, *Las Fallas*, *La Feria de Abril* and *Carnival de Barranquilla* in Colombia.



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Interest in the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) at Wycliffe College is a “prominent and important part of a Wycliffe Sixth Form experience, with more than one in every five Year 13 pupils completing such a project”.

Completing an EPQ allows pupils to demonstrate their academic prowess in a field of their choice. It enables them to illustrate within their UCAS Application that they have completed a ‘superior piece of independent research’, providing a tangible discussion point for the interview and an opportunity to ‘stand out’ among other applicants. Universities recognise and value the qualification, equivalent to half an A Level, with many lowering their entry grades for undergraduate courses, with UCAS points attributed (28 for an A*).

Our Year 13 pupils completed a diverse and interesting range of research projects this year, and there was

great anticipation and excitement for what was a dynamic and vibrant Showcase Event. Our pupils took great pride in showcasing their projects, creating colourful, informative, and intellectually stimulating displays. These were a testament to their hard work, illustrating and reflecting the range of varied interests, inquiry and curiosity among this year’s cohort.

Mrs Knighton-Callister, EPQ Coordinator, said; “We have been impressed again this year with the range of academically challenging research projects completed; with the creation and performance of a monologue in the style of Alan Bennett’s *Talking Heads*; an evaluation of the extent of

‘sportswashing’ and its implications within the field of football and whether sustainability compromises aesthetic design within architecture.” “There has been such an incredibly diverse and interesting breadth of subject areas, and as ever, ‘I’ have learned so much, having been part of our pupils’ journey, something I continue to value immensely”.

Bound reference copies of all the projects are available in the College Library (Dewey DC 373.2) along with previous years’ completed projects, should pupils like to read them in detail. Below are just some of the projects:

- Do individuals with dyslexia learn



differently than the traditional education system teaches? (**Oliver Shute**, Year 13 Ward's). Which country provides the most opportunity and ease of operation for a tech start-up? (**Tobias Bailey**, Year 13 Loosely)

• How does our changing moral conscience alter our perception of the three heralded leaders of the past? (**Rosie Palk**, Year 13 Lampeter)

• How are autoimmune diseases treated when there is no cure? (**Lucy McKerrow**, Year 13 Lampeter)

• How has Jane Austen influenced British society today as a result of the challenging ideas presented in her novels? (**Connie Palmer**, Year 13 Lampeter)

• What is the process by which trauma leads to the development of PTSD, and

how effective are different treatments for the disorder? (**Hannah Denning**, Year 13 Lampeter)

• To what extent should we use voluntary cold exposure in everyday life? (**Nero Harms**, Year 13 Robinson)

• Baroque Beyoncé: Can an arrangement of a pop melody for a baroque ensemble convey the same mood as the original version? (**Naomi Opaleye**, Year 13 Lampeter).

Short Interviews:

Xander Allman:

Xander hopes to read Economics at the University of Sheffield and shared with me how he felt completing an EPQ has, and will continue to, support his undergraduate studies in the future.

“Completing an EPQ has enabled me to learn about economics in football. This area is something I might be interested in pursuing as a potential career following university. I have learned to write a long, formal report with correct referencing. I have also learnt how to research independently, using and collecting both ‘primary’ and ‘secondary’ research sources; within my primary research, I successfully undertook a survey, and the results I included within my report, I also had the opportunity to interview a subject specialist which was good.”

“The new skills I have learnt whilst completing the EPQ can be transferred to my university studies and applied to my dissertation/coursework. I have most enjoyed researching and studying a combination of two of my favourite subject areas, ‘football’ and

‘economics’. I have particularly enjoyed engaging with the subject matter and the opportunity to liaise with experts from academia and industry, providing me with a deeper insight into the complexities of ‘sportswashing’.”

Zainab Sambo:

Zainab is planning on reading Architectural/Structural Engineering at either Edinburgh or Liverpool University; she has shared that they are both her “dream universities”.

Upon asking her whether her EPQ has enabled her to gain more knowledge within the subject area and attain new skills that will be valuable for university, she responded, “Yes, it has. It was the reason I chose the topic, as I wanted to focus on sustainability within the ‘construction. I have gained lots of new knowledge that I can utilise within my degree; I am already excited to learn more at university and build on this knowledge.”

“Regarding new skills, I am happy to say that my time management skills have improved because of writing the EPQ. I’ve learnt that I like checklists and giving myself checkpoints to complete

tasks, which gives me a sense of accomplishment and the motivation to keep going. I think keeping tasks visible and in front of me and crossing them off as I go along is a good way for me to look forward.”

“I am very proud of myself for finishing my EPQ and the grade I got, as I am used to science subjects; essays are not my strong point, but with my outcome, I am happy with what I have written and achieved.”



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DEVELOPMENT YEAR AND EAL

This year's Development Year and EAL comprised pupils from Japan, Uzbekistan, China, Germany, Switzerland, Spain and France.



A small number of one-termers were replaced with more two-termers arriving in January. World events have meant that most pupils have had more choice over where they spend their holidays than in recent years, but their term-time home has again been Loosley House.

Term time trips have included the Stroud Market and Museum trip, Windsor and Bath, and of course, the Bristol Box of delights: After first traversing Brunel's Suspension Bridge at Clifton, the group travelled through the Avon Gorge to the SS Great Britain, where all had a lot of fun exploring the ship, dressing up, and finding out more information from the 'passengers' on board. The pupils then found their sea legs while crossing the river on a small open-topped ferry before walking briskly through the town centre to see such sights as Millennium Square, Queen's

Square and St Nicholas Square. The day was topped off by a West End performance of *'Beauty and the Beast'* at the Hippodrome.

The Oxford trip took in Pitt Rivers and Ashmolean museums, the portrait of **John Wycliffe** in the dining hall of Balliol College, and the cavernous Norrington room in Blackwell's Bookshop went ahead despite threatening March weather. The pupils' collective enthusiasm more than matched that of their teachers on a snowy day in Oxford, reminiscent of a scene written by Tolkien/Rowling/Pullman, or indeed Wycliffe Development Year pupils:

Going through the street of Snowy Oxford felt like being in a storybook. Many young people were busily walking, holding a cup of coffee to heat them up, or listening to music, apparently thinking they were the story's main characters.

Excerpts from pupils' classwork.

As part of their Cultural Programme, Year 9 and 10 EAL pupils enjoyed making pancakes earlier in the year, along with Eton Mess inspired by an exciting trip to Windsor. Some pupils even took it to a new level by adding their twist using various interesting ingredients.

A group walk on the Make a Difference Day (MAD) from Painswick Beacon back to school was, perhaps because of its simplicity, one of the surprise highlights for those pupils and staff who were not otherwise engaged in DoF work.

As usual pupils were taught in departments across the school and took Cambridge, and Trinity English exams, along with a number of GCSEs (Eight in one case) in their first year here. Many Sixth Form pupils also received excellent IELTS results in preparation for University. In addition to what we already offer, two new GCSEs were trialled at opposite ends of the English spectrum: English as an Additional Language and World Literature.

We look forward to results day!

We are delighted many of this year's Development Year Pupils are staying to continue their studies at Wycliffe in September 2023.

CHAPEL

In composing this year's Wycliffian report, I sought inspiration from the words of the Reverend David Prescott from the previous year.

His observations shed light on the essence of our Chapel activities. Among these is the 'Make a Difference Day', an embodiment of the Chapel's values, particularly our social responsibility to those around us. He also highlighted the buzz surrounding Chapel activities, and this year, as I joined in September, I found his words to hold true. The kindness displayed by pupils within the Chapel and throughout the School is palpable.

Our journey through the academic year in Chapel began with a sombre note—the passing of her late Majesty the Queen. We immediately held a quiet and reflective service of thanksgiving and prayer afterwards, allowing pupils and staff the time to use the beautiful space of the chapel for reflection. The following week we held a whole school service to commemorate the life of her late Majesty.

The rhythm of our Chapel gatherings underpins our daily life throughout the year. The regular times in Chapel allow exploring themes that resonate within the community. Starting each day with a hymn contributes significantly to our mental well-being. It has been great to have so many pupils express delight at singing hymns and to hear them singing around campus, highlighting the timeless and unifying power of music.

Our creative and thoughtful House Chapels on a Thursday are one of the week's high points, demonstrating the pupils's ability to engage with challenging themes and creatively share their perspectives. This year has also seen some pupils lead House Chapels or read in Chapel for the first time. It is great to see more and more people



actively engage with the life of the Chapel and challenge themselves to take on leadership.

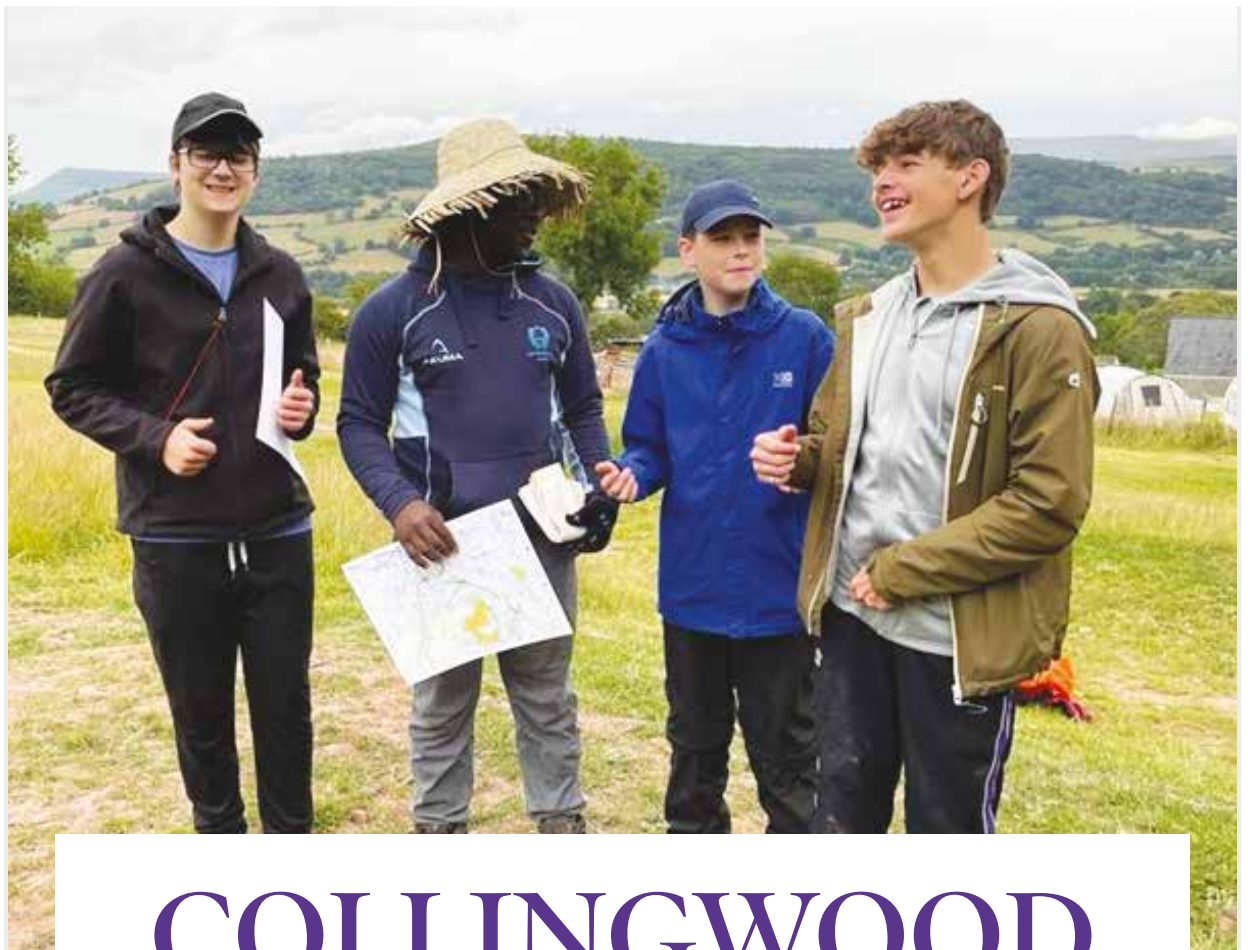
Throughout the year Chapel Choir and Vox lead the music in our services, a particular highlight was their rendition of 'Abide With Me' on Remembrance Sunday. I was delighted that the school learnt two new Hymns for my instillation service by the Bishop of Gloucester.

On Remembrance Sunday, it was good to be able to return to a full parade and for the Combined Cadet Force to lead the proceedings with dignity and respect. During the Carol service, the prefects and extra volunteers did an excellent job in helping our guests, preparing the Chapel space and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

This year, we began Make a Difference Day in the Chapel, singing a hymn and reminding ourselves that what

we do and explore in Chapel has a real-life impact. All of the pupils contributed fantastically, from helping at care homes and assisting during a Primary School P.E. Day to making a meaningful impact within our local area.

At the leavers service, I spoke on the final words of the Eucharist. One way of translating these final words is Go, you have a mission. What we do in Chapel is at the root of our wider activities as a community and prepares us for the myriad of challenges, perspectives and experiences we encounter in the world. I mentioned how the characteristic of this school was of it being kind, and how we can so easily undervalue that, but that ultimately being kind leads to being successful people of the world, full of compassion and of sound mind. That is the aim of this Chapel, and I hope that it continues to serve as a centre for unity, reflection and a catalyst for positive change.



COLLINGWOOD JUNIOR

As my first year as Housemistress for Collingwood draws to a close, it seems an ideal time to look back and reflect on what we have achieved this year.

It has been a busy and extremely successful year due entirely to the support and determination of the exceptional young people who make Collingwood Junior the fantastic House it is.

This year started with House Song, and this was the first opportunity for Collingwood House, both Junior and Senior, to come together and show the rest of the School what we are made of. Collingwood pupils never gave up, never let you down, never ran around and certainly didn't desert anyone as they belted out an epic rendition of Rick Astley's 'Never gonna give you up!'

The pupils were fantastic, and watching Glastonbury this summer was very reminiscent of our performance last Autumn. It was a brilliant evening and helped to get the year off to a great start.

The House Cross Country event soon followed, where we had some outstanding performances from both the Junior and Senior sections of the House. **Zade Wali** (Year 10) was the absolute embodiment of our house values in this event, finishing 5th overall... in his school shoes! With talent and perseverance like that, we can all look forward to watching Zade compete

in the elite event this year. Just imagine how well he will do wearing his trainers.

The Autumn term also saw the community spirit and compassion of the members of the house when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sadly passed away on 8th September. This was very early on in the term, and many of the pupils were still getting to know each other, and I was so touched and proud of the way they all supported each other. We had BBC News 24 on, and as presenters shared the news with the nation, some of the pupils were quite emotional and affected by it. Obviously, we had staff available for



support and Nuala (the House dog) available for cuddles and tummy rubs, but many of the pupils stepped up and supported their peers through this. It was very touching and lovely to witness.

Christmas saw the Year 10 pupils decorate the common rooms to look like something out of Santa's Grotto, which was the perfect backdrop to our Secret Santa. The pupils all made a real effort, and it was wonderful to see all the smiles on the faces of some exhausted pupils after a hectic and long term. Christmas also saw the return of the Collingwood reverse advent calendar. This year over 400kg of food and essential supplies were donated to Stroud Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated.

After the Christmas break saw, the pupils continued with their extra-curricular activities. This included seventeen Year 9 pupils and nine Year 10 pupils continuing their volunteering activities that contributed towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. These ranged from helping at care homes, working in charity shops and litter picking. As a Scout leader, I firmly

believe that volunteering helps shape a person's character by giving back to their community. I was very proud of all the pupils that undertook to do extra in their spare time. These pupils also did their practice and real expeditions in highly changeable weather conditions. Well done to all that took part.

Our chosen Charity this year was The Children's Liver Disease Foundation. One of our domestic staff, **Shelly**, became a proud Grandmother again this year and welcomed baby **Max** into her family. Sadly, baby Max was born poorly and needed a full liver transplant at four months old. The support that Shelly's family received from CLDF was crucial, and as a House, we wanted to give back. I am pleased to say that Baby Max is over a year old and doing well.

This year also saw some cosmetic changes to the inside of Collingwood. Over the summer, twenty pairs of curtains were added to the common and prep rooms. Five more sofas were added to the common rooms along with a Wii games console, four controllers and two dance mats. The

PASS committee very kindly funded a multi-use games table for the small common room that can be used for pool, snooker, air hockey and table tennis. More games were purchased, including outside games such as swing ball and boule, and the large common room was given a facelift with a cartoon country scene and more plants. Much to the delight of the pupils, seven large beanbags were also purchased that can be used inside and outside. Perfect for watching cricket.

Projects for this coming year for Collingwood include two trees in the large common room that have been left for each member of Collingwood Junior and a detailed mural in the front lobby of Collingwood.

As last year's Year 10's move 'upstairs' and become Year 11, we look forward to welcoming a new cohort of Year 9 pupils who will enrich the house with their unique character and spirit. I am delighted to say that the House is growing too. Last year there were 38 pupils in Collingwood Junior, and next year, we anticipate 55 pupils across Year 9 and Year 10.





COLLINGWOOD SENIOR

A large Year 11 and Year 13 cohort in Collingwood Senior has meant the reality of public exams has always been close. Despite this, the range of contributions, activities, and success achieved has been remarkable individually and collectively.

This year has focused on developing community and maintaining high standards based upon core values of Tolerance, Integrity, and Perseverance; having these three tenets to refer to has helped pupils reflect on their contributions to School and House.

In the performing arts, our very own **Abi Opaleye** starred as the lead role of Scrooge in the school production of 'A Christmas Carol', whilst our musicians were a regular feature in Teatime Concerts, the Spring Concert, and for the Choir and VOX. Maybe not such a high standard, but certainly

high on the fun scale, was our House Song performance of Rick Astley's 'Never Going to Give You Up', which was brilliantly put together by our Heads of House, **Mia Baker** and **Daisy Hartson**.

On the sporting front, the year started with House Cross Country, with Year 11 **Amy Bond** running brilliantly to claim 2nd place whilst the girls also claimed 2nd place overall. Other notable House successes came with a further 2nd place in football, whilst the girls stormed to victory in House netball with a dominant performance. On an individual level, it was pleasing to see

individuals win awards at the end-of-year Sports Dinner, including the following:

Rugby – **Naquan Smith**

Netball – **Trinity Nobes**

Basketball – **Daniel German**

Squash – **Daisy Hartson**

Cricket – **Freddie Collinson**

All-round sportswoman – **Daisy Hartson**

Elite Sportsman – **Naquan Smith**

However, even more, pleasing than this was that over 75% of Collingwood



Senior, despite such a variety of other commitments and academic focus, represented Wycliffe in competitive fixtures across the year.

House Quiz saw some strong performances with a young side, captained by Year 11 **Charlie Hart**, seeing off Lampeter and Loosley before falling to eventual winners Ward's in a hard-fought semi-final; good experience gained for the team who will no doubt be in the reckoning again next year.

Our PASS bid for new garden furniture was successful, thanks in particular to the efforts of **Sophie McKerrow** in presenting to the PASS committee. Thanks to the PASS committee for all their hard work in helping to fund purchases.

Whilst Collingwood Senior worked hard, we also played hard as well. Our Christmas Dinner, complete with a silent disco, saw a brilliant end to the Autumn Term with a mix of glamour, dubious singing, and even more dubious dance moves. We signed off from the Summer Term and end of the academic

year with the House Summer Party; Sri Lankan-themed cuisine, ice cream, and the usual array of inflatables was a chance for pupils to celebrate their hard work and a great final House event for those leaving us at the end of Year 11 and 13.

Whilst we enjoyed the parties, the House also focused on giving; our annual Reverse Advent Calendar, which we again coordinated across the whole school this year, saw a huge amount donated to Stroud Foodbank. Our non-uniform day, with pupils encouraged to wear yellow in support of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, saw money raised for a cause with personal significance to members of our House Staff.

September 2023 will see **Mr Mills** coming in to take over the role of Housemaster of Collingwood Senior, and we are excited to see the energy and ideas that he will bring; with **Mrs King** having such a positive impact in Collingwood Junior, the House is undoubtedly in safe hands as it enters an exciting new era.





HAYWARDSEND

So that's the end of another year – and what a busy, brilliant year it has been! The highlight was, of course, the arrival of Haydn in January, and the girls have been delighted when Mrs Evans has brought him to events to support the Hay'end girls.

For the whole year, Hay'end girls ably led by **Nomonde Daniels** (Head of House) and **Orla Wright** (Deputy Head of House) until their exams began and then by **Maddy Small** (incoming Head of House) and **Isabella Owens** and **Ibet Churchill-Udoh** (joint Deputy Heads of House), have been busy in all aspects of school life, continuing to demonstrate their 'can do' attitude and their support for each other in everything they do.

September saw us enjoying House Song with our mashed version of 'Rumour Has It' and 'Maneater', and we have been busy ever since.

Teatime concerts, termly concerts

and a music recital gave us many opportunities to hear **Ruby** and **Cathy** perform beautifully, on their own, or as with Cathy at the Summer concert, as part of a group. Ruby, Cathy, and **Lily** have all delighted us with their performances in Chapel. **Izzy** achieved Merit in her Grade 4 singing exam in December. Ruby and Cathy took part in the Piano Masterclass in February. Cathy enjoyed participating in Orchestra Day in March, while Ruby took advantage of the Music Composition Clinic to refine her work.

Hay'end pupils have been very busy with drama this year, with **Amelia**, **Charlotte B**, **Ruby C**, **Grace G**, **Isabella**,

and **Ruby D** all giving outstanding performances in 'A Christmas Carol' in January. Ruby, Grace, Charlotte and Amelia took the LAMDA exams. Ruby, **Charlotte**, **Ella** and Grace performed their drama exam pieces brilliantly, and it was great to see Grace in the Scholar's play. Ruby, Grace and Isabella participated in a fantastic workshop with Splendid Productions, and Amelia participated in the Cheltenham Performing Arts Festival in May.

Ruby Dixon's outstanding performance for the Year 13 exam pieces was beautiful to watch. The pupils were able to celebrate their successes at the Performing Arts Dinner.

Winning the House Drama

Competition, where each House had to write and perform a play reflecting their House values, was a fantastic and highly well-deserved reward for the hard work and commitment shown by the pupils who were the actors – **Charlotte K, Amelia, Ibet, Megan, Pia, Grace, Lily** and **Emily** and for the superb writing and directing by **Maddy** and **Bella**.

Hay'end pupils have been active on the sporting front all year. The whole House took part in the Cross-Country Competition in October 2022. Almost everyone represented the School in one of the Hockey teams during the Autumn term. The House competed in the House Hockey competition but couldn't quite manage to secure a trophy. However, the Spring term brought good fortune, and with the majority of the House representing the School playing Netball, the Juniors successfully brought home the House Netball trophy.

We were less successful in the House Tennis Competition, but the pupils played well – some for the first time.

Lily, Grace and **Chloe** have been working hard all year round playing squash, and in the Summer term, the Year 9s have been trying out rowing as an extra activity, making us wonder if Hay'end will again have GB rowers in the House.

The Summer term also saw **Orla** making history by becoming Wycliffe's first

female cricket captain and Hay'end juniors winning the House Junior Cricket trophy. The Sports Dinner was an occasion to which almost every member of Hay'end was invited as they had represented the School in sports teams, and many received awards: **Emily Gaulton**, Year 9 Hockey, **Safi Hill**, Year 10 Netball, **Lily Coulton**, Year 9 Squash, **Rebecca McCoubrie**, Girls Cricket and Junior All Round Sportswoman. Sports Day saw many of the Hay'end pupils stepping out of their comfort zones to play sports they had not tried before or compete in events that were not their forte to ensure that we were represented in as many events as possible. A great team effort. A big thank you to **Aoife**, who, as a Year 11, could have enjoyed the luxury of a day off but chose to come in and compete for the House. Safi excelled, setting a new Wycliffe record for the shotput.

Hay'end pupils led by respective Head of House, Nomonde and Maddy, had delivered Chapels this year on the themes of Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things; when they delivered a very moving Chapel focusing on the Holocaust and Building Communities when members of the wider school community, as well as Hay'end pupils, were asked what community meant to them. In addition, Orla led the Chapel for our charity in conjunction with Hayfield, which was to highlight the work of the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation.

Hay'end continues to be represented in the choir, and we have had the pleasure of being played out of Chapel by Lily, Ruby, and Cathy.

CCF, DoE, EDI, Model United Nations, The House Quiz Competition, Schools Challenge Quiz Competition, Drama, Year 8 Challenge Day, World Book Day Bake Off, volunteering at the Prep School, Music, all sorts of sports, Socials, the Colour Run, International Week and Make a Difference Day are just some of the activities that Hay'end pupils are involved in. Well Done to the pupils who have been awarded their Bronze, Silver and Gold DoE this year and for **Zainab** and **Mimi**, achieving their Gold meant a trip to Buckingham Palace.

Hay'end pupils enjoy each other's company. This year the pupils wanted to have more planned activities where they could be together. We introduced a weekly Tuesday Afternoon Tea where day and boarding pupils alike could chat over a cup of tea and some cake. Themed teas for events including Valentine's Day, International Week, Easter, the Coronation and Pride Month were especially enjoyed. Boarders and day pupils also tucked into a House barbecue (inside because it rained) and a 'Pyjamas and Pancakes' breakfast together. Friday House meetings have included House families competing in quizzes organised by the pupils, performing past Eurovision-winning songs and playing community Jenga.





HAYWARDSFIELD HOUSE

It has been another busy year for the Haywardsfield Pride, the boys have come together as a community, and there have been many opportunities for them to shine throughout the year.

House song is always a great start to the year, and although we did not win, it gave the new Year 9 boys a real sense of belonging to something special as we all worked together to put on the best performance we could.

Music has been a real strength of the house this year, with many of the boys playing in various bands or singing in multiple groups. The 'Gig Nights' in the Autumn and Summer terms saw **Charlie, Barnaby, James, Anjus, Logan, Micah** and **Bade** performing on the same stage, and Charlie and

Logan performing numerous pieces. Charlie also performed an Atrium break time concert the day after Gig Night. We were also well represented in the Whole School production of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', with **Harry H, Bade, Barnaby** and **Charlie** all taking part in three nights of performances just before we finished for Christmas. There was also the wonderful House Christmas Dinner with Haywardsend, this was a great way to finish the term, and all had a huge amount of fun.

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sporting front after so much success last year. However, the boys did not let us down. The House Cross Country Competition saw our first bit of silverware of the year with **Xander Allman** leading the way winning the senior Elite race, and the rest of the Senior boys supported him well to bring home the Senior Cross Country Cup. The Senior boys played well in the House Football competition and lived up to their tag of favourites, having seven players from the 1st XI, and defeated all the other houses to pick



up the Senior House Football Trophy for the second year in a row. Although we did not perform quite so well in the House Cricket, the Tennis saw us win both the Junior and Senior cups thanks to some excellent performances from **Max S, Toni L, and Kiva M.** Sports Day also saw some success with the juniors coming joint winners with Robinson after some nail-biting relays at the end of the day. The introduction of House Basketball for the juniors saw us win the inaugural competition which will become a junior and senior competition next year.

In the House quiz competition, we came through some tough early rounds against Ivy Grove, Haywardsend and Robinson to have a repeat of the final from two years ago against Ward's. Unfortunately, after a hard-fought match, we were not able to beat the very impressive Ward's team, but a great effort from **Aiden, Finn, Logan, Barnaby** and **Bade.**

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House Drama in the summer term saw some of the younger members of the House step out of their comfort zone and take to the stage with a very amusing take on our House Values. Although we did not win, I was very proud of all the boys who performed and the Head of House team who performed, produced and directed the whole thing; a great start to their year leading the House.

We had a brilliant end to the year with the House BBQ and party; the boys thoroughly enjoyed the various bouncy castles etc, as well as the excellent food provided by The Spitting Pig and the ice creams.

We say goodbye to **Mr Helsby** this term, who has become a part-time staff member and will no longer be doing duties in-house. I want to thank him for all his help, his quiet manner has always been appreciated on a Friday evening, and I am sure the boys will miss him. We also say goodbye to **Mr Thomas**, who is moving to be House Master of Robinson, he has been a wonderful tutor to his boys, and they have gained so much from his help and guidance over the last three years. He has also been a fantastic resident assistant, one I could always rely upon to help whenever necessary; I wish him all the best in his new challenge across the field, but once a lion, always a lion.





IVY GROVE

The 2022-23 academic year has been full of everything we love best in Ivy Grove: fun, friendship, hard work and a sense of purpose.

The first big event of the year was the House Cross Country Competition. All members of the House put their best foot forward and entered the day's spirit. **Talia** put both her best feet forward as she won the junior elite race! This kickstarted the enthusiasm shown for Inter-House Sport all year.

The juniors were particularly impressive in House Cricket in the Summer Term, whilst the seniors came second in House Tennis. In the Spring Term, there was Junior and Senior House Netball, and a new addition this year was House Basketball – well done to **Talia**, **Fran** and **Tilly**, who all gave this a go! Not all

sport was a competition, though, and the January exeat hosted our 12-hour rugby marathon with Ward's for the charity Scotty's Little Soldiers. Many pupils and staff played, supported and braved the cold to raise over £2000 – a true achievement.



Music has also played a big part in making this year so special. Early in the Autumn Term, we enjoyed competing in the House Song Competition, in which our rendition of ‘*Shut Up and Dance With Me*’ impressed the judge. We were praised for our united sound and choreography but were narrowly pipped to the post coming in a commendable second place. Special thanks go to the Heads of House, **Catherine** and **Kiki** for leading the House so well. There have been several Teatime concerts, two Gig Nights and one Spring Concert in which members of the House have been happily involved. Vocals from **Izzy**, **Jenrola**, **Kaylee** and **Lily** have impressed us whilst **Vian** has performed beautifully on piano.

The Christmas season was fully of good cheer, and we were joined by a cheeky visitor – Elfbert. Thank you to Izzi, **Lou** and **Millie** for their creativity; his antics kept the House very entertained! We enjoyed a fantastic Christmas Dinner with Loosley and Ward’s, drawing the first term to an end.

Our House Chapels this year have been on the themes of ‘Keeping Faith’, ‘Love thy neighbour’ and ‘Inclusion’. All have provided the opportunity to galvanise the House into action, and we have produced thorough presentations and a thought-provoking film on ‘What Inclusion Means to Ivy’.

The Spring Term saw our annual and incredible International Fair in which **Fami**, **Jenrola** and **Kiki** operated the winning Nigerian stand whilst several other members of the House represented different countries, including Brazil, China, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Scotland and Spain. On the same day as the fair, Catherine and Millie were focused on the World Book Day Cake Competition and deservedly victorious with their Rainbow Magic Fairy cake.

Throughout the year, members of Ivy have been working towards various extracurricular achievements, including Duke of Edinburgh awards, music and LAMDA grades and creative writing competitions, to name a few. A special mention to Tilly, who won the Creative

Writing Prize in the Spring Term.

Although much of the Summer Term has been focused on public exams, the last fortnight of the year has been classically jam-packed with Sport’s Day, House Drama and Made a Difference Day, all within one week. Sports Day was a fantastic event, and the Ivy Grove spirit was epitomised by every single person getting stuck into a wide variety of events. Winning badminton (**Kiki** and **Jenrola**), rowing (**Fami** and **Lou**) and fencing (**Kaylee** and **Dalphina**) during legacy sports in the morning, we set the tone for the athletics in the afternoon. **Ruby** set the ball rolling, winning the 800m, and **Talia** was victorious in 200m and 1500m. On the stage a couple of days later, seeing **Noma** win ‘Best Individual Performance’ in House Drama was particularly thrilling.

We rounded off the year with our House BBQ, where we celebrated with a delicious Mexican feast, had fun on inflatables and consumed our body weight in ice cream!

Not only do we say goodbye to many wonderful Ivy pupils, but we also lose two of our brilliant staff members this year. **Mrs Wong** has stepped up to tutor the Ivy Year 10 this year. Staff and pupils alike will miss her wisdom and care. Luckily Mrs Wong will still be in school, albeit part-time, so we will still benefit from her presence. We also bid farewell to **Miss Hoskins**, our Resident Assistant. Given that Miss Hoskins has

only been living in Ivy since September 2022, how her character has helped shape the House and guide the girls is a testament to her consistent and positive role modelling. Miss Hoskins, we will miss you. Thank you for giving your time so generously to us.

We look forward to continuing to support you from afar in your international hockey career and hope you come back to visit soon!

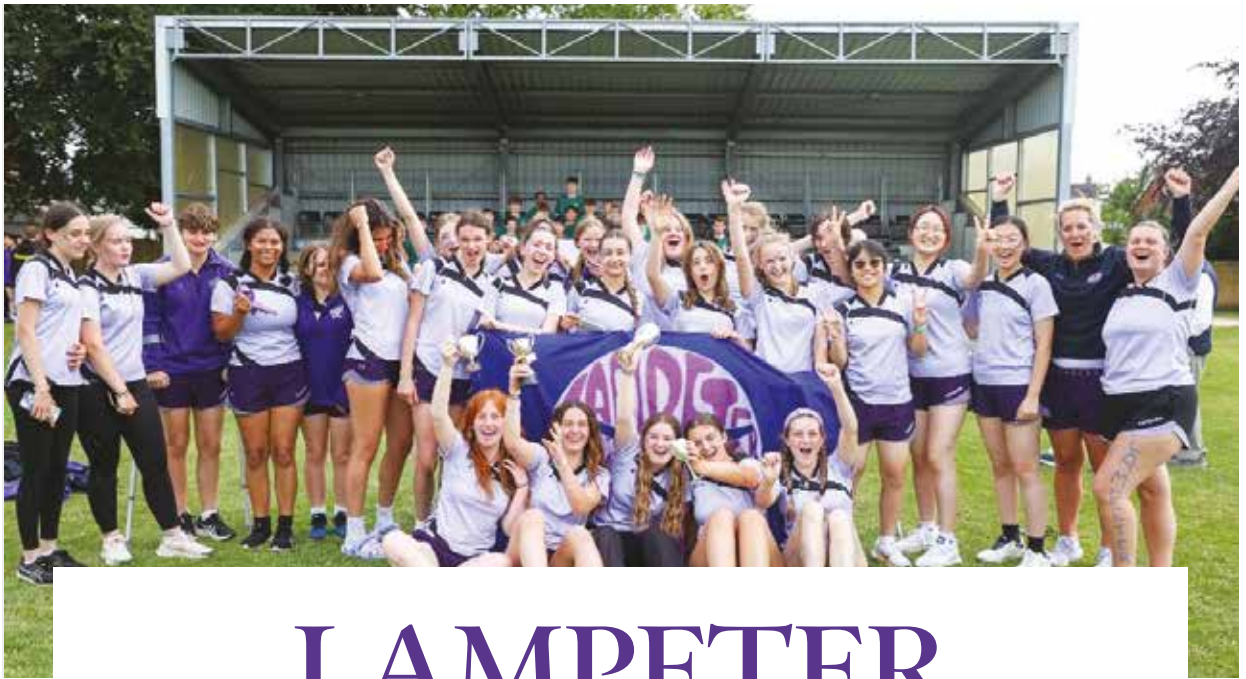
We are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September under the leadership of our new prefect team, **Fami** (Head of House), **Lou** (Deputy Head of House), **Izzi**, **Jenrola**, **Laila** and **Madison**. We wish **Renee**, **Catherine**, **Kiki** and **Millie** the best of luck as they leave us and go on to university, jobs and travelling adventures. We also say goodbye and good luck to several leavers in other years and wish them all the best.



Pupil View

“ What a spectacular year! The Ivy girls started strong with a fantastic performance of ‘*Shut up and Dance with Me*’ by Walk The Moon which set a wonderful pace for the year. The girls continued with this attitude and secured first place in the Library book day prize with a brilliant fairy cake that contained much nostalgia for the girls. Saturday Nights were the highlight of the term. From our Mexican night to pizza night to charades night, we enjoyed many activities and bonded as a house and a family. When faced with exams, the House was still able to maintain its liveliness while responding brilliantly to their exams. We participated in many sports activities this year, from securing 2nd place in Senior house tennis to an amazing performance from the juniors in house cricket. We have also welcomed a new prefect team who are fantastic at upholding the Ivy ethos and promoting the sisterhood in-house. It was wonderful spending time with the House, and we hope the girls have a great summer holiday. ”

By **Kiki Ndubuisi**, Head of House.



LAMPETER

It's been another great year in House. We've grown in numbers with 44 girls, this has meant extra noise and messiness and lots more laughter and friendships to be made.

House Song three weeks into September meant Head of House **Connie Palmer** and Deputy **Evie Wright** had to get the house learning lines and dance moves immediately. Although quite hectic, it allowed everyone to bond and get to know each other very quickly. Our rendition of 'Cooler Than Me' by Mike Posner was very well executed with timing, harmonies and tune; however, it didn't quite bring us the trophy!

We joined Robinson House again this year to celebrate the term and spread Christmas cheer. Our catering staff did a wonderful job hosting us with a lovely, decorated dining hall and plenty of food!

The evening consisted of a drink

reception in House with the obligatory year group photos/selfies and Tik Tok videos before moving to the dining hall for a sit-down Christmas dinner followed by speeches, Head of House awards and a silent disco in the marquee! Connie and Evie did a brilliant job thanking the duty staff for their support throughout the term as academic tutors and for their time during their weekly House duty and termly Sunday duty. The Boarders have appreciated the 3pm 'teas and biscuits' and an activity that has included baking, games, films, art and crafts.

Our lovely matrons, **Charlotte** and **Claire**, received a present and thanks for their unwavering commitment and support to the girls this term. We

really could not function without their patience and humour! **Liv A** and **Evie W** took control of the silent disco, ensuring the dance music was on trend! The Secret Santa theme of a drinking mug/glass/bottle was well received-it is remarkable how glasses and mugs disappear! Matron **Charlotte** took the lead in introducing Elf on the Shelf, which created a real buzz every day as they hunted for him to claim the chocolate reward!

Interhouse sports competitions have been successful, with double senior and junior wins in house cross country and the recent Sports Day Legacy and Athletic events for the third year in a row. **Melody Benn** and **Lotti Williams** won the junior and senior athletic prizes.



We had 14 members who had roles in the school's production of 'Chicago'; it was brilliant! With lots of busy weekends this term, we have continued our 'Dine around the World' as and when we can, with both China and Japan being visited. China is top of the leaderboard, with many countries still left to dine with. We also had a Chinese takeaway for the Chinese New Year, which went down a treat with all the girls. Pancake Day was also popular! The Year 11 pupils celebrated their ball whilst the lower and senior years enjoyed a disco social. Thanks to the PASS Committee for our new Karaoke machine, speaker and switch. They have been in use most weekends, with the girls belting out some of their favourite songs and competitive games being played!

We are very grateful for the support from PASS once again this year; the



new embroidered House shorts were the talk of the school when they debuted at House Netball! Amongst our busy weekends, we enjoyed the Colour Run, which saw 11 Lampeter girls participate in Music or Running, with many others supporting. **Hannah, Lucy and Violet** provided some entertainment for both runners and supporters whilst **Melody, Immy, Molly, Flo, Liv, Rosie and Connie** all ran. We also held our cheer station on the balcony with **Flora, Candice, Sarah, Leah, Evie, Bella, Athina and Aerin**, creating banners to keep the runners motivated.

Our daily life at Wycliffe is hectic, and the girls participate in many activities. The House has been represented in the Teatime Concerts held by the music department, and **Sheyda, Evie and Flo** are baking for World Book Day to make our Willy Wonka Hat cake and Aerin in Esports.

International Women's Week was an important day in the Lampeter calendar, with the girls encouraged to write something that inspires them about their friends on their doors. House Chapel followed a World Theme with our Year 12's writing an inspiring chapel on 'One World', which was topped off with a confetti of celebration chocolates. The International Fair was brilliant in bringing the school together to sample different cultures with stands run by pupils and staff.

For our charity half term, we opted to support a charity close to our hearts; Bristol and Weston Hospitals Charity is a charity that improves the health and happiness of every patient in all 10 of our NHS hospitals in Bristol city centre, South Bristol and Weston-super-Mare.' We'll fund the little things that make a big difference..... We'll fund

world-class technology, treatments, knowledge and medical research.' The Easter egg raffle was a hit, as well as the pyjama-themed non-uniform day fundraiser! The total raised was £1,446.94! We have continued our fundraising efforts during the summer term by completing the Cotswold Way Challenge with staff and pupils from Year 11 and Year 13 who had finished exams. We walked 102 miles in seven days with circa 120 pupils from Lampeter and Robinson, including the school's Year 9 and DY pupils, as part of MAD day. We walked to support Blood Cancer UK, raising over £3,200. The just-giving page is still live. To donate, you can do so via our Instagram bio (@lampeter_house).

We did the treble (!), winning the learning engagement prize across all three terms! The House Engagement Award is awarded every term to the House with the best effort grade, calculated as an average for all their pupils. The House Drama event was a great way for the new Head of House, **Bethany Leach**, and her Deputy **Mollie Tapping**, to take the lead; they delivered 'Goldilocks' trying to find her perfect House and a powerful scene showing our house values of 'empathy, kindness, and to champion each other always'.

Ava was busy completing her Silver D of E in the final week of term whilst the Cadets were having fun on camp. On their return, we celebrated the end of exams with a summer party before pupils departed for their summer break and some on to the next step in their journeys; Good luck with results day and the future! We said a sad goodbye to **Miss Hulburd**, who leaves us to travel and **Mrs Moran** from the duty team, who moves on to another school.

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LOOSLEY HALLS

Loosley Halls had an incredible year filled with remarkable achievements and memorable events.

We started off by welcoming pupils from Development Year (DY), allowing our new recruits from Year 12 and DY to get to know each other. The leadership skills of our Heads of House, **Sophia Grasl** and **James Candy** were evident during the successful House Cross Country event, where **Ana Derbaix Esteve** won the Senior Girls' Elite race and **Alex Beloborodov** secured third place in the Senior Boys' Elite race. House Song showcased our vibrant community life, with Loosley's rendition of 'I'll Be There For You' by The Rembrandts receiving a warm reception. Credit goes to everyone involved for their exceptional organization and enthusiasm.

We also triumphed in the European Day of Languages House Competition, thanks to the efforts of our Heads of House and **Jason Umahi**, who created a global map representing Loosley Hall's nationalities using Spotify tags. In support of Breast Cancer Now, we held a charity event that exceeded expectations.

The whole school embraced the "wear it pink" theme, raising over £2000

for Breast Cancer Now. Rowing in the Common Room, we aimed to cover 226km and raise £500 but achieved much more. Pupils rowed an impressive 223.3 km over two days, accompanied by snacks, music, and the excitement of watching the first team rugby in Edinburgh. Notable achievements included **Max Kirsch** rowing the most with 21km, and **Anna Schulze Zumkley** completing an impressive 20km in less than 2 hours. Several pupils and staff members, including the Head of School and other teachers, also contributed to the cause by rowing varying distances. Together, we raised over £2020, a testament to our collective dedication.

The House Christmas Dinner was a truly remarkable occasion. Joined by Ivy Grove and Ward's Houses at Wycliffe Hall, the pupils looked stunning, and

the atmosphere was fantastic. Delicious food enhanced the evening, but the highlight was undoubtedly the lively silent disco. Our Heads of House concluded the year by honouring and celebrating the most memorable moments with special awards.

Spring Term began with the Wycliffe's International Fair with Loosley making a strong presence, showcasing a vibrant array of cultures. Pupils from Japan, Hong Kong, Spain, Germany, Greece, China, Switzerland, Zimbabwe and other countries enthusiastically represented their respective countries. It was truly a great fair as everyone was fully immersed in different cultures and it was a joyous celebration of global diversity.

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a heartfelt farewell to **Mr. Larkman**, who dedicated seven years to nurturing the House spirit. As we say goodbye, we acknowledge the legacy Mr. Larkman leaves behind: one of compassion, integrity, and resilience. He will be missed by everyone. The Summer Term at Loosley epitomized growth, camaraderie, and remarkable achievements. As the year approached its end, the cherished memories and valuable lessons learned will continue to inspire and shape the vibrant community we proudly call our own.

Mr Murphy made a significant contribution to the lives of Loosley students and staff. In his role as Residential Assistant, his dedication to the House and pupils was as good as it gets. The wonderful rapport he had with others reflected his gentle nature and obvious popularity, his sense of fairness and humour, and the genuine care and consideration with which he went about his business.

sports. **Arseniy Merkulov**, **Jeff Lau**, **Max Kirsch**, **Jason Umahi** and **Elio Cuccolini** showcased remarkable skills in Football events. The Inter-House football competition highlighted our dedication and teamwork. **Ana Derbaix Esteve** excelled in County and Regional Championships, earning a spot on the Gloucestershire team at the English Schools' Championships. **Alex Beloborodov** participated in the National Squash Finals, while **Gareth Chu**, **Carson Lam**, and **Cornelius Kirschnek** participated in the Public Schools' Fencing Championships for Wycliffe.

Loosley performed exceptionally well in the Inter-House Quiz Competition this term, led by **Amelia Flaxman**. The team impressed the Quiz Master, **Mr Dunne**. Despite a close loss to Ward's House in the last question, the team showcased great quizzing skills. Well done to **Jonathan Yuen** and everyone else who participated for their outstanding performance. In the final weekend of term, **Dana Salem**, **Eldon Hou**, **Naiara Lasa Martin-Almagro** and **Kanami Yanagi** embarked on DofE expeditions in the Brecon Beacons. Meanwhile, **Max Kirsch** and **Max Wandel** enjoyed the CCF Spring Exercise in Hampshire, which included drills, shooting, and high ropes. Exhausting but enjoyable experience according to them. **Sophia Grasl** organized a thought-provoking House Chapel service on 'Forgive and Forget'. Loosley pupils joined the Ward's Colour Run, followed by a celebratory barbecue. The Spring Concert showcased outstanding performances by **James Candy**, **Kathryn Burton**, **Cornelius Kirschnek**, **Amelia Flaxman** and **Lisa Dorosheva**.

Loosley embraced the Summer Term with a flourish. The first notable event

of the term was the Secret Supper hosted by the Catering Team in the Wycliffe Hall. It was a fun event and memories were made that evening. Congratulations to our new Head of House **Masha Koberman** and her Deputies **Arseniy Merkulov** and **Amelia Flaxman** who would be taking over from **Sophia Grasl** and **James Candy** who have done brilliantly over the academic year. Sports Day ignited the House's competitive spirit, showcasing the unwavering determination and exceptional skills of Loosley Halls athletes. Congratulations to **Ana Derbaix Esteve** who earned recognition with a joint award for her outstanding performance as the best senior girl athlete.

The House demonstrated its commitment to serving the community during the impactful 'Make a Difference Day'. While some Sixth Formers dedicated their time to a local care home, the enthusiastic DYs undertook a charity walk. As the academic year ended, the Year 13 pupils completed their final exams, marking the culmination of their diligent efforts and hard work. The House Drama event dazzled the audience with a captivating performance—a short Harry Potter fan fiction. The talented pupils transported everyone to the wizarding world, showcasing their creativity and theatrical prowess.

Thanks to our new Heads of House. Wycliffe's nine Rowers, all from Loosley, have had an incredible year. As finalists at Henley Royal Regatta, and with victories at the National Schools' and Henley Women's Regattas, what the girls have achieved this term (and throughout the year) has been simply outstanding. During the House Barbecue the House bid



ROBINSON

By Mr Naish

Well, that's it! The five years are up, and it is a period of my career and life that I will fondly remember.

Year 13 was my first ever Year 9 group, and five of the six original boarders remained. They have always set a perfect example to others around them. The two Heads of House, **Nero Harms** and **Sohil Rai**, have complimented each other perfectly and have cleverly and subtly been supported by their Deputy, **James Cox**. The others, notably **Luke**

Saunders, **Oliver Moores** and **Dahunsi Oduwole**, have also stepped up to show the necessary enthusiasm for events such as House Song and House Chapel.

Their efforts and talents were rewarded in the Autumn and Spring Terms by winning the Chapel Prize twice. In particular, the TED Talk-style

performance and hilarious House video on the theme of Habits will long be remembered.

At the start of the Year, the normal excitement and enthusiasm for House Song was infectious, and rehearsals were constructive and purposeful. There was loads of energy, and this helped bring people together.

House Cross Country again showed the spirit and character of the House. I delivered the customary motivational 'speech', and all runners ran their best, with the Juniors winning their competition and the Seniors coming second.

House breakfasts were a welcome treat on a Friday morning before each Exeat. Consistently, food has carried significant importance in the House, either on a Saturday evening,





a spontaneous BBQ, using the Pizza oven or even when the boys cook themselves. Saturday evening activities also provided entertainment for the Boarders. These included a Quiz Night, Bingo, Rounders, Volleyball, FIFA competition and Mario Kart. There was the annual Christmas Bake-off with mince pies and chocolate Yule log.

One of the highlights of the Autumn Term was an invite from the Dining Hall to a 'Secret Supper'. Our theme was revealed on the morning of the dinner, and the Oktoberfest meal was an absolute treat – loads of food and plenty of fun with masks, non-alcoholic beers and decorations to match.

Combined events with Lampeter were great fun and started on the first weekend of the Year with a welcome BBQ. We also worked together for our chosen charity on non-uniform day, raising money for Bristol and Weston Hospital Services. At the end of the Year, the two Houses also shared their House BBQ and completed the Cotswold Way Challenge to raise money for Blood Cancer UK, a charity close to all our hearts. The House Christmas Dinner was again a brilliantly successful joint evening with speeches, awards and fabulous food.

House competitions are important for the typical Robinson boy and generally get the competitive juices flowing.

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Even the House Quiz was something that we were proud to take part in. The Juniors were successful in the House Rugby and Football, winning both competitions. The Senior Boys were less successful but always represented the shirt with pride. There was a new three v three Basketball competition, and the improvement over several sessions was impressive for the team.

The Year 2023 was Robinson's 25th Birthday, and one highlight of the Year was an evening celebrating this occasion. Pupils past and present, along with a range of staff with long connections to the House, gathered for food and drinks. The Wycliffian Society helped support the event, and a tree was planted in the courtyard as a lasting memory.

Before the exams, the Year 13 pupils were treated to a farewell meal at La Campagna, and there was another trip earlier in the Year organised to watch the England U20 Rugby.

Sports Day, as ever, was a great day for all the boys. The effort displayed was commendable, and there were some notable performances, especially from **Xander Gray**, who won the High Jump and 200m to help the Junior team become joint winners.

The two Matrons, **Jo** and **Julie** and the cleaners deserve a special mention for their extraordinary service to Robinson. They keep the House going and are a constant support to us all. Tutors and Duty staff are also invaluable in assisting their tutees with their academic progress. **Mr Urquhart** has been continuous support as Assistant Housemaster and someone that can be relied upon for his consistent attitude and reliability.

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WARD'S

By Matt Smith – Housemaster

Another year passes by, and Ward's House continues to go from strength to strength. Throughout the year, the boys have consistently stepped up and taken ownership of themselves, their activities, and ultimately their House.





Casting our minds back to September, the House started strongly, coming together in rehearsals and, for the second time in the past three contests, coming out on top in the House Song Competition with their rendition of 'I Ain't Worried' by One Republic.

The wins kept coming from then on, and the House Quiz, Senior Sports Day and Chapel prizes now call the Ward's trophy cabinet home. Ward's also led the way with new initiatives this year, organising a 12-Hour Touch Rugby Marathon along with Ivy Grove, which raised just shy of £2000 for the charity

Scotty's Little Soldiers. Throughout the spring term, an intrepid group of boys embarked on the Couch to 5k programme, making their way out to complete laps of the site, whatever the weather, and ultimately joined by members of other Houses throughout the School. This culminated in the inaugural Wycliffe Colour Run just before the Easter break and was yet another public demonstration of the close bond that many of our boys share and is so very valued within our House community.

Once again, the House has been led

by an exceptional team of senior boys. Fronted in a unique style by **John Nowak** and ably supported by the rest of his team of prefects, they have stepped up throughout the year and been a credit to themselves and the House. I cannot thank them enough for all they have done. Similarly, we have been blessed with an outstanding team of staff this year, including **Mr Messenger**, who has brought a real change in dynamic as our Resident Assistant this year. We wish everyone leaving us this year the best of luck and rest happily knowing they will always be going "forWards".

By John Nowak – Head of House

It was a successful year for Ward's. The first success Ward's achieved was winning the House Song competition. The boys enjoyed the song we picked and the theme of 'Top Gun: Maverick', and we won not just because of the good sound but also the amazing and well-executed choreography and amazing attitude of all the boys.

Ward's also won the House Quiz competition this year. Our team was incredibly well informed about most questions asked in the quiz, winning

all rounds against other Houses and winning the overall competition.

Sports Day is a popular event that all pupils look forward to. Ward's claimed the win in the Senior Boys event as well. I enjoyed seeing how well the boys worked together in team discipline, especially in Volleyball, where teamwork is necessary to win. The boys were eager to win and were pushing themselves to the max, showing how Ward's is more than just a House; it's a family.

It warms my heart and fills me with joy to see Ward's grow together and achieve great success in House competitions. It showed me that Ward's community and socialising of the pupils inside the House is high, and the overall House spirit is thriving. The last year showed me that I can leave school and know that Ward's might change, but the values and standards that make this House a family will always be there.





MUSIC AND DRAMA DINNER

The Performing Arts Dinner was another extraordinary evening of celebrations, and our incredible Catering Team again pulled out all the stops to provide us with an extra-special meal, complete with an ice cream wagon.

There were so many achievements to mark, with **Mr Thomas** giving out numerous Drama awards and reminding us of just how brilliant the School Production of 'A Christmas Carol' was and how much talent was displayed in the Scholars' Play 'Pygmalion'. **Mrs Russell** recapped some of the year's musical highlights and paid tribute to our leavers. We said goodbye to **Mrs**

Blewett, our flute teacher, and **Mrs Cooper**, our singing teacher. We also bid farewell to **Mr Russell** and thanked him for all his contributions to Wycliffe Music over the years, both as a pupil and a staff member! We want to say a huge "thank you" to Year 13 for all they have contributed to the musical life of the College, and we wish them all the very best as they leave us.





MUSIC

Hans Christian Andersen famously wrote, “Where words fail, music speaks” – it is impossible to capture a year of music using words. It has been wonderful to see music unite pupils from all around the world and promote positive wellbeing.

2022-23 has been a sensational year for Wycliffe Music, with over thirty music events, seven musical groups rehearsing weekly, and over 3000 instrumental lessons timetabled.

The year started with one of our favourite events, the House Song

Evening. It was a fantastic way to celebrate new friendships and collaborations between housemates at the start of another school year. The Heads of Houses did a brilliant job of leading the pupils in their Houses to create eight songs, complete with

impressive choreography and carefully chosen outfits. Songs ranged from Rick Astley’s ‘Never Gonna Give You Up’ and Earth Wind and Fire’s ‘September’ to more modern hits such as ‘Cooler Than Me’ by Mike Posner. The standard of performance was very high, and



our judge, Dr Jon James, had a tough decision. Still, Ward's House took away this year's trophy with their powerful and uplifting rendition of 'I Ain't Worried' by One Republic. It remains to be seen whether Ward's can take the prize two years in a row.

Sibly Hall also hosted a different highlight of our Music Calendar: the Spring Concert. This year's concert was one of our best musical events for many years. The focus of the evening was on our departing Year 13 Musicians, so the programme featured several items that highlighted the superb musicians in that year's group. The performances by the five girls in VOX (**Kathryn Burton, Hannah Denning, Lucy McKerrow, Abigail Opaleye and Naomi Opaleye**) were outstanding. The concert finale of 'Bohemian Rhapsody', which was performed by the Choir and a live band made up of **James Candy** on the Drums, **Charlie Ashman** on Bass Guitar, **Miles Menon** on Lead Guitar and **Dr Toumpoulidis** on the Piano, was exceptional. **Kenyon Chow's** incredible performance of Wieniawski's 'Scherzo-Tarentelle' on the Violin was certainly worthy of the standing ovation he was given by his peers afterwards.

We enjoyed another super Teatime

Concert series. Our wonderful Catering Team have treated us to an array of delicious cakes, carefully matched to whatever the theme of the concert is, with the Valentine's Teatime Concert spread being particularly spectacular! It has been brilliant to see so many people in the audience at each of these concerts. We were thrilled to be able to organise a Joint Teatime Concert at the Prep School Performing Arts Centre, which featured musicians from both the Senior and Prep Schools. The concert featured a lovely variety of solo and group pieces, all performed to a very high standard. A highlight included VOX's performance of 'You Will Be Found' from the musical 'Dear Evan Hansen', sung by four Senior School musicians who all started their musical journeys at the Prep School: **Hannah Denning, Lucy McKerrow, Abigail Opaleye and Naomi Opaleye**. Year 8 musician **Rose Tangye** stole the show with her composition performance, 'In the Eyes of the Beholder'.

Gig Nights are our cosiest musical events, with Sibly Hall being transformed into a dimly lit cabaret-style performance venue. We always love the variety of items in the programme and how much effort

the pupils put into preparing for their performances, especially given how many first-time performers put themselves forward to stand up on stage. We were so impressed by how the Year 10 musicians stole the show in June, with most of the pieces performed by pupils in that year group. They closed the show with infectious positivity through their rendition of 'What Makes You Beautiful'.

Our pupils enjoy performing for their peers, parents and staff in school, but what they love the most is sharing their music with people outside of school. The Choir enjoyed spreading festive cheer to the Stonehouse Friendly Circle through a programme of Christmas music. Make a Difference Day was another opportunity for us to give back to the community, with VOX embarking on a tour of the local area and giving concerts in residential care homes.

Our top musicians have celebrated some outstanding achievements this year. We were honoured to have a quartet of instrumentalists (**Eloise Bartram, Kenyon Chow, Abigail Opaleye and Naomi Opaleye**) invited to perform at the Opening Ceremony of the Round Square Conference in front of a packed Oxford theatre of delegates from all around the world. We are extremely proud to have three Senior School singers in the National Youth Choir of Great Britain choirs (**Lucy McKerrow, Abigail Opaleye and Naomi Opaleye**) and three instrumentalists in county music groups (**Eloise Bartram, Stephanie Chao and Kenyon Chow**). **Lucy McKerrow** was also invited to join the Bristol Pre-

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conservatoire, and Kenyon Chow was appointed Leader of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama Junior Conservatoire Orchestra.

Chapel Choir have had another busy year. They have shown great versatility, and the quality of their singing has been the highest for many years. They have led numerous important chapel services, including our Christmas Carol services and the licensing of **Father William** by **Bishop Rachel**. Their performance of 'Abide with Me' in the Remembrance Sunday Service is particularly memorable, sung with such expression, sense of ensemble and attention to detail. In October, we invited the world-renowned vocal ensemble Apollo5 to Wycliffe. They spent the morning working with VOX and Chapel Choir, workshoping music they knew and working on ensemble skills. We welcomed Prep School and visiting young singers to join us for the afternoon, and Apollo5 took a large group of singers aged 8-18 through learning new warm-ups and repertoire. The day concluded with a fantastic concert to showcase the music the singers had been learning, along with a set of performances by Apollo5 to inspire us.

In addition to Apollo5, we have been so fortunate to invite a bevy of professional musicians to work with our pupils throughout the year. The Choir have benefitted from a series of choral workshops this year from experienced local choral leaders Ben England BEM and Sophie Winter. Currently, we have several pianists working towards top grades. We organised a special masterclass with award-winning concert pianist Clare Hammond in February to nurture them. Clare worked with five of our pianists in detail, with several of our other pianists watching. The morning was full of invaluable wisdom and top tips, and it was wonderful to see and hear the pieces transform as our pianists experimented with different approaches to their playing.

We also organised an Orchestral Day, which featured a fantastic improvisation workshop led by Dr Jon James from the University of Bristol. Earlier that Day, we ran an intensive GCSE Composition Clinic, which helped our Year 11 pupils to focus on creating their coursework portfolios. They are congratulated on producing such high-quality work, showing great creativity and flair. As well as writing their music, GCSE and A Level Music pupils

must also be recorded performing a varied music programme. The GCSE and A Level Music Recital Concert in September was a great showcase of their performance pieces. Year 13 pupil **Lucy McKerrow** gave an awe-inspiring vocal performance of her A Level Music Recital repertoire. One of the set pieces in the Listening side of the GCSE Music is 'Defying Gravity' from the musical 'Wicked', so we were very grateful to **Dr Toumpoulidis** for organising a trip to see a West End production of this show.

We are looking forward to more theatre trips next academic year.

Our Music Scholars work exceptionally hard. They took the lead this year in performing for their Houses at the end of Thursday House Chapel services. They have also given numerous performances to staff members as part of the well-loved Friday morning 'Music in the Atrium' series. It was wonderful to thank them for their dedication at their Secret Supper. We were treated to a delicious feast of Spanish food, and Wycliffe Hall was transformed with beautiful decorations. At the end of the evening, we had lots of fun learning salsa dancing.



FUTURES FAIR

Wycliffe's Futures Fair enables pupils to explore the wealth of future opportunities and to have a meaningful encounter with a wide range of employers, HE institutions and sectors.

Pupils were offered live and Teams presentations alongside traditional exhibition stands. The most popular talks were on Cyber Security by Secure Impact and the wide range of biomedical courses at

Aberdeen University.

Exhibitors and presenters were very pleased with the questions asked. Pupils were excited by what they learnt and keen to share this.



MOCK INTERVIEWS

One thing is certain: all pupils will eventually leave Wycliffe. At this point, they apply for their next step, be it university, work, an apprenticeship, or another opportunity.

Wycliffe prepares its pupils for their next steps for when they do eventually leave.

The Year 11 mock interviews are designed to help pupils build awareness of how to present their best version.

Pupils were required to complete an application form in which they promoted themselves, their skills, interests, passions, priorities, values, experiences, and ambitions. The "Why Me?" question, where they could truly promote themselves, proved a real challenge and is one to which we can relate. However, learning how to complete this section is crucial for all manner of

applications, all whilst observing grammar and spelling.

Equally important is the need to keep to deadlines. You have missed the opportunity if you miss the submission point in the real world. Our interviewers were briefed to explain to any late submitters how lucky they were to be allowed to interview. The interview itself was virtual, in keeping with a growing recruitment trend. It provided so many learning opportunities: non-verbal cues, building a rapport with the interviewer, the importance of clarity of speech, and resilience and resourcefulness if technology fails.

The pupils who took part expressed

their surprise at the kindness of the interviewers and were delighted with the very useful feedback. Pupils told us they learnt many things: the importance of body language, that they should use more examples when showing off personal skills, how to turn negative aspects into positives, that they show many qualities even if they don't think they do, and to ask for help from others.

The diverse ambitions of our pupils were particularly fascinating for those in specific industries. All interviewers were asked to highlight pupils who had submitted an excellent application form or had an excellent interview.



ROUND SQUARE

Our Round Square and wider school pupils have had a hectic year.

To list a few activities that they have participated in:

September

Quartet at the Round Square Global Conference – Oxford

November

Beliveroo – One Million Beehive Campaign fundraiser

December

Round Square student group

– school assembly
Goodwill Stonehouse stand

February

Reitaku High school (Tokyo) visit
Mr Lawson Broad, St. Philip's College Visit

March

International fair
International week

DEC Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal

Round Square student and teacher group – Changing habits school assembly

World climate change simulation conference

June

Make a Difference Day



Two of our highlights:

Our incredible Round Square, Model UN and Debating club pupils across all year groups; came together to participate in a World Climate Simulation game – promoted by the British Council (source Climate Interactive).

Following International Week, we asked our pupils, “Have you ever wondered what it’s like to be part of the UN climate negotiations?” We received a super eager “YES”, and they made it happen.

The World Climate Simulation game is an in-person, role-playing activity that allows pupils to see what it’s like to be a part of the UN climate change negotiations by exploring the speed and level of action nations must take to address global climate change.

It was led by a group of teachers acting as facilitators, and **Oliver Moores**, in Year 13, played the role of UN Secretary. The pupils served as delegates representing nations such as China, India, the US, the EU and developing countries. They worked through rounds of negotiations to propose climate pledges. These pledges must limit global warming to less than 2 Degrees C.

All the pledges were plugged into an online simulation called C-ROADS, and we achieved a successful outcome!

This was followed by a short discussion on the importance of ensuring that the rate of adding emissions is slower than the rate of removing net emissions to impact the current levels of CO² in the atmosphere.

The highlight of the conference was when the delegates moved around the room to discuss each other’s pledges and responsibilities in making a difference. The outcomes were impressive and illustrated how much they had invested themselves into playing these roles. The group presented highly thought-out suggestions, such as offering funding to China and India but on the agreement that there would be evidence after one year to show emissions had fallen. The supply of electric cars and infrastructure to operate these vehicles was offered to poorer regions; these are just a few examples.

We concluded with a strong message, “It’s not going to be easy, but it’s going to be worth it”.

An incredible joint venture between Round Square, D of E and the Bee Club (approximately 20 pupils) was

executed last Christmas, with the pupils and staff members holding a stall at the Stonehouse Festival of Goodall.

Beautiful bee-themed handmade cards, organic beeswax candles and lip balms made by the Round Square, D of E and Bee Club teams were sold. To add to the merry feeling and Christmas cheer, mince pies and mulled wine were also available.

The group continued selling the products in School, including a personal Wycliffe ‘Beeliveroo’ delivery service, raising funds for a fantastic cause, and helping pollinators and the environment.

The money raised was shared between two charities: the worldwide ‘One million beehive campaign’ founded in South Africa by Lesego Serelong Hozapfel and Women’s Equality.

Lesego’s campaign is making a positive and sustainable difference, not just to the environment but also to the prosperity of Lesego’s local community in South Africa. Her organisation helps impoverished families in the local community lift themselves out of poverty by getting them started and supporting them in the bee-keeping business. Bokamoso Impact Investments provides a sales outlet for the brand ‘Bee Loved Honey’ for the honey they produce.

Each beehive costs approximately £85.00 – we were able to donate funds for four beehives.

The second charity, which was also close to our hearts, was ‘Women’s Equality’, an organisation aiming to raise awareness of woman’s rights with a current focus on the situation in Iran – we were able to donate £100.00.

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ASPIRE

Just before Easter, all Year 12s took part in the Aspire Project.

Pupils consider their interests, passions, skills and values. They then research a role, company or cause that they aspire to, think about how well they would suit this, what they have already done towards a successful outcome, and what needs to be done. This is followed by a 6-7 minute presentation to an external judge.

Thank you to those trustees, parents, Old Wycliffians, staff contacts and non-teaching staff who supported us in this role.

Caroline Hiorns has awarded ten pupils a certificate and a copy of *What Employers Want*.

Poppy Beaumont
Oliver Grant
Sophia Grasl
Aidan Kitching
Bethany Leach

Jenrola Oyewumi
Izzi Rant
Rhynell Rusere
Maisie Tomlinson
Lucy Tucker.



TEN TORS

The Cadets arrived around lunchtime on Friday to the campsite, after lunch and registration of the teams by staff – who collected their trackers, wrist bands and updated weather forecast for the weekend.

The two teams had their final briefing, handing out rucksacks and tent labels and checking of the route and had time to visit the Armed Forces displays and speak with different careers that pupils may be interested in, in the future.

After the evening meal which was cooked by Bristol & Glos Wing ATC who we have worked with for many years of Ten Tors Events, the Cadets had an opportunity to relax and head to the Ten Tors fringe – organised by

the event team. Returning at 8pm, with a time to check maps and in bed by 10pm and ready for the early alarm call of *'Chariots of Fire'* at 5am. All seemed to have good a night's sleep and were awake and getting changed, final



filling of water bottles and collection of breakfast to have on the start line, the Cadets steadily walked with the other 2000 participants to the start line, a little worried by the fog. **OW Colonel Gary McDade** (W 1986-1991) who is in overall charge of the event managed to catch up with the teams on the start line and wish them luck.

At 7am the pupils left on their routes as the fog started to lift but was not fully clear until lunchtime. The staff then returned to the control hangar and started watching the teams' progress on the big screen. Both teams seemed to be going well during the day, but by the evening, had slowed down. They managed to stop for the evening with just over half the route completed.

The first team finished at 4:32pm with the second team looking like they

were going to finish at the same time. Unfortunately, they were forced to stop for an hour to give first aid to a team member. This meant they could not finish in time, the scrutineers then agreed that as the team had lost an hour for legitimate reasons they could finish and be awarded their medals.

We returned via a much-needed McDonalds in Exeter, with them

upbeat about their experience over the last two days.

Well done to both teams and for the hard work you have put in since your first training session in October 2022. We hope you have many stories to tell and look forward to pupils coming back in Year 12 for 45 miles. Well done for raising £2170 for the Down Syndrome Association.

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BISLEY SHOOTING COMPETITION

Wycliffe CCF took a team of 11 to Bisley Shooting Competition this year, ably supported by OWs, Brendan Ind and Freddie Shetliffe.

On Sunday, the team travelled to Imjin Barracks for a zeroing session on the 25m range. With some good groups, all-around confidence was high.

The Monday individual target rifle competition was an eye-opener for the seven first-time competitors. Three hundred yards is a long way to shoot through iron sights but judging the wind for the 600-yard shoot was much harder than expected. With five firers getting into the top 100, it was the most successful day of shooting for over 15 years.

On Monday Evening, the Cadets all got to shoot the 1km competition and the gallery rifle at moving targets. **Molly Gibbons** (Year 9) was the best Wycliffe hit at 1km, and the

team came second in the team event. **Charlie Ashman** (Year 10) won the Gallery Rifle Shoot, and the team came second.

The Tuesday target rifle shoots were less successful as the wind had picked up, but there was still some good shooting. In the evening, the cadets competed in the McQueen (sniper-style) snap shooting competition.

Wednesday saw a huge leap in target rifle scores for the Wycliffe team. **Mark Kirsch** (DY) finished 10th out of all 349 competitors. This result earned **Max** a Cadet 100 badge, the first Wycliffian to gain one in the memory of all the staff involved. There were other good shoots from **Jack Talks** (Year 13), **Florence (Flo) Smalley** (Year 9) and **Henry Bishop** (Year 11). Wednesday evening saw

the Cadets compete in the Clay Competition. Well done to **Max Kirsch** for finishing first, scoring 19/25 and beating the next-best competitor by 4.

Thursday was the team competition, and the self-coached Ashburton IV of **Jack Tawls**, **Charlie Ashman**, **Max Kirsch**, and **Henry Bishop** finished a credible 5th. **Flo Smalley**, who only just missed out on the Ashburton team, fired in the reserve competition, and finished 4th. This is a fantastic result for a Year 9.

The Cadets would like to thank the NRA for hosting the event, CCRS (Cadet Council for Rifle Shooting) for organising it, and Wycliffe's CCF staff for taking them to the event. We are looking forward to next year's competition starting on 8th July.

CCF SUMMER CAMP

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the CCF Summer Camp this year was changed at very short notice to a series of shorter trips away.

For the first phase, we paired up with Sherbourne School CCF for a day of activities, including air rifle, archery, a paintball lane, a gun run, signals stand and TIBUA (Training in a Built-Up Area). The two schools worked in mixed sections, and great fun was had.

The next day we travelled with Sherbourne to Bramley Training Area for a 2-day Field Exercise, with training in recces, deliberate attacks, advance to contact attacks, stalking and casualty evacuation. The exercise finished with a full-blown attack on two buildings.

Days 4 and 5 were spent without the cadets from Sherbourne. Day 4 was a live firing range day firing 7.62mm Target Rifles and 5.56mm with the GP Rifle. The best shots of the day were **Jaden Bartlett** (R) in Year 12 and **Tom Cox** in Year 9, both gaining marksman



badges. On this day, the Cadets also visited the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum for a guided tour from a local expert.

The final day was spent at South Cerney Outdoors on the water, learning to sail and stand-up paddleboard.

The Cadets would like to thank all the staff from both schools for giving

up their time and running such an excellent week.

CCF in the Summer Term

CCF training in the summer term has been very varied. Most activities have been geared towards summer camp, building harbour areas (safe places to 'camp' for the night), weapons training, patrolling techniques and learning about the equipment needed to stay

out in the field. However, there were also evenings where fun was had, a mass wide game on the Berry Field, water polo at the pool, tug of war and most notably, survival skills. The first survival skills session saw the Cadets lighting fires in the rain using flint and steel to cook damper bread. The second session took that learning further by making chimney stoves out of baked bean tins so they could cook sardines they had gutted themselves.





DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Over the course of the academic year 2022/23, we've had multiple Gold, Silver and Bronze expeditions, as well as navigation day walks for all levels, a training weekend for Bronze participants, and first aid courses.

Bronze

Those newly joined at the Bronze level in Year 9 enjoyed a day walk in September to whet their appetites for the upcoming expedition season. With regular meetings on a Monday lunchtime, they chose a range of activities to do in their free time, improved their map reading skills with **Mr Pender**, and then completed

the term with an adventurous night walk in the snow up to Westrip Farm in December. In early February, they completed a two-day training weekend, including first aid, camp craft and another circular training walk in beautiful weather around Cam Long Down. Their expedition season they have started in May with a camping trip and a walk near Cowley. The assessed venture took place in June in the Wye

Valley with an initial overnight stay at YHA Wye Valley at English Bicknor. We were fortunate with the weather, and the pupils sunbathed and ate marshmallows around the campfire at Biblins on the Saturday night of the two-day venture.

Silver and Gold

Weekly meetings occur on Tuesday lunchtime, with day walks and



expeditions in the Brecon Beacons. After a training walk in glorious weather up Sugar Loaf Mountain in January, the first expedition took place in the Eastern Black Mountains area in March, with participants camping for two nights at New Court farm, where they experienced testing cold and wet conditions at the start of the season. The assessed ventures took place during activity week at the end of the Summer Term, with an initial overnight stay at Parkwood Outdoors Centre by Pontsticill Reservoir. Four Silver and one Gold team completed their three and four-day respective ventures in more accommodating conditions than

March, nevertheless including some rain and cold nights, but participants loved the campsites and the range of animals around their tents, including peacocks!

Other news:

Thanks to **Mrs Stevens-Mikesch** for running our litter-collecting volunteering activity on Wednesday lunchtimes each week this year. It has involved pupils from all year groups, and they have positively impacted the local community. Many thanks also to **Mrs Wood** for organising this and attending weekly training sessions for Bronze and **Mrs Chadwick**, our

quarter-master for kits and supplies and who helps run expeditions. As usual, **Mrs Larkin** has done a lot of work to support the administrative side of the award and process the high number of completions this year. Thanks also to other staff who have helped on expeditions or at weekly meetings, including **Mrs Smith, Mr Axford, Mr Helsby, Mr Clements, Miss Revie, Captain Woodham** and **Mrs James**. We are also delighted to have the support of **Gordon Snape** as an Assessor on expeditions as well as **Sally-Anne Grimshaw** and **Dennis Downey**.

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A Royal Day Out

By Zainab Sambo

On 19th of May, a group of Wycliffe pupils travelled to London to celebrate achieving our Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The lovely weather added beauty to Buckingham Palace's gardens. Walking through the palace gates was something

I had never imagined myself doing and I felt incredibly proud of how far I'd come.

I really enjoyed my day at Buckingham Palace, particularly seeing **HRH Prince Edward**, and listening to his and other Gold achievers' inspiring speeches.



E-SPORTS

Wycliffe has become an E-sports leader amongst independent schools and has helped several others launch their journey in space in its five years so far.

With a full set of eight computers, kindly provided by PASS, in a permanent home, we have been able to give tours to visiting teachers and have even offered to have competitors come to play us on home 'soil'.

Overwatch – a five-vs-five first-person ability shooter in which players pick certain characters to attempt to gain control over certain areas and objectives on the 3D-game map.

Wycliffe had great interest this year in the game 'Overwatch', with eight players vying for a position in the squad. Keen to explore other possibilities within E-sports, **Rhynell Rusere** also took up the role of student coach, planning weekly ideas for the team to use to improve their gameplay. Captain

Logan Llewellyn and Vice Captains **Sam Burrell** and **Aerin Baylis-Crisp** were nominated from within the group, having the challenging task of coordinating plays in the overwhelming game environment.

Entering the national British E-sports Federation Pupil Championship, this team played several 'seeding' games, winning one and losing five. Thus, they earned themselves a group in the Pupil Championship's 2nd Division.

Now amongst opponents of a more equitable level of skill, Wycliffe took wins against Dean Close, University College Seevic, and Cambridge Regional College whilst losing to Cornwall College and Mid Kent College. Sadly, only the best two

teams from this group continued to later rounds of the tournament, but the team continued to train – winning one 'friendly' against St Edward's Cheltenham – hoping to have another attempt at the tournament next year.

Super Smash Bros. – a platform brawler in which a player picks from a host of different characters with varying skill sets to try and weaken and then knock their opponent off a stage.

E-sports, and other computer games, can predominantly be played online. Still, one thing that the professionals get to experience is the thrill of having the opponents, commentators, and an audience present for their matches. In the Spring, we took a team of three Super Smash Bros. players to the



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Belong Arena in Birmingham for a great in-person event organised by Digital Schoolhouse, the regional finals of their national competition.

Rhynell, Freddie Thomas, and Martin Rabanillo Barber played in several 1v1 and 2v2 fights and, if the match was still tied, a 3v3 against teams from across the Midlands. Winning matches against all opponents during the day other than Cheshire College South and West, we finished in second place – but with only the winners, CCSW earned a position in the next round of competition.

League of Legends – a multiplayer online battle arena in which five players choose champions that fulfil certain roles in the team and attempt to destroy the enemy’s base while protecting theirs.

League of Legends is considerably more popular in East Asia than in the UK, so Wycliffe has often had an advantage over fully home-grown teams. We have had significant success each year that the British E-sports Federation Pupil Championships have run, placing 3rd in a schools-only instance of the competition in 2018 and finally making it to the top Division of competition amongst the country’s FE colleges last year.

With returning players from last year’s team in the form of Top Laner **Isaac Li**, Jungler **Yang Nie**, Mid Laner, **Zachary Wang** and Support **Rhynell Rusere**, we were joined by a newcomer in the ADC role, Yitong Hao. The winter term saw an unbeaten run with wins against Highcrest Academy, Access Creative

College, Thomas Lord Audley School, South Devon College, and heavy-hitters in the esports scene Queen Mary’s College and Exeter College (who themselves were previously on an eighteen-month unbeaten streak having won the competition last year).

The spring term had considerable challenges now that we were again sorted into a group of the country’s top league – called ‘The National Division’.

Knockouts awaited us at the very start of the summer term, and with illnesses among the team members, we also had to call up **Matthew Sham** to substitute into the top lane.

As a double-elimination bracket, we could afford one loss before being eliminated from the competition, but we had designs on this not coming early on! Professional Jungler **Ivan, ‘Razork’ Díaz** from Fnatic (the UK’s top-performing League of Legends team) encouraged the team as they embarked on their quarter-final match against the Confetti Institute. This first proved to be a decisive win. In the semi-final, we faced long-time foes at Altrincham Grammar School for Boys but were defeated.

Now in the ‘lower bracket’, we had a game against St Dunstan’s College, which we won. Up next was another semi-final against Northgate College, who had been the ones to eliminate us from the competition last year. This game was challenging, with several bans given over to Yitong’s champion pool as a sign of Northgate’s understanding

that he would likely be our key player. Their Jungler proved very effective in early skirmishes and starved our ability to make much progress in the game. Northgate winning this one ended our esports season and sent Wycliffe into 4th place amongst all schools and colleges nationally.



ATHLETICS

This season started with the District trials to qualify for the County Champs; Wycliffe performed well, getting 13 pupils through in 14 events, with Georges Cooper qualified in both the Shot and Discus.

The County Champs were held for the first time at Gloucester Athletics track, and there were some great performances, with **Melody Benn** coming 2nd in her 200m heat and narrowly coming 4th in the final. **Tom Moreton** in the 1500m came a very respectable second, as did **Josie Drury** in the Javelin. **Seb Forrest** won the 800m, and **Georges Cooper** won the Shot, so they were automatically selected for the Regional Finals in Exeter.

The final external athletics event of the season was the District championships at the Prince of Wales Stadium; top performances on the day were **Oli Fisher**, who was 2nd in the 1500m; **Safi Hill** came 2nd in the Shot Putt, **Xander Gray** came 2nd in the High Jump, the Year 10 boys relay Team won their race by the finest of margins in a thrilling race, and **Will Welby** had a great day coming 1st in the 200m, 2nd in the 100m and part of the winning Relay Team and the Year 10 Boys Relay Team.





BASKETBALL

The Basketball season has come to an end as the 1st Team finished the season with two huge victories.



The first being against Dean Close in the first annual night lights match, ending 73-34. The Team was motivated and played off the energy and support from the home spectators, and it was an amazing atmosphere for the players to experience. The season's final game was against Cheltenham College, which Wycliffe previously struggled against due to their physicality.

The final score was 58-50, and it says a lot about the commitment and dedication the players have to want to improve and continue to develop. Now the program and players are focusing on individual skill development with training specifically aimed to help each individual strengthen in all key areas of the sport.



BOYS CRICKET

1st Team Cricket

A committed group of players regularly attended net sessions to improve their skills throughout the winter. It was a shame the start of the season was a damp squib with numerous cancelled fixtures. As the weather improved, we were glad to get some competitive action. A young side captained by **Fred Collinson** were an enthusiastic group who trained hard throughout the term. In the two National Cup competitions. The Cricket Paper U17 35 Over Cup and The National T20 Cup. Although losing to Mount Kelly and Bromsgrove, the experience gained should be invaluable. **Sam Gregory, Fred Collinson, Harry Bloomfield and Sacha Cooper** all score half-centuries with the bat. **Thomas Moreton, Toby Grant, Tom Ranyard, and Joe Downey** have all shown promise when bowling. With exams over, the 1st XI finish the term with a busy week of cricket with matches against Beechen Cliff, Gloucestershire Gypsies, Pates and six

a side tournament at King Edward's, Stratford. This proved a real highlight for the players who finished on a high, winning their last three games. With the majority of the squad returning next season, hopes will be high for continued success.

2nd Team Cricket

It is such a shame that the 2nd XI fixtures at the start of the term were affected by the weather. There was a large senior squad this year, and players were keen to play. When the season eventually started after weeks of nets, it was clear that our running between the wickets and general match play needed some extra work. However, throughout the term, enjoyment and individual improvement were emphasised throughout the term.

The first match was against Monkton Combe. Batting first, Captain **James Cox** top scored with a quick-fire 21, with all players contributing to good team performance to set a total of 129

in twenty overs. In reply, Monkton Combe started slowly due to tight bowling from **Will Franklin** and **Archie West** but eventually overcame the Wycliffe total to win the match by ten wickets. The second game against Bristol Grammar School certainly produced some laughs. BGS batted first to set an imposing 182 after a third-wicket partnership of 148 from their two 1st XI players who were unable to travel to Wycliffe for the 1st XI fixture on the same afternoon. Oddly, the Wycliffe bowling and fielding were significantly better than the previous week, but the game was already away from us at the interval. In reply, the innings were held together by **Billy Kerslake** with an explosive 27, but few others were able to impose themselves on the game. This was, again, a young squad who wanted to enjoy their cricket, and it was a credit to their commitment that we had twelve players in attendance for the game against BGS.

Thank you to all that took part.

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Felix Thomson. This victory spurred the Team onto the next game against Pates Grammar School, which they also won by five runs. An impressive 52 (from 25 balls) from **Ollie Fisher** and wicketkeeping from **Xander Gray** help secure the victory. It was a tough year, but the whole Team showed fight and spirit to keep going to the end, and it paid off.



UI4A

The under 14's have played some fantastic cricket throughout the season, even when the result has not gone their way. The first game of the season saw them win in convincing style. **Toby West** was taking a wicket with the first ball. From then on, we have frequently begun well but have been let down by inconsistent fielding and delectation of short bowling. **Sam Hart** and **Toby West** have regularly threatened with quick-fire '20s and '30s, and in the last game of the year, **Archie Larkman** reached a first 50 with a well-paced 72. As a Team, the under 14s showed great promise, worked hard the entire season, supported each other well, and improved game on game.

GIRLS' CRICKET

1st XI

Cricket has always been an integral part of Sport at Wycliffe, having been played since the School was founded in 1882. Now 140 years later, we have reached a point where Girls' Cricket is being played from Pre-Prep through to U18 1st Team level. This year is now the landmark year for Girl's Cricket as **Orla Wright** became the first ever captain of the first ever Girl's 1st Team Cricket.

The girls started the season with a brand new kit and were excited to get into their first fixture, which was away to

Godolphin School in the U18 T20 Cup. We went to bowl first and started well; some would say we were too generous in bowling all our players, but with all the girls keen to have at least an over, we wanted to make sure everyone was involved. Going into Bat, **Laila Howse** got us off to a flying start hitting a four off the first ball over the bowler's head. It was a great first game despite a narrow loss. The rest of the season has been a fantastic experience; coaches and pupils have given their all in training and matches whilst facing some experienced Schools. Our batting and

bowling have improved over the season thanks to **Miss Williams** hard work and the girls' dedication. The future of Girl's cricket at Wycliffe is looking strong, and 2023 will forever be a mark in history when Orla Wright captained the first-ever 1st Team.

UI5A Girls Cricket

Overall, the under-15 girls had an incredibly positive season. Winning a handful of games, they were unlucky not to win more. The girls always showed good Teamwork, confidence, and the willingness to improve during



their games sessions during the week. As a Team, batting was always their strength, but what was great to see was that throughout the term, the Girl's bowling and fielding improved dramatically, with most of their wickets being taken through their aggressive and accurate bowling. Well done, girls.

U15B Girls Cricket

The season for the U15 B's was a challenging one. With the Team being made up of a mixed amount of experience in cricket, the girls all stuck together throughout all the games. Some notable performances include **Stephanie Chao** and **Charlotte King** both getting wickets against RGS Worcester, and **Ava Jerry** got two wickets in one over against BGS. Throughout the season, the girls gained confidence in their bowling; however, we were unable to translate that into games to ensure we did not give away too many wides, allowing the opposition to gain runs. Our batting also improved throughout the season; however, we needed to get a bit smarter with our running between the wickets to get simple singles. Despite the results not going our way, the girls were resilient throughout, showed great character in each game and were a pleasure to coach. Well done, all.

U14A Girls Cricket

A brilliant season for the U14A, who started the season somewhat nervous and unsure about hardball cricket. With the experience of **Millie** and **Josie**, the squad quickly took on coaching points and, with each game, proved they are

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not a Team to underestimate.

Our first game against BGS was a hard-fought win and highlighted a need to work on our communication. Once this was addressed, we took a good win against RGS Worcester. Our only loss of the season was to a confident and strong Cheltenham College side. To close out the season, we had a heart-stopper of a fixture against Kings Worcester, winning by the narrowest of margins, and a ruthless display against Westonbirt. I cannot praise this Team enough for the journey they have been on. Together they grew in skill, confidence, and enthusiasm. A bunch of girls to watch who live up to their Fireball anthem; bring on summer 2024.

U14B Girls Cricket

The U14B girls have trained hard and enthusiastically attended every training session. This allowed the girls to focus on the core skills needed for cricket batting, bowling, and fielding. These skills improved throughout the season. Although we lost both our matches, we demonstrated good batting and fielding skills. Players who stood out

when it came to batting were **Summer Mansbridge**, **Bella Beaumont**, **Grace Palmer-Gillman** and **Tilly Strefford**. They managed to hit a few 4s to help with our score. During the fielding, there were good phases of play between **Noma McBurney**, **Tilly Strefford**, **Aitana San Emeterio Palacios** and **Maria Martinez Serrano**. This helped to keep the runs down and put pressure on the opposition.

The players who bowled well were **Emily Thomas**, **Greta Willis**, **Chole Newton** and **Lily Parkes**. This allowed us to put pressure on the opposition batters and take a couple of wickets.



CROSS COUNTRY

As the cross-country season drew to a close at Easter, our pupils have had an exceptional year.



We have competed in the English Schools Athletics Association XC Cup, qualifying through the County round into the Regional Finals in the Inter boys and Senior boys events. Individually there have been fantastic achievements for **Seb Forrest** and **Ana Derbaix Esteve**, who qualified

through the District, County and Regional XC events to qualify for the Gloucestershire Team going to the National Schools XC Championships that were held back in March. This is a huge achievement where they competed with 2000 of the top runners in the country from 42

counties. Both Seb and Ana ran brilliantly, with Seb coming in 115 out of 327 and Ana coming in 211 out of 338 runners. Seb and Ana also medalled as part of the Gloucestershire Team part of the Gloucestershire Team.

FENCING

We have had one of our more successful seasons with an unprecedented eight Wycliffe athletes qualifying for the British Youth Championship finals through our Southwest Regional event.

Notable performances and medals came from **James Kay** and **Rhynell Rusere** in their respective weapons at a regional level. **Charlie Robbins** excelled at

the Public Schools' championships with two top-eight placings at foil and epee. **Sebastian Forrest** has proven his fencing talent with the epee, being selected for the

British junior Team at the Modern pentathlon world championships. This was achieved following impressive results at home and abroad events.



FOOTBALL

1st XI Football

This season began in September and would ideally have gone through to June; such was the progress made by the squad. The wheels started turning early in the autumn, with the squad coming together and players identifying their best position for the forthcoming season. We worked on shape and possession, passing with pride, attacking movement and defensive confidence.

On 18th October, the Wycliffe Senior Football squad went to watch Forest Green Rovers play Exeter City in the EFL Trophy. We were able to look closely at gameplay and tactics and took everything we learned back into training with the aim of being ready from the first whistle in January.

We came out of the blocks very well, catching QEH napping and securing an amazing result against them that set us up well for the first few games. Complacency sadly emerged in a 5-1 defeat against Cheltenham, but the Team responded very well with a refusal to let this happen again. They won fifty per cent of the ten

games that followed with delightful performances at Dauntsey's (4-1), at home to Hereford (4-0) and away at Haberdasher's Monmouth (2-1). The Team has learnt how to win. Pleasingly we saw accountability come back within the Team, a desire to support each other and to support what we were all trying to achieve togetherness across 3-year groups, much greater respect for the process and for those involved in it, and a work rate that meant that we did not need to go behind to start playing Football. The culmination of the growth of the Team was the last game of the season and the victory against Old Wycliffians. The 1st XI went 6-0 ahead and played fast, intense, attacking Football that had become their trademark. The Wycliffe spirit of selflessness meant that the OWs were allowed to start playing a bit of Football to reward the fact that they had travelled from far and wide to be there. In total, eighteen Wycliffe boys have contributed to the success of the 1st XI. Six were Year 11, which makes for a solid foundation for next season. The Year 12s have really impressed and, with all, become even better players next year. As

for the Year 13s, we sadly bid farewell to the core of the Team though they have inspired the younger boys to maintain the progress made by all this year.

2nd XI Football

It's been a decent Spring term of Football for the 2nd Team in 2023.

Many players have featured for the Team, but at its core has been a strong defensive unit marshalled well by captain **Logan Fitzpatrick** and **Joe Downey**. The term started with a difficult away trip to QEH, and although it ended in a 2:0 (we have different approaches here so need consistency) loss, the defensive foundations had been set. Two days later, we were back in Bristol against Clifton College, and this time a good win was secured. The highlight of which was a long-range strike by Logan and the effort from the whole Team not to concede, only being scuppered by a last-minute speculative shot from an opponent's free kick. It is worth mentioning the midfield partnership of **Max Stokes** and **Sacha Cooper** at this point; both players' effort 'off the ball'

and ability 'on the ball' were essential to the Team play. The weather then interrupted the schedule, and although two games were cancelled, it did give the Team time to practice and changes to be made to personnel and positions. **Soren Harder** and, eventually, **Max Kirsch** was added to the attacking lineup. Soren made an immediate impact by scoring a hat-trick in the next game, a 5-1 win over Kingswood. Up next was a 1-0 win at Dauntsey's. This was the first game we really got to see **Jeff Lau**'s great reactionary skills as a goalkeeper, which in turn helped the Team gain a well-deserved clean sheet. The good start to the term was to come to an end over the next three games. Injury, illness, and general absence had hit the group, and King's College (Taunton), RGS (Worcester) and Cathedral School. (Llandaff) took full advantage. Although each game ended in a loss, the players who stepped in can be very proud of their efforts. The next game, at Hereford Cathedral School, looked to be going the same way as the previous 3 when the 2nd Team found themselves two goals down at halftime. However, in a good second-half attacking display, two fantastic long-range efforts from **Max Kirsch** helped grab a draw. The King's School, Worcester, arrived at Wycliffe next with a reduced number of players. The game eventually started with both Teams only playing nine-a-side; the extra space no

doubt led to it being the game of the term. Unfortunately, the 2nd Team lost 5-3, but they were never out of it until virtually the last kick of the game. The final two games of the term were both tough away fixtures at Monmouth and Bristol Grammar School. **Lucas Nielsen** had been drafted in from the first Team and proved to be a valuable addition; his dribbling and pace suited the team's style of play and were key in securing two good results. First was the 1 all draw at Monmouth, and secondly, in near torrential conditions, for the best part, a fine 4-2 win at BGS to finish the term.

Thanks must go to all who played during a very competitive term of Football.

3rd XI Football

The 3rd XI (AKA The People's Team) came into this term with much change and a wide range of ages and abilities. However, throughout the campaign, the boys have come together and shown a great spirit on and off the field, gaining impressive results. It hasn't always been easy sailing, however, and there have been several big losses that could have put lots of other players and Teams off, but this group have put in hard work, dedication, and a positive attitude throughout. Many players have also been promoted up through the Teams and shown great adaptability with this. Overall, a good season for

a young Team (mainly consisting of 15/16-year-olds) against much older opponents with many positives to take forward into next year. Special mentions must go to **Charlie Hart** for leading by example every week, **Jacob Cheetham** for embracing and excelling as the Teams goalkeeper this year and coach's player **Harry Gledhill** for excellent performances throughout the campaign.

U15A Football

The U15A found the correct balance of training with a purpose but also having fun. There have been significant improvements in defensive skills and tactics by implementing a zonal strategy for corners. We have also worked hard to play out from the back and maintain possession. Defensive players are instrumental in this strategy, so all-round ball skills in the back four have increased. Credit is also due to **Leo Simonetti Whitford** for his excellent goal-keeping prowess. He kept the Team ahead and in matches on many occasions. To the midfield and forwards, they all bought into what we were trying to achieve, playing wide or putting in a killer pass. We also applied a positive ethos and simple targets to meet four areas of the game (physical, mental, social and tactical). Highlights of the season are the Team fighting back from 2-3 down to win against RGS Worcester 4-3. The other is how





we finished the season versus Llandaff, with sheer strength and determination, winning 7-2. They are a very talented group of players, and very much looking forward to seeing their impact on the Senior Teams next year. You all should be very proud of what you have achieved; an undefeated season is very special; well done, lads!

U15B Football

The Wycliffe U15B Football is one of the most committed Teams you will find across the School. Despite the results, the Team showed up week after week, always trying their hardest and doing it with a smile on their face in the process. A highlight of the season was the fixture at RGS Worcester (Away). The Team played an excellent game, with a brilliant defensive effort. The squad were determined, with everyone wanting to play their part on the pitch and contribute. However, unfortunately, we weren't clinical enough in front of goal, which led to us losing the game 4-1 against a strong opposition. The Team had to deal with a few setbacks throughout the season due to injuries and other commitments. However, this did not stop them from giving it their all and adapting to the Team's needs. **Mr Messenger** is proud of how the Team worked together and looks forward to seeing how the players progress in the future.

U14A Football

A hugely enjoyable Football season for the U14A saw the Team play some exciting Football throughout. With a strong passing game and a determination to play out from the back, the Team occasionally paid the price of this high-risk strategy. However, it certainly produced some exciting matches. The midfield quartet of **Luca Dicken**, **Telmo Baranda Foral**, **Joe Davison** and **Ollie Jewkes** all worked well together. **Mateo Ecija Alonso** deserves special praise for scoring in all matches, apart from the last. In contrast, **Kingdavid Akpakwu** showed impressive control of the ball but was unlucky in front of the goal. **Sam Hart** was totally committed in the goal and saved the Team on several key occasions each match. In defence, **Josh Denholm** showed excellent improvements throughout the term and communicated positively in all matches, linking especially well with **Toby West**. The highlight of the term was the 5-0

win against Monmouth, a game which showed all the talent in the Team. They also showed great determination in closer matches, ensuring draws against RGS Worcester and King's Worcester with late goals. Despite dominating the match, a disappointing loss in the last game of the season against Llandaff should not detract from what was a brilliant term of Football. Well done to the whole squad.

U14B Football

The U14B XI were an enthusiastic group that continued to improve their skills throughout the term. Our emphasis in training was to develop our skill level and fitness. A good team spirit has also made the practices and matches enjoyable. However, the match results didn't go our way. The squad never gave up and continued to play to the final whistle.

It was good that a few players were called upon to step up to the 'A' team when required.





HOCKEY

1st Team Hockey

A largely positive term for the girls, with competitive matches throughout the season and several tight results that could have gone either way at the end of each fixture. Great performances and strong wins came against Haberdashers Monmouth, Cathedral School Llandaff, and Monkton Combe. These results meant the girls went into their West Finals on good form and managed five wins on the bounce beating QEH, Truro School, Maynard School, Hereford, and Warminster; unfortunately, despite having the majority of the possession against Redmaids, the opposition ran out 1-0 winners in the Semi-Final, ending our day short of the final. All the girls can be very proud of how they performed throughout the day. **Mimi Green** summarised the day brilliantly, which helped lift the spirits of the deflated Team. Excellent performances against Dean Close 2nd XI and a gripping 3-3 draw set up the end the season brilliantly, but sadly

the weather had different ideas. A cold snap left pitches frozen, and fixtures vs Cheltenham Colleges and Kings Gloucester were cancelled, ending the season abruptly. It was real shame, as the larger cohort of Year 13 didn't quite get the send-off they deserved. A special mention must go to those Year 13's, **Mimi Green, Daisy Cole, Daisy Hartson, Olivia Lundie, Connie Palmer, Iona Campbell, Orla Wright,** and **Rosanna Palk**, (a lot of whom have been at the Prep School since day one), have had brilliant role models and great ambassadors for girls' sport at Wycliffe.

2nd Team

The 2nd XI started the season with many new and young faces being added to the squad. Despite being humbled at the beginning of the season with a 5-1 loss, the girls grew week on week and started to create a style of play they liked and enjoyed. The high work rate and counterattacking style the 2nd XI employed paid off, with wins and clean

sheets becoming a regular occurrence. Senior players began to nurture the juniors and led by example in each game leading to a brilliant Team ethos all year. Well done to departing pupils for their hard work and positivity this year, and good luck to those pupils staying for another successful year of Hockey.

3rd Team

Having the numbers to warrant a third Team is an excellent testament to the coaching received at the School and the desire for Senior Girls to keep playing Hockey after it becomes non-compulsory. After a late scramble for fixtures, the third Team had a good list of home and away sides to play. **Stella's** performances came against St Marys Calne, Bredon, and Monkton Combe saw the girls win more than they lost and even challenged a couple of second Teams, running them close, narrowly losing out on a few occasions. **Immy Wright** and **Poppy Beaumont** provided the attacking threat through the middle

of the pitch, whilst **Elouise Bartram** and **Ruby Clutterbuck** were responsible for keeping the goals against numbers low. **Tilly Coles** finished top scorer; she provided endless running and calm finishing throughout the season, ably supported by **Ella Fraser**. A brilliant Team to coach, they never missed a training session and played every game with huge smiles on their faces.

U15A Hockey

When focused, the squad showed potential and coachability; however, the frustration of getting them to work on fundamentals and improve their individual skill set during training was a season challenge. Their match day endeavours were much the opposite, where they showed their spirit and resilience against often stronger opposition and kept going until the final whistle. **Lexi Bartlett** was instrumental in a goal often, keeping the scorelines down and the Team in the game. Anna Leonard showed her improvement from last season by stepping up and leading the defence and midfield. **Rebecca McCoubrie** worked tirelessly to create attacking opportunities for the squad.

However, it was the finishing which of 10 fell short, and the scorelines slipped away. The season highlights against Monkton Combe 3rd XI gave them a boost needed just before the half-term break; they found form against RGS Worcester to win 5-1, and the season finale draw against CLC ended the season on a high.

U14A Hockey

The U14A's had a mixed season of Hockey; learning to play 11 a-side and building a new Team had its highs and lows. An early win (3-1) in the season against Dean Close 'B' Team was a great way to build confidence. In this end-to-end game of Hockey, Wycliffe learned a lot about attacking and defending but utilised their scoring opportunities well. After a couple of large defeats against Hereford Cathedral and Wells Cathedral, the Team had to regroup. They showed real fighting spirit and had a great win against Kings School Worcester, coming from behind to win 2-1. Starting to understand Teamwork and positioning, the U14A Team finished the season on a high, playing the ball out nicely from the back. They

beat Cheltenham College C Team 5-1. Overall they have shown good commitment to training and willingness to learn, which has paid off in their fixture, becoming stronger and more tactically aware each game. The efforts and development of these players will continue next year. Well done.

Junior Development Hockey (U14/15)

It was great to see how players with limited Hockey experience could develop over the season when they worked hard at training; our progress was shown when we drew against Cheltenham Ladies' College in our penultimate fixture of the term. Notable improvement was made by **Aitana** and **Fran**, who progressed on to training with and benching for the first Team Year 9 Team. The highlight of the term, however, was seeing the girls grow as a Team and work harder during the latter stages of the term; the Team environment grew and became a much more positive one, with the girls supporting each other and providing encouragement when we were down.





NETBALL

The Netball term was busy this year, with Wycliffe fielding five senior squads for the first time and seven across the junior age range.

That was a lot of training, matches and organising, demonstrating the sport's growth in the School. Seeing so many girls involved in competitive fixtures across the School and year groups was amazing. Bring on next year.

1st VII

The senior 1st VII netball season started early in October and with a bang, a Sister's in Sport 1st round cup tie against Bromsgrove, who knocked us out in the 4th Round last year. It was a respectable loss to a large and reputable

Netball School and set hopes high for a strong Netball term in the new year. Captain **Daisy Hartson** led the Team through what turned out to be an up-and-down season. 1st Team player of the season, **Ateca Smith**, demonstrated why she has a Severn Stars U17 place, and several girls stepped up, out of position, in fixtures to cover injuries and other setbacks. Training hard, the girls deserved more success than the final stats show, with two very narrow 1-goal losses against Cheltenham College and BGS being highlights of the season.

Confident wins mid-season against Malvern and Llandaff helped rebuild some momentum however, the Night Lights fixture with CLC, although a cracker of a game, once again ended up with us being on just the wrong side of the scoreboard. Not always the results we wanted, but a season of building nonetheless and with some youngsters in the squad, we look forward to next year and continuing the journey.

2nd VII

The Senior 2nds were our standout squad for the netball term. Unbeaten, except for a quick run out against CLC 1st Team in a short friendly at the start of the season, they proved that we have built depth within the School. Consistency to post, **Emilie Day** shooting at over 80% for the season, and a consistent whole-court defence made the Team exciting to work with! The defensive unit worked tirelessly to the turnover ball to allow the midcourt to transition at pace through the court



for the attack to convert shooting opportunities was how they created a successful Team. Taking ten wins against lots of our local rivals (Dean Close, CLC, Cheltenham College etc.) was an outstanding achievement of which the girls should be proud.

3rd VII

Where to start with this Team? So much potential was shown during trials that, as their coach, I could not wait to get started. Splitting attack and defence for most training sessions and bringing them all together at the end of the session helped players' individual development as well as Team development. With six wins and four losses, we weren't without our challenges as a squad, as tough CLC, Cheltenham College, BGS, and Dean Close Teams tested us and gave us lots to work on. Big wins against QEH, Kings Gloucester, Malvern St James and Llandaff showed what the Team could do when they executed their simple netball well and worked together in units. Unfortunately, our final game of the season against Collegiate was rained off after the first quarter with the score at (7-1) to Wycliffe, however, we would have seen another large scoreline to finish the season. The huge improvement this squad made

due to their commitment to training was shown when we got our win in the return fixture against Cheltenham Ladies College (16-12), who, back in January, beat us by double our score. As their coach, I am proud of the progress these girls made throughout the season and would love to see them all continue playing netball in the future.

Special mention goes to my two Coaches Players of the Half Term, with **Aoife Wright** winning in the first half term due to her outstanding defensive performances and commitment to learning new skills and **Mia Baker** winning in the second half term due to her impressive ability to adapt from defence to attack and when on the court her ability to adapt in real time to the different styles of play.

4th VII

This year, the 4th Team had a mixed season. They started the season with a close game against CLC, falling behind for the first three quarters however managed to show some grit and determination and win the game (14-13). This performance was followed up by a convincing win against QEH. The girls faced a run of tough matches for a few weeks; however, for the season's final two games, they won against

both CLC and Dean Close. With so many girls opting to play netball, we had an incredibly competitive and talented group of girls, meaning we had a big squad. Our defence was strong, constantly making it hard for the opposition to get into the circle. Our mid-court was energetic, sometimes losing control at times; however, when they got the right balance of control and energy, they were fantastic. The shooters were consistently accurate, building good consistent working relationships with each other to enable the ball to get into the best places under the post. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach a delightful group of girls, and I wish them all the best for the future.

5th VII

This year is the first time we have had 5th Team fixtures. They played three fixtures, winning a match (10-9) against Malvern St James and narrowly losing the other two matches. The girls played every match with determination and enjoyment. We girls represented Wycliffe, which had never played netball before, which was great to see.

U15A VII

The U15A Squad, which incorporated two U14s this season, made an

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impressive step up as their season progressed and played some exciting match play. They showed great determination and worked hard, and although they lost three matches, they produced six great wins. Their through-court game saw them using good strategies for the forward, back and lateral options, which enabled them to consistently take care of the ball to the goal. Showing great game sense, the attacking units worked hard with their shooters, whose movements to set up a triangular and front ball option proved invaluable. Defensively Wycliffe confused and dictated the space well, learning to implement the use of angles to enable them to take interceptions in and out of the circle. They were

enthusiastic at training and worked hard to implement the many new strategies they were taught. They were a great squad who were resilient and exciting to coach.

U15B VII

The season for the U15B girls started looking bleak with a 20-0 loss to Cheltenham Ladies College. However, after that first game, the girls worked particularly well in training and really began to gel into a cohesive Team. This was evident in the second match against Hereford Cathedral School, where they were able to close the gap to just a 6-goal loss (21-15). They went from strength to strength, winning the next three matches, most notably

against Collegiate (23-4) and Malvern St James (17-3). During their training sessions, the girls worked hard with different Teams to learn new tactics and gameplay to really push themselves to improve. With our Captain, **Sienna Keen**, being borrowed by another Team, **Amelia Portlock** stepped up to the plate to lead the girls in their three remaining games of the season. Unfortunately, there was a small step back against Bristol Grammar School, losing (8-33) and Cheltenham College (5-15), but the resilience of the Team was outstanding, and they ended the season on a high with an impressive (25-15) win over Dean Close.

U15C VII

Having just returned from maternity leave, I had the pleasure of coaching this wonderful group of players. They were always so full of enthusiasm and applied themselves well in training wanting to improve and learn new set play pieces to help themselves in fixtures. The results reflect some one-sided games, but the through-court play was fairly even throughout the season. We just made a lot more unforced errors and didn't capitalise when we made the turnovers. A determined group of lovely netball players who will continue to play netball next season.



UI4A VII

The U14A's had a hard season playing against some tough competition. The Team worked hard in training and developed skills and tactics throughout the term, which could be seen in matches as they worked tirelessly to put these into action. Wins over Brendon School (13-1) and Malvern St James (27-3) gave the players confidence moving forward and helped build partnerships in both the attack and defence. A few fighting comebacks gave the Team some close results, but they always left it a little late, so they found themselves on the wrong side of the scoreboard. **Josie Drury** and **Melody Benn** were players of the season and were great role models to the squad.

UI4B VII

The U14 B's had a difficult season. They faced some tough competition

and struggled to find a win. That being said, they did not lack resilience; every week, they would train, play, and try to develop the skills they had learned in a game situation. Towards the end of the season (although the score line did not reflect), the Team started to show an understanding of how to work as a team to take the ball through the court from the defence up to the attack. Difficulties came when feeding the shooting circle; therefore, a limited chance to score goals resulted in defeats. The closest game of the season came against Malvern St James, narrowly losing 8-10. The Team showed real spirit in this game and defended the ball well with the 3ft mark. In attack, they found their Teammates and worked the ball into the shooting circle, giving them more opportunities to score. It was a close game, and it was unfortunate that the result did not go their way. With a little more

effort at training, the Team will soon see developments of their key skills and techniques, which will transfer into their gameplay. With this should come some more success. Well tried on a difficult season.

UI4C VII

Many first-time netball players in this Team show the depth and development within our netball programme. This Team, therefore, started the season a little on the back foot, but once they learnt to mark in front of their players and make the simple pass to their Teammate, they began to apply pressure to the opposition. This led to making some lovely intercepts through the court, giving themselves lots more shooting opportunities. Although they did not win a game this season, the improvement was huge, and some close competitive games saw the girls grow in confidence and ready for next year.





ROWING

The summer term has been incredibly busy for Wycliffe Rowing, with an event almost every weekend from the end of May to the start of July!

Some 'big ones' to mention in that time frame were the National Schools Regatta, where Wycliffe returned home with three gold medals and one bronze and Henley Women's Regatta, where the girls made three finals and won the Junior Women's Quad event.

The biggest of all perhaps came in the last week of June, at the Henley Royal Regatta, an event that attracts crews from around the world to compete on the 2,112m stretch of the Thames from Temple Island down towards Henley Bridge. This year we had two girls' quads entered into the qualifying event, and one that had prequalified based on previous results from the year. Qualifiers took place in Henley on the Friday before the Regatta, and both Wycliffe crews put in good performances leading to Wycliffe 'B' and 'C' qualifying for the Regatta.

Once the draw had taken place, Wycliffe almost repeated last year's races, with Wycliffe 'C' drawing Hartpury College in the first round and Wycliffe 'B' coming up against Kingston Grammar School. Unfortunately,

like last year, Wycliffe 'C' lost out to Hartpury after a close battle under a strong headwind. Wycliffe 'B', however, were victorious over Kingston Grammar and secured themselves a place in the next round, where they would meet Marlow Rowing Club. Marlow was the second 'selected' crew of the Regatta, so Wycliffe 'B' knew they had a tough fight on their hands but didn't shy away from the battle and knocked Marlow out of the competition by 2/3 of a length. Wycliffe 'B' then met Shiplake College on Quarter Finals Day and were sadly knocked out of the Regatta after a tough race in rough conditions.

Wycliffe 'A' had a bye in the first round, so they began their Regatta on Thursday against Sir William Borlase's Grammar School; after a great row, the 'A' Quad had moved onto quarter-finals day, where they faced Sydney Rowing Club, AUS. Although much was unknown about the Sydney crew Wycliffe 'A' were unphased and managed to win the quarter-final by two lengths, moving them on to race Henley Rowing Club in the semi-

finals. With the confidence of two wins behind them, Wycliffe 'A' gave a brilliant performance in the semi-finals and was victorious over Henley RC by 1 ½ lengths. The weather conditions and finals day were going to be tough with a strong crosswind, and after a hard-fought race, Wycliffe 'A' finished Henley Royal Regatta as runners-up. A massive achievement from everyone involved!





RUGBY

1st XV

On the surface, based on results alone, a casual observer might think that this was a disappointing season for the 1st XV. Undoubtedly some games could, and perhaps should, have 'gone the other way', but there were several positives to take from their performances. This was a group of players who got better as the term went on, who continued to work hard and who refused to give in when faced with larger, more talented and/or better-resourced Teams. The context is all-important here; the Wycliffe 1st XV were relatively young (with a small minority of Year 13s and a considerable number of Year 11s), were dealt a significant number of injuries and had only one home game all season.

Highlights were undoubtedly the victory in the Plate Final at the Merchiston Festival and the nail-

biting win away to Prior Park. Captain **Naquan Smith** espoused 'leading from the front', never asking his Teammates to do something that he himself needed to prepare to do. His inspirational performances, combined with the expert guidance of **Mr Trinder** and **Mr Taylor**, helped this squad to be far better than the sum of its parts. **Mr Mills** was also prominent, able to carry packed lunches and always on hand to ensure food waste was kept to an absolute minimum.

School sport, perhaps rugby especially, is about more than the final result; it is about camaraderie, shared experience and the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships. We thank all the leavers for their efforts. Whilst the weather totes their final chance to run out in the proud purple of Wycliffe, they depart with their heads held high. Those of us left behind can look ahead to next season with a lot of positivity, with

many capable players experienced at the 1st XV level.

2nd XV Rugby

This was a challenging year for the U16/2nd XV as so many of last year's U15 Team were promoted to the 1st XV, so it was very much rebuilding of a Team. But the boys were enthusiastic and determined to put everything into their rugby. A tough first fixture against Kings Gloucester showed what would be required over the season as, despite some dogged defence, we could not keep the ball and finished with a 5-35 loss. After some hard work mid-week, a much better performance against Monkton Combe saw us lose 7-14 after losing two players to the 1st XV during the game.

We then faced our toughest game of the season against a very good Kingswood side, and with depleted numbers and then picking up a couple

of injuries during the game, we were well beaten 0–29. In a triangular match against Dauntsey's and Monkton Combe, we struggled against a strong Dauntsey's Team, losing 0–29, but we put in a good performance against Monkton Combe but just lost 0–7.

The latter part of the season saw players returning from injury and some much-improved performances. Away against Prior Park gave us our first win of the season 5 – 38, with **Soren** scoring a hat-trick of tries and some excellent defence from **Charlie, Rohan** and **Sasha** and some strong running from **Jake, Emmanuel** and **Jack**. We went into the Downside game on a high and produced another good performance winning 24 – 5 with some excellent defence proving the difference between the two Teams as they only crossed our line in the final play of the match after we scored tries through **Adam, Rohan** and **Joe**. The season's final match was against Llandaff, who were a little too strong for us, and despite some hard work, we lost 0 – 17. The boys worked hard throughout a tricky term, and some players had to make the step up from playing the 'B' Team the previous year and did so very well.

U15A Rugby

The biggest challenge this term for the squad was 'Were we going to come together as a Team?'. An enthusiastic group were capable of ability. **Daniel Robertson, Will Welby, Oliver Thomas, Xander Gray, Kene Okafor** and **Felix Thomson** were all part of the Gloucester Development Player Programme, adding strength to the side. New joiners and squad regulars gave us a well-balanced Team who enjoyed training and matches. On the pitch, results were close, usually within a score. At times the Team produced some outstanding rugby and great individual performances. We were still searching for that complete Team performance as the term progressed. The triangular against Monkton Combe and Dauntsey's was probably when the Team produced some of its best rugby, While the close defeat to Prior Park showed the Team's defensive capabilities and determination. This group of players have tremendous potential and a love of the game. With consistent effort and training, they will keep improving, and results will slowly follow. Players from the U15B squad also need to look to challenge for a place in the 'A' Team to add greater strength in

depth. Well done to all involved.

U14A Rugby

The U14As had a hard season playing against some tough competition. The Team worked hard in training and developed skills and tactics throughout the season. This could be seen in matches as they worked tirelessly to put these into action. We had wins over Brendon School and Malvern St James, a couple of draws, and some losses. Josie and Melody were players of the season and were great role models.





RUGBY SEVENS

U18 7's

The U18s had a tough draw in the Gloucestershire Sevens Tournament, losing all their matches, but were improving as a Team every game. In the 'Wycliffe Invitational tournament', the Team had some standout performances, playing expansive rugby in the heavy rain. Unfortunately, despite the valiant Team effort, the boys couldn't get the results they needed. Roslyn Park was the highlight of the term, even though one of the group games was cancelled due to a School pulling out last minute. The boys played some great rugby in spells and almost pulled off a great comeback in their second fixture.

Freddie Searle and **Ollie Gabb** were the standout players on the day.

U16 7's

The U16s were a very talented Team;

some very strong performances showed how dangerous they could be, always showcasing an attacking mindset... but they couldn't quite turn possession into points. Unfortunately, the Gloucestershire U16 7's tournament was cancelled, but when they got to Roslyn Park, they were one of the most exciting Teams to watch. **Toby Grant**, **Conal Navruz**, and **Sam Gregory** looked very dangerous every time they were on the ball. **Zach Rowles** and **Georges Cooper** show how physical they can be. The boys were one win away from advancing to the next stage but lost out narrowly in their final game.

U14 7's

The U14s at Rosslyn Park found themselves in a tough group. Throughout the day, they improved their style of play and finished playing

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some great rugby. Although not winning any games, this was a steep learning curve for the squad, who will improve from the experience.

SHOOTING

Our Senior Team placed 2nd in the regional Team event at Lewiston School in November.

The Team consisted of **Candice Cheung**, **Anakin Lam** and **Jason Mok**. Our trio of pistol shooters then travelled to Staffordshire for the national finals in February.

A field of seven Teams took to the firing point for the senior event. Each athlete took twenty shots, with their Team total being scored out of 600. Both Jason and Candice shot personal bests of 161 from a

possible 200, with Anakin shooting 149. Their total of 471 was just 3 points away from bronze and seven away from silver. This was a fantastic effort in a very close event.

SQUASH

The National Schools event ran throughout the first two terms, with our four 1st teams progressing to the finals in Edgbaston in March. Our U14 2nd team also progressed through to the finals day in the plate competition.

In the U19 age group, both teams lost in the quarter-finals. The boys (**Nero Harms, Luke Saunders, Alexander Beloborodov, Sacha Cooper, Harry**) lost to Millfield 3/2; it went down to the wire and was a very exciting match. The girls (**Violet Sum, Daisy Hartson, Lily Coutlon, Grace Gosling, Sarah Zhou**) lost to Dame Allan's.

The U16 team did progress through to the semi-finals, where they lost out to a powerful Epsom side; lots of good things to come from this group in the future, as it was a very young side.

It was the U14 teams who performed most impressively on the day. The 'B' team did well to win the plate event, beating opponents they had lost to previously in the season. The A team came through a tough encounter in the semi-final, with the match going

down to the final game. It was much the same in the final against Millfield, where **Oliver Jewkes** hit the winning shots to capture the title. These results showed the development work and togetherness of our Prep and Senior Schools.

Internationally, Nero and Harry travelled to the US Junior Open in December, and Violet and Alex joined them for the British Junior Open. Great to see these players competing with the best in the world. Congratulations to Nero, who has been selected to represent Switzerland at the European and World championships this year.

Nationally it has been a full calendar, with Violet finishing runner-up at the Brighton and Ipswich Opens. Harry Bloomfield, coming back from injuries,

had a very impressive season reaching number 5 in England at U17 level.

Seamus Parker, Oliver Jewkes and Will Franklin were all selected to represent the South West at the regional championships.

As a squad, we travelled to Hamburg for the German Junior Open; it was an outstanding event with some very rewarding performances and results. None more so than Oliver, who was upset in his first match on the central all-glass court; this set the tone for the whole squad over the weekend.

Good luck to Daisy, Luke and Nero as their adventures continue beyond Wycliffe. With the squad growing in size next year, they can be sure to leave it in safe hands. It will be exhilarating to see what the squad can achieve next year.



TENNIS

Years 9 and 10 Boys Division 2 - Group B

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Farmor's School | - | 0-12 Lost | - | 2-10 Lost |
| Wycliffe College | 12-0 Won | - | 8-4 Won | 4-8 Lost |
| Westonbirt School | - | 4-8 Lost | - | 2-10 Lost |
| Sir Thomas Rich's | 10-2 Won | 8-4 Won | 10-2 Won | - |

Standings of Years 9 and 10 Boys - Group B

| | Points | Played | Rubbers | Sets | Sets % | Games | Games % |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|------|--------|-------|---------|
| Sir Thomas Rich's | 6 | 3 | 28-8 | 0-0 | 0.0% | 0-0 | 0.0% |
| Wycliffe College | 4 | 3 | 24-12 | 0-0 | 0.0% | 0-0 | 0.0% |
| Westonbirt School | 0 | 2 | 6-18 | 0-0 | 0.0% | 0-0 | 0.0% |
| Farmor's School | 0 | 2 | 2-22 | 0-0 | 0.0% | 0-0 | 0.0% |

Junior Boys Tennis

The squad has grown this year, with many more players catching the Tennis bug from playing short red Tennis in the Winter and Spring terms. They then transitioned to the full game and had a good season. In the LTA competition, Wycliffe were runners up in our group for the second year in a row. The squad has played all of their competitive fixtures for the season (won 3 / lost 2) and will play House doubles and singles over the last two weeks of the term. A select few have also performed very well in the senior 2nd Team and obtained great experience for senior Tennis next year.

Senior Boys Tennis

The Senior Tennis Team went to a shoot-out tiebreak in our round one LTA Glanville Cup match versus Sherbourne School. We took an early lead, but Sherborne fought back to win the tiebreak and move on to the next Round. The highlight of the friendly fixtures was our newly arranged mixed Tennis versus St Mary's Calne Girls School. The boys were partnered with a girl and played two sets with them. In the final set, they played boys versus

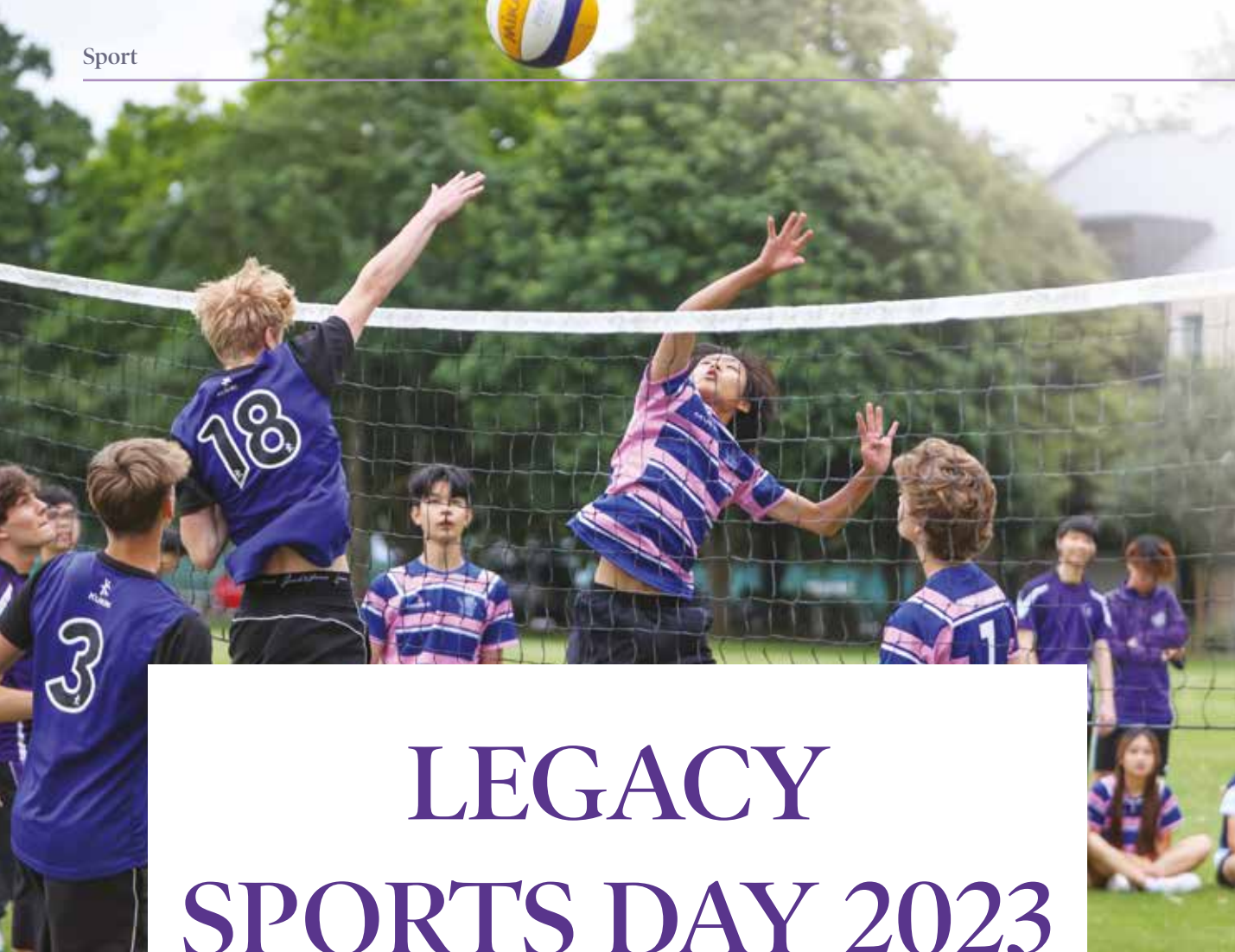


girls, which added to the competitive atmosphere of the day. Well done to everyone who has represented the School for Tennis, and a great season all round.

Girls Tennis

With the rise of Girl's Cricket, Tennis has taken a back seat in the past couple of years. Being played by our Senior pupils only and with it being the main exam term, our fixture card was considerably lighter than in other terms. However, this did not stop our dedicated Tennis players and some new Tennis players from attending training sessions, training well and representing us in our one playable fixture this term.

We met Haberdashers Monmouth Girls School in a home game before half term, and it saw four pairs take on that challenge despite some fantastic, competitive Tennis playing with some seriously close games. Haberdashers took the win in what was a lovely afternoon of Tennis. Captained by **Olivia Lundie** this term, she led the way with her partner **Daisy Hartsen** showing dominance and skill on the court. There were also some mixed Tennis matches played with the boys, and these were competitive, fun, and skilful, showcasing the talent of both the boys and the girl's adaptability to playing with different partners and against different opposition.



LEGACY SPORTS DAY 2023

It was another great Legacy and Sports Day this year, with all Houses dressed up in their House colours, including face paint and glitter!

The morning was our Legacy Sports Day, where the pupils took part in a range of sports that they might not usually get to play as much, and whilst the focus on the morning events is fun, there were certainly some competitive matches going on. Volleyball was once again a highlight, and this year there was some real skill on show. The boys' rounders event was as passionate as ever, and the girls' Football was

competitive, which bodes well as we look to continue this as an activity with a view to growing the sport in September. Other highlights included Lampeter's brilliant performance in the Senior Girls Rugby, Fencing and the shooting was a big hit as it is often not a sport many pupils will try. In the afternoon, the whole School went to the Berryfield, ready for the highly competitive Athletics part of Sports

Day. There were brilliant performances, with pupils breaking School records and the most valuable performances from those perhaps not the best at an event but giving it their all for the Team to earn valuable points. The weather was perfect for some fast track performances as it wasn't the burning sun we have recently seen but the cool breeze and slightly overcast.

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| Individual Awards (top points scored) | Victor and Victrix Ludorum |
| Junior Girls | Melody Benn (Lampeter) |
| Junior Boys | Xander Gray (Robinson) and Oli Fisher (Collingwood) |
| Senior Girls | Ana Derbaix Esteve (Loosley) and Lottie William (Lampeter) |
| Senior Boys | Freddie Searle (Ward's) |





SPORT AWARD DINNERS

The Junior and Senior Sports Dinners were held back-to-back on the 23rd and 24th of June and were a chance to celebrate the successes of a year of sport.

The pupils dressed to impress and looked the part as they arrived for their welcome drinks before finding their seats. The evening started with a few words from **Mr Taylor** highlighting some achievements over the year both in School sports and the external sporting success of our pupils. **Miss Hulburd** had put a brilliant video presentation together with photos from all sporting events throughout the year, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils. Following the awards were the presentations where each sport was recognised individually, and

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pupils were awarded for their efforts. This year there was a special award to commemorate the first-ever Wycliffe College Girls 1st Team Cricket and the first Captain in **Orla Wright**. The main

awards of the evening were the Most Improved Sports Man and Woman, Sports Man and Woman and Elite Sports Man and Woman of the Year.



NEW MEMBERS OF THE WYCLIFFIAN SOCIETY

| Year 8 Leavers |
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| Evie Coulton |
| Alfie Cook |
| Olivia Deshais |
| Lucas Diaz Cuadrado |
| Manuela Garcia Galan |
| Ava Hayes |
| Beth McKay |
| Felix Robertson |
| Edward Spurr |
| Kevin Xiao |

| Year 9 Leavers |
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| Telmo Baranda Foral |
| Bruno Bosch Navarro |
| Mateo Ecija Alonso |
| Alfonso Hernández-Maureta Crespo |
| Daria Kruglova |
| Max Meenan |
| Francesca Phillips |
| Lilian Puxley |
| Aitana San Emeterio Palacios |
| Laia Sanchez |

| Year 10 Leavers |
|-------------------------|
| Alvaro Aragones |
| Sheyda-Lee Fogarty |
| Evelyn Henry |
| Maria Martinez Serrano |
| Cristina Montes Gomez |
| Nicolas Perez Tabarnero |

| Year 10 Leavers continued |
|---------------------------|
| Amelia Portlock |
| Martin Rabanillo Barber |
| Daniel Robertson |
| Hoi Yin Wong |

| Year 11 Leavers |
|---------------------------|
| Alice Adams |
| Scarlett Armitage |
| Inigo Betolaza Larrea |
| Amy Bond |
| Charlotte Bond |
| Nadine Bowerman |
| Yixin Cheng |
| Kenyon Chow |
| Lok Ching Chow |
| Ruby Clutterbuck |
| Georges Cooper |
| Elio Luca Cuccolini Salas |
| Ana Derbaix Esteve |
| Theo Dunn |
| Margot Elliott |
| Sebastian Forrest |
| Alvaro Gamba Antuna |
| Antonio Gamba Antuna |
| Harry Gledhill |
| Oliver Gledhill |
| Alissa Goring |
| Sam Gregory |
| Sebastian Guest |
| Oliver Hobbs |

| Year 11 Leavers continued |
|----------------------------|
| Cornelius Kirschnek |
| Naiara Lasa Martin-Almagro |
| Olivia Larkman |
| Olivia Leeds |
| Rohan Macdonald |
| Alexander Maida-Doyle |
| Sophie McKerrow |
| Emilia Middleton |
| Thomas Moreton |
| Aleksandr Nosov |
| Bertie Rowland |
| Hei Wun Tai |
| Toby Thompson |
| Max Wandel |
| Lotti Williams |

| Year 11 Leavers continued |
|---------------------------|
| Ho Chit Justin Wong |
| Holly Wright |
| Kanami Yanagi |

| Year 12 Leavers |
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| Amelia Atherton |
| Sergei Chernyshov |
| Dafne Soleil Diez-Prida |
| Tin San Lau |
| Yat Long Li |
| Ruiyang Nie |
| Anna Schulze Zumkley |
| Jemima Symons |
| Lawrence Young |
| Ming Fai Yuen |

“ ... pupils demonstrate excellent self-knowledge, self-discipline, self-esteem and resilience ... ”

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YEAR 13 DESTINATIONS

| Year 13 Leavers | Destination | Subject |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Louis Acocks | Cardiff Metropolitan University | Product Design |
| Alexander Allman | University of Sheffield | Economics |
| Olivia Armstrong | Bristol, University of the West of England | Psychology |
| Naomi Arthurton | Bristol, University of the West of England | Psychology |
| Tobias Bailey | Bristol, University of the West of England | Business Management and Economics |
| Mia Baker | University of Reading | Business and Management |
| Isabella Best | Bristol, University of the West of England | Environmental Management |
| Kathryn Burton | Durham University | Sport and Exercise Sciences |
| Iona Campbell | University of Reading | Psychology with Foundation |
| James Candy | Northumbria University, Newcastle | Computer Science |
| Rene Chen | Art Foundation | - |
| Wan Ying Cheung | Lancaster University | Biochemistry |
| Ethan Chivers | Degree Apprenticeship – Accountancy | - |
| Daisy Cole | Bristol, University of the West of England | Psychology |
| James Cox | Bangor University | Marine Biology |
| Tiana Daniels | University of the Arts London | Fashion Photography |
| Samuel Davenport | University of Exeter | Exercise and Sport Sciences |
| Luke Davison | TBC | - |
| Hannah Denning | University of Bath | Social Policy with Professional Placement |
| Ruby Dixon | Nottingham Trent University | Business |
| Rachel Egan | Harvard University | - |
| Oisin Erry | Apprenticeship | - |
| Aidan Fitzpatrick | Gloucester College | Level 3 BTEC in Game Design |
| Charles Floyd | University of Kent | Business and Management |
| Ella Fullman | University of Bath | Civil Engineering |
| Oliver Gabb | TBC | - |
| Daniel German | University of Portsmouth | Engineering and Technology with Foundation Year |
| Emily (Mimi) Green | University of Exeter | Liberal Arts with Study Abroad |
| Nero Harms | University of Birmingham | Chemistry with a Modern Language |
| Daisy Hartson | University of Birmingham | Psychology |
| Jakob Heberger | German University | - |
| Yasmin Howe | University of Texas at Austin | - |
| Henrietta Hunt | University of Reading | Business and Management with Placement Year |
| Emilin Isgin Navarro | Heriot-Watt University | Chemical Engineering |
| Sophie Izon | University of Surrey | Veterinary Medicine and Science |
| Ka Hei Lam | Manchester Metropolitan University | Economics |
| Kin Wang Jaden Lau | London South Bank University | Advanced Baking Pastry and Technology |

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| Flora Lauchlan | Bristol, University of the West of England | Filmmaking |
| Leqi Li | University of Manchester | Mental Health Nursing |
| Xuening Li | University of the Arts London | Games Design |
| Yi Liu | University of Surrey | Physics with Astronomy with Foundation Year |
| Catherine Lomer | University of Reading | Accounting and Management with Foundation |
| Olivia Lundie | Gap Year | - |
| Zhakangir Mamayev | University of Boston | Computer Engineering |
| Murdoch Matthews | University of Birmingham | Psychology |
| Lucy McKerrow | University of Birmingham | Biomedical Science |
| Oliver Moores | New Model Institute for Technology and Engineering | Integrated Engineering (BEng) |
| Nkiruka Ndubuisi | University of Birmingham | Law |
| Trinity Nobes | University of Worcester | Law with Forensic Psychology |
| John Nowak | Working in Germany | - |
| Oluwadahunsi Oduwole | Lancaster University | Business Management (Entrepreneurship) (Study Abroad) |
| Naomi Opaleye | University of Nicosia | Medicine |
| Morgan Owen | University of Sussex | Drama and Film Studies |
| Aiwansosa Ozakpolor | University of Reading | Art and Psychology |
| Rosanna Palk | University of Warwick | History and Philosophy |
| Constance Palmer | Cardiff University | Physical Geography |
| Thomas Ponting | Oxford Brookes University | Sport, Coaching and Physical Education |
| Sohil Rai | University of East Anglia | Biological Sciences |
| Millie Ranyard | University of Plymouth | Events Management |
| Charles Robbins | Aberystwyth University | Economics |
| Charlotte Robbins | University of Reading | Business and Management |
| Zainab Sambo | University of Liverpool | Architectural Engineering |
| Augusta Sathasivam | University of Gloucestershire | Games Art |
| Sasha Sathasivam | University of Gloucestershire | Games Art |
| Luke Saunders | Bristol, University of the West of England | Automotive Engineering |
| Frederick Searle | Apprenticeship | - |
| Elisabeth Sekinger | Oxford Brookes University | Nutrition |
| Oliver Shute | Royal Agricultural University | Rural Land Management with Placement Year |
| Naquan Smith | Hartpury University | Sports Business Management |
| Montgomery Stokes | Gap Year | - |
| Tin Ching Ryan Tang | Bristol, University of the West of England | Biomedical Science |
| Jack Tawls | South Gloucestershire and Stroud College | HND in Business Studies |
| Imogen Telford | University of Reading | Real Estate |
| Edward Thompson | TBC | - |
| Jason Umahi | University of East Anglia | Computing Science |
| Hei Ting Wan | University of Plymouth | Film Making |
| Yingrong Wang | University College Birmingham | Business Management |
| Leon Webb | Nottingham Trent University | Business Management and Entrepreneurship |
| Pak Man Wong | Bristol, University of the West of England | Law |
| Orla Wright | University of Manchester | Medicine |
| Evie Wright | Gap Year | - |
| Shuyue Zhou | The University of Edinburgh | History and Politics |

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