



# The Wycliffe Times



Andrew Stone, Deputy Head Academic with some of his tutees

## Pioneering new academic initiatives in Prep



by Helena Grant

This time last year, I wrote about the wonder of being the new Prep School Head

and likened it to being inside a snow globe with flurries of snow, glitter and magic.

In December 2021, twelve months later, it still feels like that – I am passionate about this school and the people who make up the community around it – pupils, staff, parents and this really shone through when in October I caught up with many old friends whom I had not seen since taking up Headship of our school. I truly believe that what we have here is special. In this edition of the Wycliffe Times, you will read **Mr Stone's** article giving some more detail of his background and what he sees as he moves forward with our curriculum and all things teaching and learning at the Prep. His first day at Wycliffe was the teacher inset

training day where we started to look at some key words in our Wycliffe Vision statement 'Pioneering Spirit' and 'Global Citizenship'.

The concept of Pioneering Spirit is one which makes me feel excited – on so many levels it encompasses all that education is about – challenging yourself, working collaboratively, getting through really tough times and sometimes falling over, dusting yourself off and carrying on. We are beginning to share the phrase 'Pioneering Spirit' more and more with our pupils and encouraging them to think about how this applies to them and their learning. In Year 7 **Mr Irwin** has just completed some project-based learning with each class looking at Pioneers and the history of our 'Wycliffe' name – all of which was then shared in assembly.

As the year unfolds new initiatives are starting to roll out – more extra-curricular options, Saturday School beginning to take a new shape, Round Square collaborations underway with schools in India and around the globe, Kirby

Challenge has been re-designed to ensure that it provides the best experience and opportunity for our Year 8 pupils to show independence and true 'giving back', we are reaching out for new local community links, Kindness Ambassadors provide leadership opportunities from Year 3 and the Read Write Inc., introduction in Pre-Prep will fundamentally change how we teach phonics and reading from the earliest age along with independent challenge opportunities on a weekly basis. We are excited about our new

formed relationship with our school charity for the year, 'Cyclists Fighting Cancer', in which we are looking to develop a 'cycle' of activities that provide opportunity for our pupils, whilst supporting others in the wider community.

Not sure about a snow globe this year... more like a fun fair of roller coasters, merry go rounds and the helter-skelter thrown in. Wycliffe Prep, in the words of The Good Schools Guide, is living up to the statement: 'a small school with big ideas'!

### Saturday Morning School

Saturday Morning School for Years 6, 7 and 8 has evolved from being standalone learning opportunities to structured thematic sessions designed to enrich our curriculum.

Due to the flexibility the sessions have, we can use the time to develop some of the critical skills our pupils will need in later life – how to debate and discuss, research, work together as teams to problem solve and to examine some of life's great questions 'If a good person does something bad, does that make them a

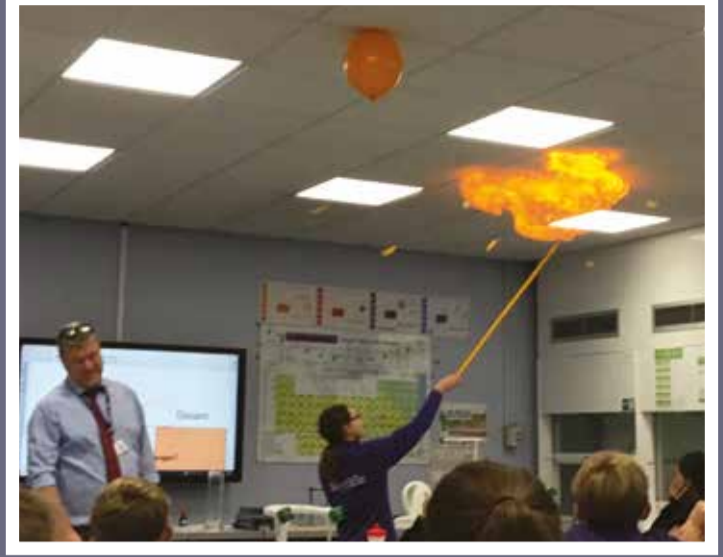
bad person? As the Wycliffe Times goes to print, we are finalising the Saturday School programme for the next two terms and shall be sharing with our Year 6 - 8 parents imminently. What is so exciting is the inclusion of Kirby Challenge opportunities for the Year 8s to ensure they gain the most out of the process, the addition of showcase events to invite parents to, two Round Square initiatives which will include collaborations from around the world and even a Festival of Learning!



## It's all familiar and fun

During Academic Activity Morning in October, Year 8s undertook stimulating activities in Chemistry, Art, Music, Biology, Debating and Physics at the

Senior School. It was chance for them to see how the Senior School works, get even more familiar with some Senior School teachers as well as dissecting owl pellets!



# A view from the Engine Room



by Andrew Stone

### Q Tell us about your role within the Prep School and your vision for the future?

As a family we feel lucky to have landed in such a beautiful part of the world and professionally I feel especially fortunate

to join the team at Wycliffe Prep. In many respects the rolling hills of rural Gloucestershire represent the landscape antithesis of the west side of Chicago, but it's wonderful how quickly we feel settled here and this is testament to the warm and welcoming nature of the Prep School and wider community.

When appointed, I shared my firm belief with Mrs. Grant that I had been appointed to the best job in the world; the opportunity to work as part of a team of teachers to review and enhance a curriculum that will serve our young people, long after they have graduated from the Senior School. These really are the formative years when it comes to instilling a love of learning- plasticity of the brain is at its peak and our young learners must remain our focus as we forge ahead, nurturing their academic curiosity which will lead to future success.

We have a responsibility to prepare our young people to succeed and find their passions in an increasingly globalised world. Here at Wycliffe we aim to do this by embracing the school vision of promoting a pioneering spirit and encouraging individuals to embrace their future as global citizens. Our vehicle for realising this vision is a curriculum that is synchronised and shaped to develop critical thinking, enhanced through opportunities to

problem solving, all the while, promoting and encouraging a love for learning. I envisage a Saturday program that provides every pupil with the opportunity to lead others in collaboration with schools around the world, achieved through our partnership with Round Square, as part of an international network of over 200 like-minded schools in 50 countries.

### Q What do you think is fundamental in Curriculum Design?

As a foundation, our teaching staff must be prepared with a duality of both experience and pedagogy. It is our role to stoke the engine fire that is curiosity, which is innate in our young learners. We must keep the flame burning bright! All teachers, with their breadth of skills and knowledge must be involved in the process. A curriculum that is both broad and deep, will work most effectively when inter-disciplinary links can be made and exploited to ensure maximum relevance, challenge and enjoyment. And of course, our pupil voices must be heard to ensure they remain firmly in our sights.

### Q What was your first impression of Wycliffe?

I was genuinely taken back - in the most wonderful of ways - by the kindness shown, from both children and staff, in helping me to settle in. Children stopping me on campus to ask how I was doing and listening to the answer was such a considerate gesture and speaks to the character of our community. There is a tangible sense of collective enthusiasm when one walks around our school and this is a very motivating factor: it feels like our vision can be realised here and we can make a mark by sending our young people into the world, leading others with skills, compassion and responsibility.

### Q Tell us a bit about yourself?

I enjoy an afternoon watching my beloved Leicester City in a packed and energetic King Power Stadium, as much as I enjoy an isolated country walk in the beautiful Cotswold hills. Having moved to Gloucestershire as a family, with my wife Jenny and two small children, Jack and Lily, we look forward to exploring the sights and sounds of both near and far and being tourists in our own country, after a long stint overseas! I have adopted a love of American BBQ and smoking food is something I'm enjoying experimenting with. We've recently taken tenancy of an allotment and getting back to nature with some homegrown produce is certainly a source of enjoyment for me and my family!

### Q What are you looking forward to most over the next year?

Seeing the impact of our collective efforts. Watching as young people step out of their comfort zones, showing the grit, character and resilience to try something new. Observing as our children demonstrate their academic excellence to ensure that they thrive at the Senior School.

As I am sure you will agree, leadership is a constant stream of complex puzzles to be solved. The beauty of educational leadership is that when a puzzle is solved, young people realize their potential: growing into happy and success adults. I look forward to the challenge, nurturing our parent partnerships and being part of a team of educators that will ultimately leave a legacy of setting children up for a life, striving to be their best selves and confidently tackling challenges in the world that may not even exist yet.

## UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge

On the 11th November, our A-Level Mathematics pupils (and several of our high performing GCSE pupils) took part in the Senior Mathematical Challenge - this is a 90-minute, multiple-choice Challenge that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The results of this challenge will be available later in the year and the top performing pupils will receive certificates (which are recognised by universities as evidence of excellent logical/mathematical skills).

Sarah Zhou (Y12) said:

"Solving the fascinating although challenging questions in SMC has shown me the possibilities of mathematics. Personally, the most valuable experience of this challenge is not the result, but the process of thinking and figuring out the problems."

# Careers Portfolio Launch

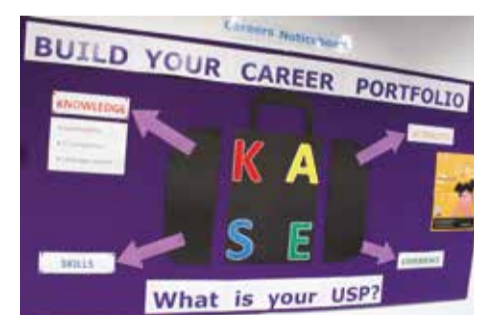
In September, the Careers Department introduced Year 9 pupils to their Careers Portfolio.

Pupils are encouraged to explore and articulate their identity, acknowledge their unique mix of skills, passions and experiences. We believe that only by making sense of who they are as a person, can pupils consider possible career paths.

From Year 9 onwards, pupils undertake exercises during life skills sessions and develop a record of their skills, subject interests, and possible roles. As they move up the school, pupils create a series of targets to address their weaknesses, build their skills and evolve their passions. Every Careers Portfolio is as individual as the pupil that compiles it and often changes as pupils interests develop and they become more accomplished.

Sir Dominic Cadbury once said "There is no such thing as a career path. It's crazy paving and you have to lay it yourself."

With this in mind, we place a real emphasis on career management and enabling pupils to be active participants in their career. By developing lifelong careers management skills, we can equip them for their future career in its many facets and iterations with a positive, flexible and perseverance outlook.



# Pre-Prep learn about transport



Children in Pre-Prep have been learning all about different forms of transport this term as part of their topic work. They were visited by Gloucestershire Fire Service who taught the children about fire safety. The fire engine was the perfect vehicle to explore. They had fun trying on fire fighter outfits and spraying the water hose. **Mr Gillman**, a kind parent arranged for one of his HGV vehicles to come to school. Pre-Prep were able to ask lots of questions and take a look at how they work.

To round off the transport theme, Year 1 and



Year 2 were excited to visit GWR Museum of Steam in Swindon to find out more about the wonderful world of trains. They had the chance to explore steam locomotives, learn about **Isambard Kingdom Brunel** and immerse themselves in the great age of steam by dressing up in clothes of the time.



## Year 7s enjoy a night under the stars



The Prep School playing field was turned into a camping village for Year 7s under canvas adventure.

'The overnight camping event is the perfect way for them to get to know their new classmates, learn new skills and start building long lasting friendships' said **Mrs Grant** about the event. As one of our new pupils said 'as a new person it was great fun; I got to know people quicker and that has helped me to settle in' and another said 'Mrs Grant's cats were so funny coming in and out of the tents!'

In true Wycliffe Pioneering Spirit, pupils had to put up their own tents – some more successfully than others! Some of the pupils commented 'my instructions were in German and so we had to figure it out!' and 'the next day we had to pack up the tents as part of our leadership skills day – we all worked together as a team.'

**Mel**, the Prep School Head chef cooked a delicious BBQ for dinner, which was soon wolfed down with excitement.

Following a relatively restful night, camp was swiftly packed up and a fun morning of team building games ensued.



## 100% distinctions for LAMDA pupils

On the week of the 21st June 2021, 11 LAMDA pupils went to Cheltenham Ladies College to perform their pieces to a LAMDA examiner. Either in a pair or solo, pupils were to perform either 2 or 3 contrasting monologues/duologues and answer some questions on theatre history. For some, this was their first experience and for others their second or third grade!

LAMDA exams are graded like music exams and are a way for pupils to develop their speaking skills and their characterisation. They are encouraged to concentrate on different styles to help them gain knowledge on a variety of theatre genres. Grades go all the way up to Grade 8, which is equivalent to 30 UCAS points for university places.

Ms Mason, a professional theatre actor, director and choreographer, started to



work with our pupils back in September 2020 on their pieces. During lockdown, lessons carried on via TEAMS and were a fantastic way for the pupils to have a creative outlet during this time. All of the pupils felt ready (although nervous) to take part in a face-to-face examination in June. They all performed fantastically and were all given the highest level of distinction for their efforts.

## WPSA organise spectacular fireworks

Thank you WPSA for generously organising a spectacular firework display. Not only were the fireworks themselves impressive but the fire-eating and fire-juggling performer provided high impact illuminated drama.

Steaming mugs of hot chocolate, spiced mulled wine, hot dogs and cookies kept us all internally warm and fuelled for the evening entertainment.

The WPSA arrange everything from booking the fireworks company and fire performers, providing marshals to sorting out the catering arrangements. A huge thank you from all of us at Prep.



## Living like a Viking

by **William Hewson**

Year 6 went to York. It was a brilliant trip. We had a walk around the city walls, and then we walked around York Minster. Then we walked to the Youth Hostel where we found out who was in each dorm. It was then bedtime. The next day we went to the Viking Village where we had loads of things to do, like attacking Anglo-Saxons,

farming and cooking. On the last day we were all sad to go. The first thing we did after breakfast was go to Dig. We were archaeologists for the morning. Then we walked to the Jorvik Viking Centre where there was a ride where you sat in a car and it took you through the life of a Viking. You saw things that a Viking saw when they lived. You smelt what it was like to be them.



## Reverse Advent Calendar donations

For the past few years Collingwood have organised a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' in support of those in need in our local community. This year the Reverse Advent Calendar was opened to all Houses and staff.



Each week, donations are made from a different category e.g. tinned, toiletries, sweet treats and dried goods for the four week period. **Scott Costello** from Collingwood will take these donations to Stroud Foodbank in the final week of term.

## Historians dig up information on the Tudors



Year 12 and 13 historians spent the day visiting Sudeley Castle and Hailes Abbey to immerse themselves in the Tudors. They began at Sudeley where the pupils looked round the house where Catherine Parr, Henry VIII's last wife, lived and died. An exhibition about Henry, Catherine, Lady Jane Grey and Elizabeth I was incredibly informative.

They were also lucky enough to see an archaeological dig close up, with the archaeologists hunting for the buildings constructed for the visit of Queen Elizabeth I in 1592. After lunch the historians moved on to Hailes Abbey, where pupils could really understand the destruction that was wrought in the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

## Organic brewery demonstrates ethical business practice



The Year 13 A-level Business cohort visited Stroud brewery. We had a talk from **Greg Pilley**, the founder, who gave us a tour of the facility. Stroud Brewery produces organic beer and has a strong ethical stance. This linked well with our study of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and pupils were able to make links between business theory and practice.

Greg also explained one of the downsides of using suppliers of organic malt; it costs approximately 50% more per ton than non-organic alternatives. Pupils learned how the brewery has coped with the impact of COVID, switching its business away from pubs towards retailing, even investing in a machine where they bottle their own beer rather than outsourcing this aspect. All-in-all, this was a very worthwhile visit and a highly useful case study that the students can use in preparation for A-level examinations.



## A European date to remember

Each year the 26th September marks the European Day of Languages, an important day in the MFL Department calendar. It is a time to dust off the countries flags and put them up to welcome our pupils to the department. At the Prep School we celebrated our Wycliffe pupils who have roots from countries where English is not the official language. Our day started with an assembly where **Madame Perhirin** quizzed us on language facts

and numbers, explained the life skills and brain power benefits that learning and speaking foreign languages give us and the dangers and pitfalls of relying on Google translate. The Senior MFL department celebrated the European Day of Languages with a Language Hunt. Did you know that Basque is spoken in the westernmost Pyrenees and is one of the oldest European Languages?

# Celebrating our love of literature



We are huge fans of all things literary at the Prep, so much so that The Wycliffe Literature Festival has evolved in recent years to become an anticipated all year group event.

This year pupils took part in a book trail. Each class presented an object montage that represented a book title. The hard part was then guessing every title on the trail. The library's fiendishly tricky quiz was won by **Elise Workman** (Y6) and **Charlie Woollard** (Y7) who each bagged a pair of tickets to see **Michael Morpurgo** at the Stroud Book Festival during half-term. The sensory garden was transformed into a story shack, thank you to the everyone who animatedly read stories to different year groups over the course of the day. Special thanks goes to the Sixth Formers who captivated Year 5 in their rendition of the 'Tooth Fairy'.



## Cheltenham Literature Festival

As an extension of Wycliffe's very own literature festival, Pupils in Middle and Upper Prep attended events at Cheltenham Literature Festival.

Years 3 and 4 got to see **Ben Miller** who told them all about the books he has written. He explained how his books are heavily inspired by his children, and his latest book '*How I became a Dog called Midnight*' was inspired by his dog. Ben read pupils an extract of his latest book and gave them tips on how to read stories aloud.

Other year groups attended equally fascinating talks with Year 7 and 8 listening to **Liz Kessler** and **Alex Wheatle** discuss their book '*When the World Was Ours*' and '*Cane Warriors*'. Whereas, Year 5 attended '*When Life Gives you Mangoes*' and '*Shipwreck Island*'

by **Kereen Getten** and **Struan Murray**.

For Year 6 it was time to get stuck in and ask three of the Team for the Week Junior Magazine questions about their editorial experience working on the title. Asking question such as what are your top tips for being a journalist? Writer **Flora** said being curious and having lots of interests. Editing manager **Vanessa** said don't be embarrassed about your hobbies and have determination. Editor **Felicity** said the Week Junior love hearing from budding journalists - take a look at the Over to you section!



# Capturing the heat of battle

After learning about the Battle of Hastings on 14th October 1066 and how the new AngloSaxon King, **Harold Godwin** fought the contenders for his crown; Harald Haldrada, the King of Norway and King **William of Normandy**, Year 7 got battle ready. The year were split into Saxons and Normans, with each side carefully making colourful cardboard shields.

On the morning of the re-enactment, Year 7

were regaled by stories of Saxon and Viking culture, handled replica weapons and wore beautiful clothes and helmets of the period before the fighting began. At the scene of the battle (Prep playing fields), the Saxons wall of shields held fast initially before the Normans broke through and killed Harold.

Emma Barrable Year 7 said "When we do re-enactments it helps to sink it in. It was so fun getting to feel what it must of felt like to

be in a real battle. It captured me in a way no other subject could. I think the way people engaged with this is because we got to act it out."



# CCF excel in their Biennial Inspection



The Combined Cadet Force is open to Year 9 and upwards, combining all age groups and abilities.

It is a collaborative activity with both girls and boys supportively helping each other in their training and endeavours.

On 18 September, our CCF headed to Bramley Training Area in Hampshire for their Field Exercise and Biennial Inspection which was carried out by one of our current parents **Colonel Craig Palmer**. The cadets carried out blank firing exercises and learned military skills as a way of developing

teamwork and leadership.

The following day, 30 Year 9 recruits enjoyed their first taste of CCF Training by also visiting Bramley and learned skills including camouflage and concealment, pairs fire and manoeuvre and basha building.



## English is Not Enough

The MFL English is Not Enough morning was a wonderful event. Its aims were to enthuse our Year 9 pupils about the wonderful possibilities that learning languages can deliver. It was so good to welcome live speakers back into MFL at Wycliffe. We had presentations from Energie de France (EDF), Inside Japan Tours, the University of Cardiff and OW **Oliver Capehorn**, who spoke about his journey through different languages and different countries.

Some feedback from our Year 9 pupils :

“My favourite speaker was Oliver as what he was talking about had practical implications for my career.”

“This event has changed my view on taking a language at university because it showed me how useful it is to have a language.”

“It enabled me to understand the benefits of being bilingual.”

## D of E participants navigate to new heights



The first D of E event this term was a qualifying venture for five Silver and Gold teams from the 2020 cohort; this took place in the Brecon Beacons.

After an initial acclimatisation night at Parkwood Outdoors bunkhouse where the groups ate hearty meals, the Silver teams trekked north east via Tal y Bont Reservoir, then westwards, ending near the Storey Arms at the base of Pen-y-Fan. The three Gold teams walked north



over the highest peaks, then westwards to complete in the remote Black Mountain area on their final day; this was without doubt the most challenging of the four as the conditions were very wet and windy.

In other news this term has seen large groups of new pupils joining at all levels; a new development for the Year 9 cohort is weekly volunteering sessions clearing the local high street of litter and weeds;

well appreciated by the local community! The Bronze’s first adventure was a night navigation exercise on Selsley common on 3rd December. Those new to Silver and Gold have begun their expedition training. Their first venture was a hike up Sugar Loaf mountain in November.

Many thanks to all staff involved in weekly training sessions and expeditions this term.



## Free to confidently explore

All children in Pre-Prep have fortnightly Forest School sessions come rain or shine! They explore the natural environment following their own interests and participate in a range of seasonal activities. So far this term, Pre-Prep have made an Owlet using pinecones collected on their trip to Westonbirt arboretum, used mini beast spotter sheets to record the

insects and bugs found in the area, worked together using branches to make dens and used willow wands to make dream catchers. Sessions begin with the children singing their Forest School song to encourage a sense of belonging and end with children sat around basecamp, enjoying hot chocolate, sharing their session and ideas for their next visit.



## We're back singing!

by Mrs Taylor

Little did we realise back in March 2020 just how much we would miss the simple act of coming together and singing.

Our first attempt of 'He's got the whole world in his hands' started rather tentatively, with many children singing in assembly for their very first time since joining Wycliffe. As confidence started to build, the singing got louder too. I'll admit I felt just a little bit emotional.

Weeks later, with a few hymn practices under our belts, and both of our choirs resuming full rehearsals (hooray!), things are looking up. Singing is proven to lift our mood and make us feel better. It's certainly made me feel really positive about getting music back to where we were Pre-COVID!



# Remembering those who fell

## Pre-Prep celebrate Harvest festival



The Pre-Prep Harvest Festival is always a joyous occasion. It was wonderful this year to be able to invite parents and carers to join in the celebration with us in the School Chapel.

The rehearsals time clearly paid off, when the children of Pre-Prep took centre stage as the singing and actions were beautifully received. A variety of songs and hymns were sung from 'All things bright and beautiful', 'We plough the fields and scatter', to the classic tune 'Big Red Combine Harvester.'

This Harvest time, **Mr Aherne**, Head of Pre-Prep, challenged all of Wycliffe Prep to contribute to the well-being of others and donate food to Stroud Food Bank. Year 2 pupils joined House Assembly to introduce the House Challenge and outline why Stroud Food Bank is so important to the local community.

## All for charity

The John Hopkins Trust who provide nursing respite care for Gloucestershire's life limited children was Prep School's chosen charity for the academic year 2020-21. Thanks to Prep's fundraising efforts and your generosity they raised £4,308.34.

This current academic year Prep's charity fundraising events will be Cyclist Fighting Cancer; who help children and young people living with cancer across the UK regain their physical fitness, improve mental wellness and reduce social isolation by giving them new lightweight bikes, trikes and support.

On Remembrance Day all of the Prep School congregated in the centre quad for a reading by **Rev David Prescott**, *The Last Post* and the two minutes silence.

Their annual Remembrance Service featured many of the pupils whose parents serve in the Armed Forces. The Middle Prep and Senior Choir beautifully sang 'We Shall Keep the Faith' and the hymn 'I Vow to Thee my Country'.

Pupils shared prayers and readings and read the

roll of honour of WWII OWs who gave their lives in this conflict.

**Mr Arman** told the moving story of how each one of the three Meikle brothers, all of whom were pupils at Wycliffe, lost their lives in World War II. **Ian** (SH 1933-1938), **David** (J SH 1933-1941) and **Colin** (J SH 1933-1941). In remembrance of them, we have three memorial chairs – the Meikle Memorial Chairs, which are housed by the altar in the Wycliffe Chapel.

During his sermon in the Senior School

Service of Remembrance, **Rev David Prescott** thanked those who have taught us through their sacrifice the ultimate worth of justice and peace. Remembrance Sunday, he said, is a time to commit ourselves once again to the struggle to create a world in which no one has to be asked to pay for our human failings with their life.

Thank you to **Major Iain Rae REME** who led the Commendation, the members of the CCF who processed the standards during the Act of Remembrance, Head of School **Abigail Richardson** who gave a reading and the Congregation who rousingly sang a number of Hymns 'O God, our Help in Ages Past, I Vow to Thee my Country and Eternal Father Strong to Save'.

Whilst there was no parade in Stonehouse this year, members of the CCF and Prep boarders laid wreaths at Stonehouse's War Memorial as part of a short ceremony in which 'The Last Post' was played by Head of Prep Music, **Rosie Taylor**.

It was wonderful to share both Remembrance Services with parents again this year and lovely to see so many parents and other members of the family stay on to have lunch with their children after the Senior School service.



## Prep boarding is a home from home

Windrush and Pennwood, Wycliffe's two Prep Boarding Houses are a home-from-home for our almost 50 Prep Boarders. The boy's house Pennwood and girl's house Windrush have mixed aged groups from Year 3 to Year 8, with a variety of full and flexi-boarders.

Our Housemaster, **Mr Gloster** and Housemistress, **Miss Oliver** have developed a tight-knit community with empathetic pastoral care allowing children to form strong friendships and feel grounded within their environment. The boarding houses may be separated but they do have joint common areas and the boys' and girls' carry out many activities and trips together.

On Saturday's whilst Years 6, 7 and 8 are at Saturday Morning School, Years 3, 4 and 5 have Saturday Morning Club which can range from crafting to going on Spooky Halloween trips and visits to Stroud market to sample delicious brownies. Our Sunday boarders outings this term have included walking in the gorgeous Cotswolds' countryside, playing Ninja warriors and visiting Mojo Active and Puzzlewood.





# Houses hit the right notes in competition

House Song Evening is always one of the highlights of the Wycliffe calendar and September's event was no exception.

This standard of this year's competition was one of the highest ever, with each song being performed strongly, accompanied by well-choreographed dance moves and carefully planned outfits. The Heads of House are to be commended on their organisation and exceptional creativity this year. The song choices were as varied as ever, ranging from **Queen** to **One Direction**, **The Spice Girls** to **Abba**. The girls' Houses are to be congratulated on producing particularly strong entries. There were some fantastic solos and it was super to hear singing in different parts too. It was Haywardsend who claimed the trophy on the night with their imaginative arrangement of 'The Theme from St. Trinian's',

led by Head of House **Izzy Small** and Deputy Head of House **Lauren Hartman**. Well done to every single pupil who took part, particularly those who are new to the school. What better way to start the year?!

## Winners Song extract

Make us worthy, make us proud  
Teach us not to be too loud  
We'll try and fit in with the crows  
But we are St Trinians



# What a fantastic performance!

House Music Evening is a very special event that happens every two years. Each boys' house joined with a girls' house, with Loosley and Collingwood performing on their own as mixed houses.

The concerts were pupil-led: from choosing the repertoire; sourcing music; writing the arrangements; rehearsals and stage management. Each House put together a varied programme and it was excellent to see over 50 pupils from Year 9 to Year 13 involved.

The standard of performances was very high. Highlights included: **Naomi Opaleye's** (Year 12, Collingwood) stylish vocal performance of 'Almost There', **Charlie Ashman's** (Year 9, Haywardsfield) versatility in performing a

piano solo piece and singing in a vocal duet with **Grace Gosling** (Year 11, Haywardsend), **Kathryn Burton's** (Year 12, Loosley Halls) two skilled oboe performances, the moving 'Dear Theodosia' vocal duet performed by **Jenrola Oyewumi** (Year 11, Ivy Grove) and **Destiny Thomas** (Year 13, Ivy Grove), Lampeter and Robinson's luscious vocal quartet harmonies (**Olivia Larkman**, **Hannah Denning**, **Connie Palmer** and **Lucy McKerrow**) well accompanied by **Johannes Roland** (Year 13, Robinson) and **Ethan Mak** (Year 13, Robinson) in their beautiful arrangement of 'Jar of Hearts', and **Kenyon Chow's** (Year 10, Robinson) advanced solo violin playing.

Adjudicator **Dr Jon James** had a very difficult decision to make. While he was deliberating,

we were treated to a super performance by OW **Jeremy Burne** (P W C 2017) on vocals and guitar. It was **Jerry Xue** (Year 13, Ward's) who took the prize for 'Best Individual Performance' with his stylish and well-controlled performance of 'Fly Me to the

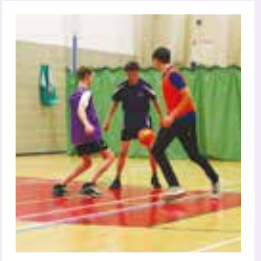
Moon' on alto saxophone. The overall House Music trophy was awarded to Ivy Grove and Ward's House.

Thank you to the Heads of Houses for producing a set of such fantastic concerts and staff members who helped make it all happen.



## Molly Olly's Wishes football marathon

When one of their friends was battling with illness and unable to come to school during last year, Year 10 pupils decided that they would do something to help.



The Charity Molly Olly's Wishes was a great help during this illness and was chosen as the benefactor. The pupils organised a football marathon - trying to keep a single football match going throughout the day - and the challenge was set as a 12-hour marathon.

Pupils signed up from all across the school with ages ranging from 10 - 18, and every player was given three hours of game time. We were thrilled to be joined by **Rachel Ollerenshaw**, Co-founder of the charity and Molly Olly's mother, along with their mascot Olly the Brave. She was able to talk to staff and pupils about the great work that Molly Olly's Wishes do to help young people with life-threatening illnesses. A huge congratulations to the players involved as the event raised £835 for Molly Olly's wishes.

## Prep Pupils lead way

by **Helena Grant**

At the Prep School we appoint a Head Boy and Head Girl which changes every term to give the maximum opportunity for our pupils to experience leading a team. **Millie Downey** and **Austin Webster** have held this for the Autumn Term "It is not an easy thing to do" they said when we talked about it "because we have to be kind and firm at the same time and sometimes our peers find that difficult. In our Monday meeting, we discuss and learn about leadership and some of the skills we need to develop to become a stronger leader and to help improve school" said Austin. There is also a prefect team which grows throughout the year and they have been a huge asset to the school this term taking their duties seriously and really showing that they are proud to hold their positions.

**Ruby Corbin**, prefect, reflected "One of the things we have learnt about is active listening and really taking in what the person is saying rather than just your response." We shall be announcing our Spring term Heads of School at the end of term. I look forward to continuing work with this fabulous group of young people to the positive of all the pupils in the school.

## DY explore Bristol's finest



Did you know that the SS Great Britain was the first iron-hulled steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean? It did so in a time of just 14 days. This ship, and other inventions by the engineer **Isambard Kingdom Brunel**, formed the main attractions on our DY trip to Bristol. We began the tour on the Clifton Suspension Bridge, Brunel designed the bridge in a competition and it was opened in 1864. We then visited the SS Great Britain itself. This was the longest passenger ship in the world between 1845 and 1854 and it still looks magnificent as it has been fully restored.

We then boarded a passenger ferry on the dockside and had a guided tour on the river.

We ended our trip at Bristol Hippodrome where we watched the musical 'Grease'. The performance of the two main characters was absolutely mind-blowing!

We had a lot of fun and learned a great deal about this fascinating city, as well as British history.

# Matilda harnesses the power of imagination

Rebellion is nigh in the Year 7 production of *Matilda*. This Year 7 production is a gleefully witty story of anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination!

Matilda dreams of a better life and the children she inspires had our audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who were out to teach the grown-ups a lesson.

Matilda (played by **Rose Tangye**) has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents (**Libby Rowlands** and **Ethan Wright**) but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey (**Olivia Deshais**). Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean



headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, (**Mikey Gittins**) hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and proves to be the school pupils' saving grace!

Directed and choreographed by **Lynda Askew**, Year 7 rose to the challenge of high-energy dance numbers and brilliant songs, Audiences were thrilled and delighted with Year 7s telling of the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.



## Forging new friendships



Year 9 at the start of every academic year get together for a day of outdoor education. Last year, we carried out this enjoyable day on site, so it was fantastic to be able to return to Miserden this year, a country estate not far from school.

The aim of the day is for pupils to get to know each other as a year group, by partaking in a variety of group activities. Pupils were split into groups to undertake a wide variety of activities, including measuring the lakes for Maths, pond dipping for Biology, firing rockets for Chemistry/Physics, producing artwork prints from natural park sourced materials for Art, Drama workshops and an introduction to CCF and ration packs all while recording the day by making videos and taking still photograph for media and Art respectively. Pupils were also introduced to orienteering.

The day was widely enjoyed and Year 9 came away with a range of new skills and more importantly a group of new friendships were forged.



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Wycliffe College Presents:

**CHICAGO:** Teen Edition

Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse

Music by John Kander Lyrics by Fred Ebb

Based on the play by Maurine Dallas Watkins Script adaptation by David Thompson

Weds 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm  
Sibly Hall

To buy tickets visit <https://events.wycliffe.co.uk>

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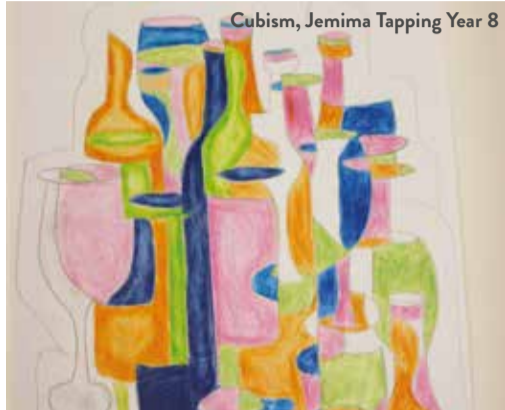




Spoon, Luca Dickin Year 8



Luca Dickin Year 8



Cubism, Jemima Tapping Year 8

# Prep Arts Focus

## Years 5, 6, 7 and 8

Pupils in Prep have been busy this term studying a range of topics in Art – from Cubism to Op (optical) Art.

In Year 5, pupils studied the Art of British artist Bridget Riley, who developed Op Art where movement and repetition create a feeling of unease in optical illusions in the eye and brain.

Surrealism and the Art of **Salvador Dali** was the focus for Year 6 while Year 7 pupils looked at drawing using one point perspective as well as illustrating the poem

Jabberwocky by **Lewis Carroll**. Year 8 pupils studied the work of **Pablo Picasso** and developed their drawing skills whether it be in capturing the shape and tones in a glass bottle or evoking a dragon's eye.



Hockney Splash, Finn Jervis Year 8



Doorway, Jonathan Phillips, Year 8



Surrealism, William Papps Year 6



Op Art, Isabella Webster Year 5

## Sneakers unboxed - a Design & Technology highlight

by **Zainab Sambo & Olly Shute**

Exactly two years after the previous trip to London, the Design & Technology department was once again able to take a group of 14 Year 12 and 13 pupils to London. After a three hour journey the first stop was at the Design Museum in Kensington. As well as seeing the permanent Designer, Maker, User exhibit, which was 'so cool to see the designs change throughout the years, watching computers get smaller but 3D printers get bigger,' we also saw the 'Sneakers Unboxed' exhibition, which was very

interesting and a highlight of the trip for most of the group. After the Wycliffe packed lunch, followed by a pleasant walk along the side of Hyde Park we reached the Victoria & Albert Museum. There is so much to see at the V&A but seemed to be remembered for the numerous lifts to get between exhibits and most popular was the architecture gallery. We then quickly moved across Exhibition Road to the Science Museum where we saw lots to do with space, cars, aircraft and everyday objects. The carbon capture exhibit was especially helpful as it is something to think about for future Design &

Technology projects. Finally getting to go on a trip again was amazing, something we want to do again soon and definitely worth the long coach ride.



## Art workshop inspires Year 12 and 13

by **Sosa Ozakpolor**

In September, OW **Alex Merry** (P IG 1997) visited us and lead us through a workshop. She not only gave us an insight to her artistic career journey but also advised us on how we too can use our art skills to develop a career. We learnt a lot about how it can be difficult sometimes



but with patience and perseverance, you can find your area of expertise and what you're good at in the world of art. During the workshop, after we saw some of the various things that Alex had done such as pet portraits, her work with Gucci and **Damien Hirst**. We practiced using our imagination by filling up empty space around a drawing of a chair with whatever came to our minds first; this activity stopped us from spending too much time overanalysing what we wanted to put down, and just doing it. Later, we proceeded to observe our chosen objects and draw them larger than life on an A1 piece of paper, giving us a bigger sense of ownership of it. By the end of the day, everyone had big unique pieces of work that allowed them to show their inner imagination and practice letting loose a little bit.

## Powerful storytelling fascinates pupils



by **Naomi Opaleye**

Off to an early start at 7:45, the Art and DT department set off to London. We were all quite drowsy on the bus, however this quickly turned into anticipation as we arrived in the wonderful capital. Firstly, we went to the Tate Britain where we were greeted by a cacophony of animal sounds, transporting us to the jungle in the opening display which was fascinating. After looking around the gallery, we got the opportunity to enter the Paula Rego exhibition; her disturbing yet powerful storytelling through her work was fantastic to view.



Lunch was closely followed by a boat ride on the river Thames, allowing us to appreciate the city's beautiful architecture—like the Houses of Parliament—which we usually take for granted. We then visited the Hayward Gallery which displayed some brilliant modern paintings and sculptures. Although the art aspect of the trip was great, the highlight was definitely the KFC we ate on the way back home!

## Announcements

### Births

Hannah Swain (1999-2004) welcomed a daughter, **Heidi Rose**, on 30th July 2021.



### Deaths

During the Autumn Term we sadly said goodbye to:

- John Morgan** (J SH 1939 - 1945)
- Ernest Charles** (SH 1946 - 1949)
- Michael Keene** (J H 1943 - 1950)
- Hilary Young** (P J SH 1943 - 1953)
- Peter Kolker** (J S 1947 - 1955)
- Michael White** (DB 1950 - 1955)
- Mark Kenchington** (P J H 1949 - 1957)
- Richard Alger** (J SH 1953 - 1958)
- Clive Jones** (J H 1957 - 1963)
- Richard Freeman** (W 1963 - 1965)
- Jonathan Case** (H 1963 - 1967)
- Timothy Taylor** (S 1964 - 1969)
- Maxwell Connell** (SH 1965 - 1970)
- Nigel Cartwright** (J SH 1965 - 1972)

### Hon OW's:

**Michael Squance**  
(Hon. OW & Staff Member 1959 - 1994)

**David Fysh**  
(Hon. OW & Staff Member 1972 - 1995)

For more information and to read any of the obituaries, please go to: <https://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/news/obituaries/>

## TWS Calendar 2022

### February

**TBC** Wycliffe Big Boats Head, volunteers needed to help run the event. Please get in touch with [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk) if you are able to assist on the day.

### March

**Sat 19th** 11:00am Berryfield  
11:30am OW Netball v Wycliffe 1st VII, Ward's Courts  
Match lunch afterwards, spectators welcome.

For all events, please RSVP to [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk) or telephone 01453 820439.

The events listed will go ahead subject to the Government guidelines in place at the time. For updates please visit TWS website or visit our Facebook events. TWS Golf events are to be confirmed and will be added to the website nearer the time.

## TWS Office Team

This term we said a fond farewell and thank you to **Vicks Vicary** who has worked in the TWS office for 4 years. Vicks moves to a new role within School House so remains an integral part of the College. **Sara Smalley** has stepped into TWS Manager role, with **Matt Bishop** providing the administrative support.



# Wycliffian Day returns

We hit the ground running this Autumn Term with a sunny Wycliffian Day 2021 in early September.

OWs, Honorary OWs and their guests were welcomed back from across the decades. Current staff who have reached 10 years of loyal and dedicated service were welcomed into the Society and became Honorary OWs. We would like to thank you sincerely for your continued support and tireless work:

Unable to attend Wycliffian Day:

**Lynn Buckland, Justin Clements, Ruth Flag, Nikki Green, Sheila Morris, Sandy Revie, Jacqueline Swirski, Ian Williams**



(L-R) Gemma Russell, Jim Duggan, Becky Hanson, Ross Beamish, Richard Feather, Chris Hancock, Seetal Knight, Jonny Harford, Helena Grant, Richard Pender, Sarah Collinson, Wendy Jenkins, Benoy Ittyavirah

## TWS Award Winners thriving

Our 2017 winner, **Rhiannon Tasker** (P I G L 2017)

graduated from Swansea University this Summer with a degree in Law & Criminology and had this to say: "This year has been full of big decisions for me. After graduating from Swansea University with a Law and Criminology degree, I pondered over what the next step would be. In August I made the decision that I wanted to follow the career path to be a solicitor. So in September I started my Legal Practice Course and Advanced Drafting Masters. I'm currently into my 3rd month of the course and I'm enjoying it immensely. After finishing the year-long course I will be looking into training contracts and finally starting my future career."



Rhiannon Tasker

**Max Edgson** (P R L 2018) "This year I graduated from Warwick with a First in Politics, Philosophy and Law BA and started my new job as a Legal Product Expert at



Max Edgson

Luminance—the leading artificial intelligence platform for the legal profession. Outside of work I stay busy decorating my flat (which I insist will never be finished), going to gigs (anything from punk rock to the Proms), and exploring what's on my doorstep.

In September, **Nathan Berrecloth** (C 2020) began his second year at the University of Birmingham. Nathan is studying Computer Science and says: "Between June and August this year I completed a placement at PwC in Birmingham where I was involved

with the Real Estate Data team, over the course of the 2 months I worked on a number of ongoing projects utilising, and improving, my data literacy and programming skills.



Nathan Berrecloth

I've returned to the University of Birmingham this term to undertake modules in Systems and Functional Programming, and Software Engineering. Being on campus is giving us a chance to make up for lost time after a remote learning environment last year. For the rest of the year, I have several group projects that I'm particularly looking forward to and in my spare time, I've been playing rugby and working towards my black belt in judo."

**Charlie Jones** (W 2021) was The Wycliffian Society Award Winner for 2021 and recently began his degree course at Durham University: "Having just started at Durham University



Charlie Jones

in this last week, The Wycliffian Society award is on track to completely transform the university experience that I would have otherwise received. Through the generous support of The Wycliffian Society I have felt considerably less financial pressure to prepare for the next 3 years ahead, able to purchase the necessary materials to comfortably access my degree content and most importantly enrol within catered halls giving me the flexibility and freedom to concentrate on my studies and societies without any other external pressures and worries.

Over the summer I was fortunate enough to be offered a job with English Heritage as an Historic Property Steward at Portchester Castle where I have been heavily involved in the preservation, appreciation and advertising of the site to allow other people to share my passion for history. In addition, a major highlight of my summer was working with the Antiques Roadshow to help steward their filming at Portchester, meeting and supporting experts and behind-the-scenes filming, an invaluable and rewarding experience which I will remember for many years to come! Receiving the TWS award has empowered my transition towards university life and has reassured me both financially and personally that I will be supported over the next few years and am extremely fortunate to be a member of such a generous organisation."

## TWS Award 2022

The Wycliffian Society Award is now entering its sixth year. Open to any Year 13 pupil, the Award takes the form of a grant that gives £9,000 (over three years) to a pupil going to university who may not otherwise be able to afford to study in full-time Higher Education.

A panel of TWS Management Committee review the applications and applicants are invited to present to the panel their thoughts on how the grant will help them at university and how they would hope to give back to The Wycliffian Society in the future.

TWS Award for 2022 will be announced to Year 13 pupils by **Mr Archer** in January 2022. The deadline for applications from pupils is 11th February 2022. Interviews will take place in early March 2022.



The Wycliffian Society wreath at the College's Remembrance Service was this year laid by OW and serving member of HM Armed Forces, **Major Iain Rae** REME (SP R 2002).

### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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## Squash return to match play

It has been fantastic to get back to match play with tournaments in Sheffield, Cardiff, Winchester and Chichester all being taken part in. We also had a considerable amount of players selected to represent their counties in the National team event, so congratulations to all of those.

With regards National schools, we have so far progressed to the next round, in both the Key Stage 3 and 4 competitions. Before the end of term there is plenty still to play for, with both the boys and girls Key Stage 5 competition, a National Gold event in Pontefract and the Wycliffe Junior Open on the 12th December. We will then wish Wycliffe's top two players; **Philipp Hansert** and **Nero Harms** the best of luck as they travel to this year's US Junior Open.

# Prep raring to get stuck into Autumn Term fixtures

The high levels of attendance at pre-season for both Rugby and Hockey showed that our Prep School pupils were ready to get their teeth back into sport after a disrupted 18 months. With a full fixture list from years 3 to 8, it promised to be an exciting term of sport.

Our Autumn term doesn't just see pupils competing in Rugby and Hockey, we have regular Swimming Galas throughout the term and plenty of individual and team Cross Country events around Gloucestershire.

Sports coaches and Senior teaching staff carefully consider pupils application for team Captaincy prior to the start of every term. Sports Captains are an integral part of the Prep School, as they are expected to reflect, collaborate, communicate with players and staff, lead by example around school and deliver match reports in Monday morning assemblies. Congratulations to **Jemima Tapping** (Hockey captain) **Kieran Etheridge** (Rugby captain) **Harry Larkman** (Cross Country) and **Lucas Smith** (Swimming) for being awarded captaincies this term.

The rugby teams have had full fixtures against Kings Gloucester, Tockington, Beadesert, St Edwards, Cheltenham Prep, Westonbirt, Downs Malvern and The Elms. Results have

been varied with a mixture of wins and losses, but the attitude in training following matches has been positive with all sides looking to build on weakness and further develop plays and ideas.

Our girls hockey sides are competing well across all age groups, they are seeing the benefit of using the facilities at the Senior School. Our teams are starting to play expansive hockey over larger spaces, this has enabled the sides to better grasp the understanding of space and what it means to be unselfish when leading. The girls have had block fixtures against Cricklade Manor, The Downs Malvern, St Edwards, Hatherop, Berkhamstead, Tockington and Llandaff, all have been exceptionally close. These close matches are hugely beneficial for the continued development of the hockey programme.

The U13s boys travelled to Millfield for IAPS Football in half term and played four competitive matches against Kings Hall, Millfield, Hawthornes and Prior Park Prep. Despite being a couple of players light the boys competed well all morning and came away with their heads held high. The boys are looking forward to the season with great enthusiasm.

Cross Country has long been an important part of sport at Wycliffe. We regularly enter

Cross Country leagues and compete around the SouthWest. The team has been training on Saturday mornings before school to get competition ready. We sent a large squad of pupils from all age groups across the School to Abberley Hall for their annual meet. In the English School Athletics Association meet, our squad qualified through Gloucester and competed at the West Finals, with our top place athlete finishing 6th. Our Cross Country athletes will continue to train and compete through the next two terms, which helps prepare many of them for the Summer terms athletics events.

Lastly, it has been wonderful to welcome Wycliffe and opposition spectators on site again. The teams have been well supported with busy touchlines cheering on children.



## Honoured with invite to prestigious Rugby tournament

The Merchiston Castle Festival is in its infancy but is already a prestigious gathering of top rugby schools from Scotland and England. To be invited to participate was an honour in itself, but the Wycliffe squad were keen to play to the best of their ability.

We were drawn in an incredibly tough group on the Saturday, facing the hosts, a club side from Ayr and Bedford School. The Wycliffe players gave their all and worked tirelessly in defence. Attacking opportunities came, particularly against Ayr, and the boys were disappointed to lose a close match. In the Sunday draw, we matched Uppingham in the first game, and had an opportunity at the end to win, before losing narrowly to Colstons. A few injuries reduced our numbers to 16 fit players, but we found the resolve to win the final game against Merchiston 2nd XV in front of a large and partisan crowd. We came away proud with the way we had conducted ourselves. "Wycliffe? Who?" had swiftly become "Wycliffe? Wow!"



# Athletes heading off to Junior Great Britain Trials

After a short break at the start of September Wycliffe College Boat Club headed off to their first head race of the season. Scullers Head, raced on the River Thames is a national event of all single scullers. Wycliffe took 7 girls to the event, racing in the Junior Women's 17 and 18 categories. After a tough race with windy conditions the girls produced some brilliant results with **Rachel Egan** finishing 1st, **Stella (Ella) Fielder** 2nd and **Madeleine (Maddie) Taylor** 3rd in the WJ18 category along with **Ella Fullman** finishing 1st, **Yasmin Howe** 2nd, **Scarlett Dewar** 3rd and **Kathryn Burton** 4th in the WJ17 event.

A few weeks later the boat club travelled away again to Nottingham for the second event this term. The pupils raced in multiple categories across three divisions throughout the day, varying in distance from 2,000m to 5,500m. The results were even better than Scullers Head and Wycliffe ended the day with five 1st place finishes, four 2nd places and one 3rd place finish.

Although it was half term for everyone else, there was no stopping for some of the Wycliffe rowers as they prepared for Gloucester Head race. Unfortunately, on the day the conditions were too bad for some

athletes to compete but those that did race battled hard to come away with a 1st place and two 2nd place finishes.

The fourth race Wycliffe attended this term was Henley Sculls, a 3,000m race finishing at the Henley Royal Regatta finish line. It was a long day of racing against some tough competition by the Wycliffe athletes but that didn't stop them from bringing home more medals. Four more 1st places for WJ18 Quad, WJ18 Double, WJ16 Single and J18 double along with two 2nd places for the WJ18 Quad and Double 'B' crews.

Still lots more to come this term with seven

athletes heading off to Junior Great Britain trials in late November, followed by Wycliffe hosting the Wycliffe Small Boats Head for the first time in two years.



# Sport under lights



## Athletes give it their all in competitive fencing

Our term started with an away match at Marlborough College in September. This was a fantastic opportunity to return to competitive fencing. Our first foil team of **Charlie Robbins**, **Wai Yin (Anson) Tse** and **Rhynell Rusere** had a close match losing out 5-4. Our second foil team of **Hywel Farrow-Wilton**, **Bade Martins** and **Tsz Yat (Sam) Tsang** were not able to make any impact and lost 8-1. Our first epee team of **Charlie Robbins**, **Sebastian Forrest** and **Ching Fung (Gareth) Chu** also struggled to make much headway and lost 7-2. The second epee team were complete novices at this weapon, but **Ka Hei (Carson) Lam**, **Hywel** and **Anson** took two victories in an entertaining match. Despite the overall loss, I was pleased with the effort and tenacity with which the boys fenced.

## Roll of honour

**Sailing** - **Oliver Wilcox** (Y13) competed in the Youth European Championships and the Youth Worlds in the Summer before placing 4th in the National Championships at Weymouth. As a result, Oliver has been invited to join the RYA Youth Performance Squad in boat class (ILCA 6)

**Flying** - **George Vigne** (Y11) undertook his first solo flight as a pilot this term (after completing many accompanied flights with an instructor over the Summer).

**Badminton** - **Cheuk Yiu (Agnes) Wong** (Y13) beat the number 1 seed on the way to her Bronze Medal in the England Badminton Avon U19 competition

**Swimming** - **Rebecca McCoubrie** (Y9) swam in the Arena League. Her 100m Backstroke time of 1.11.43 (new PB) puts her in the top 20 in the UK for a 14 year old, even though she is only 13!

**Cricket** - **Thomas (Tom) Ranyard** (Y10) had a successful first trial for Gloucestershire Cricket and has been invited to a final trial for a place in the County winter training programme.

It has been great to see Rugby and Hockey back in full flow this season and this has meant the return of the Sport Under Lights.

In a busy week for sport the 1st XV put in their best performance of the year so far against King's Gloucester at Cheltenham Tigers Rugby ground to win the Rugby Night lights match.

With a bus full of spectators from the Prep School and another from the Senior School there was a great atmosphere at the ground that seemed to spur the team on. Wycliffe dominated possession and territory although Kings went into half time 5-3 up. The boys came out for the second half and started to attack with more precision cutting through Kings and in defence every player put their body on the line for the team. Excellent team tries finished by **Oliver (Ollie) Gabb** and Captain **Thomas (Tom) Ponting** as well as three great kicks from **Zachary (Zac) Beim** saw the final score a 17-5 win for Wycliffe.

To finish off a big sporting week the 1st XI girls then took on Wells Cathedral School on the Friday night at Wycliffe and again there was great support from the Prep and Senior School pupils. The grass area outside Wycliffe Hall was



packed with spectators and the girls arrived to the astro through a cheering tunnel of 1st XV rugby players to welcome them. The match was instead of as a very close affair with great skills on show from both teams. **Laila Howse** and **Emily (Mimi) Green** were making decisive runs causing the Wells defence problems. The breakthrough came through a cross from **Emily (Mimi) Green** that was deflected by **Daisy Hartson** making the score 1-0 Wycliffe going into half time. The second half saw Wells

on the attack and some incredible defence from the whole Wycliffe team especially in the final 10 mins which secured Wycliffe the win 1-0.



## Racing for House glory

On a lovely Autumn day the houses assembled for House Cross-Country in all their coloured shirts, hats, scarves and flags. The girls main race started from the train station and headed up the path towards the affectionately name 'Killer Hill' due to its steep incline.

The boys and girls Elite races both started from the Prep School field shortly followed by the main boys race and all the athletes would finish on the Tiley field at the Prep School. All pupils and staff were spread about on the course to support and guide the runners, some staff chose to run the course with the pupils which was great to see and really added to the enjoyable atmosphere of the day. As the runners came into the finish the noise and support grew and it was great to see some very close finishes as friends battled to beat each other on the final stretch across the Tiley Field to the finish.



## Cross Country results

### Junior Girls Elite race

1st Amy Bond - Collingwood  
2nd Olivia Larkman - Lampeter  
3rd Talia Owen - Ivy Grove

### Junior Boys Elite Race

1st Andrew King - Robinson  
2nd Oliver Fisher - Collingwood  
3rd Maximillian (Max) Stokes - Haywardsfield

### Senior Girls Elite race

1st Madeleine (Maddie) Stokes - Ivy Grove  
2nd Ane Hoin - Loosley Halls  
3rd Scarlett Dewar - Ivy Grove

### Senior Boys Elite Race

1st Oliver Wilcox - Collingwood  
2nd James Hulme - Haywardsfield  
3rd Samuel (Sam) Davenport - Haywardsfield

### Junior Girls

1st Lampeter  
2nd Collingwood  
3rd Haywardsend  
4th Ivy Grove

### Junior Boys

1st Robinson  
2nd Collingwood  
3rd Haywardsfield  
4th Wards

### Senior Girls

1st Lampeter  
2nd Ivy Grove  
3rd Collingwood  
4th Haywardsend  
5th Loosley

### Senior Boys

1st Collingwood  
2nd Robinson  
3rd Haywardsfield  
4th Wards



## Senior School Sports Captains 2021/2022 (Autumn and Spring)

(L to R) Rugby - Thomas (Tom) Ponting (Robinson); Hockey - Abigail Richardson (Collingwood); Rowing - Stella (Ella) Fielder (Collingwood); Football - Samuel (Sam) Davenport (Haywardsfield); Squash - Ksenia Merkulova (Lampeter); Basketball - Finn O'Brien (Robinson); Netball - Lorna Collinson (Collingwood)

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