



The Wycliffe Times



Chicago performance dazzles audiences

by Mrs Scott

On 26th – 28th January, over 30 Wycliffe pupils presented the musical *Chicago* to families, friends, and teachers. This was the first full-scale production since *Much Ado About Nothing* in 2020 and it was fantastic to have so many pupils involved as actors and in supporting roles.

It was lovely to see so many Drama scholars and GCSE/A Level pupils coming to audition but also wonderful to have new year 9s and older pupils who hadn't taken Drama but wanted to be involved. One of these pupils, **Lucy McKerrow**, wowed the creative arts teaching team so much, she was given the main role of **Roxy Hart**.

Since September, pupils have given up their Monday and Friday nights (and hours of time at home practicing lines!) to create the performance. The commitment they have shown is the standalone reason that the show was as successful as it was.

Very soon it was show week. Behind the scenes, **Mrs Scott** had been frantically ordering costumes, **Mr Parsonage** had been creating 'cell bars' and helping **Mr Thomas** to put up at 20 ft shimmer curtain, **Mr Murphy** had been getting to grips with the new sound desk (which was kindly donated to us by PASS) and **Mrs Russell** had met and ran a band call with our pupils and professional players and held extra singing rehearsals with the cast. Now was the moment that everything was coming together.

On Tuesday afternoon, the cast and backstage crew were ready for their second dress rehearsal to the year 8s at the prep school. Only 24 hours before, the cast had been daunted by the prospect of performing with a live band kept our lovely **Mrs Eady** busy. The rehearsal went fantastically, and everyone agreed it was only going to get better!

The whole cast did a brilliant job at keeping their energy and professionalism going all week. I must mention our year 9 trio (**Henry Blythe**, **Jamie Davis**, **Felix Thompson**) who

performed with such enthusiasm each night **Lucy McKerrow's (Roxy)** and **Destiny Thomas' (Velma)** voices were effortless and outstanding – they really are stars in the making. **Hywel Farrow-Wilton** stunned the audience each night with his subtle yet emotional rendition of **Mr Cellophane**. **Miles Menon (Billy)** and **Merce Leigh (Matron)** grew in confidence throughout the process, so it was lovely to see them perform so beautifully in the final performances.

Our backstage crew were professional throughout; **Henry Bishop** made his solo debut in the lighting box and where would we have been without **Naomi Opaleye** and **Ruby Dixon** on mics and sound? And who could forget our amazing musicians who made the performance shine. '*Chicago*' was a roaring success and I want to thank all the teachers and pupils involved in creating such a special show. Here's to the next one!



One of the best things I've ever done

by Mia Baker

In the musical '*Chicago*', I had the role as main choreographer and a lead dancer. The rehearsal process for me was the most important part of my contribution in '*Chicago*'. In rehearsal I had to become a leader and make the routine suitable for the song and the context of the scene.

The best part of being in the show was being able to do something I care about and love

doing, especially being a competitive dancer. It allowed me to gain more musical theatre skills, social skills, as I was working with new people, and it gave me an opportunity to perform in front of a new audience.

To anyone who wants to get involved next year and perhaps is a bit nervous I would say that you are in complete control of your contribution. It really was one of the best things I've ever done.

Bold & Loyal
1882...

Wycliffe Open Day - Saturday 7th May 2022

Senior School: 9.00am - 12.00 noon | Prep School: 9.00am - 12.00 noon

Musicians shine in masterclass

We held a very special Woodwind and Strings Day for our Senior School musicians. We were thrilled to welcome three visiting professional musicians to work with our flute, clarinet, saxophone and violin players for an intensive and enjoyable day of music-making.

The morning consisted of solo masterclasses where the players were able to perform solo pieces to the visiting musicians and receive feedback and guidance to try different approaches. We were so pleased to be able to include a pupil who was isolating by streaming the session on Microsoft Teams to enable him to also take part in the masterclass from his dormitory!

The afternoon was focused on ensemble work. The Flute Group worked with visiting professional flautist **Beth Hayes** to polish 'Valse de Fleurs', which they have been practising in their weekly rehearsals. The String Group focused on two contrasting pieces that were familiar to them, with professional violinist OW **Matthew Denton** leading the ensemble. The clarinet and saxophone players came together to work with **Lenny Sayers** (Principal Bass Clarinetist of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales) to learn a new piece called 'Cool Camel', which Lenny composed and **Mr Gibbons** arranged especially for our group of players.

During the day, our pupils were treated to demonstrations by the professional musicians, along with some informative Question-and-Answer sessions. It was particularly inspiring for our young musicians to meet OW **Matthew Denton** and learn about his journey since leaving Wycliffe, playing with the world-renowned Carducci Quartet and working as a violin professor at the Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance.



Ow's music careers inspired by their time at Wycliffe

Matthew Denton

The music teachers during my time at Wycliffe really inspired me. I particularly remember **David Fysh** at the prep school encouraging me to widen my horizons - getting me to listen to a great range of music - everything from Bach choral works to Shostakovich symphonies!

At the Senior School working with Chris Swain and the late **Mike Haynes**, they fostered my passion for ensemble playing, with great encouragement and many performance opportunities - in the orchestra, string ensemble and various mixed chamber music groups. All invaluable experience for my music career!

Matt has performed as leader of the Carducci Quartet - one of the UK's most successful string quartets for over 20 years and as a Chamber musician won prizes Internationally and in the UK.

Sam Dressel OW

I loved music from an early age which was cemented during my time at Wycliffe. I joined in Year 4 and became a member of the choir as soon as I could. By Year 5, I achieved a music scholarship, which gave me the possibility to learn a new musical instrument - I chose the cello, which I continued to study for my remaining 9 years at Wycliffe.

In the Senior School I joined the Choir as a tenor and started singing lessons at the end of Year 10, eventually taking ABRSM exams Grade 7 and 8. The choir tours to



Barcelona and Venice were a particular highlight of my time at Wycliffe.

My singing teacher **Ian Dollins** and Director of Music **Chris Swain** gave me excellent advice during my application process to Cambridge University, where I gained a choral scholarship at Gonville & Caius College, studying French & Spanish. Singing in one of the college choirs at Cambridge was good training for a professional career.

After leaving university, I sang with vocal ensemble VOCES8 full-time for almost 7 years, touring 30 countries, performing over 100 concerts every year, and working with children and amateur singers all over the world (including a visit to Wycliffe!). I left the group in 2019 to pursue a freelance career.

I can say without hesitation that the training and support I received at school was invaluable. I wouldn't even have thought to consider applying for a choral scholarship without my experience at school, so the seeds of my professional career were sown here!



Senior Robotics trip

The Wycliffe robotics club competes in the Vex Robotics Contest. The challenge is to design, build, and program a robot to move various objects around a 12-foot-square grid.

Several of the teams at the competition had quite a lot more experience than us, and as a result their robots were quicker and more stable. Nevertheless we managed a mid-table finish in the league stage, and although we were knocked out in the first round of the knockout stage, we gave a creditable performance.

The team learned a lot at the competition, and they are hoping to take a more ambitious next version of the robot to another competition in a month or two.



A celebration of Prep Music

Our Spring lunchtime concert was a wonderful celebration of music in the prep school. The brass group opened with a brilliant rendition of *Drunken Sailor* with lots of glissandi from **Hugo** on his trombone. There were lots of lovely solos, from a medieval recorder piece to some more modern piano pieces. **Rose** wowed

us with her beautiful composition *Horizon* and we finished up with the orchestra performing *Ballad for a rainy day*. Next stop on the performance calendar is the House Music competition, when we hope to see as many pupils as possible grabbing the opportunity to perform!





Year 7 allotment club

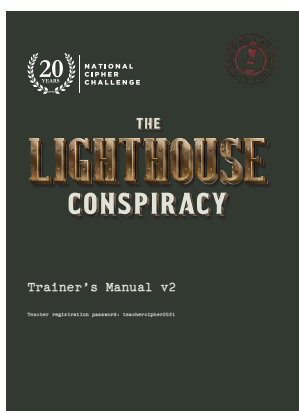
In an exciting development at the Prep School, a group of our Year 7 students have stepped forward to create an allotment club! The allotment bed has been marked and the muddy process of cultivation is now in full swing. This is entirely a student-led venture and the team aim to improve their knowledge of soil types, crop rotation and growing techniques. We look forward to sharing our learning as they embark on this journey (as well as a King Edward, or two!)

Chicks?

Senior Digital Coding

In the Autumn term a new team of Cryptographers came together to enter this year's Southampton Cipher Challenge. With previous expertise having left to go to University our team were 'learning on the job'. As each week's new challenge was released the difficulty was ramped up and eventually we had to concede defeat for this year. In the spring term we joined the Bletchley Challenge, and raised a little money for ABF - The Soldiers' Charity, along the way. This event requires both a physical commitment (walking a certain distance in the time frame) and codes and puzzles to solve along the way. We managed to solve nine out of ten of the puzzles at Codebreaker level, including the final one. Next year perhaps we'll try the next level up - as Cipher Experts.

We are taking a break now as we enter exam season for the students - but the Cryptography club will be back in the Autumn and we will be looking for new recruits. Anyone with puzzle, logic, mathematics and computing skills will be welcome to come along.



Strikes a plenty and extra cheese

The EAL Department started off 2022 by taking Year 9 and 10 EAL students on a bowling trip to Stroud. There were a few strikes, plenty of spares and a lot of fun had by all. The bowling was followed by a meal at La Campaña Italian restaurant in Stonehouse.

The trip sparked several pupil comments about the restaurant and bowling including:

"I liked the food and the environment was relaxing"

"It was delicious and the waiter asked us if we wanted extra cheese"

"I helped Kaylee and her first ball was a strike!"

"I liked bowling but wanted more"



Ukraine?

Creative role play

As part of Nursery and Reception's 'Our Wonderful World' topic they visited Dinky Street in Bishops Cleeve. The children explored different occupations in designated role play areas - such as the police station, ice cream shop, vets, hairdressers and

supermarket. They enjoyed trying on the different costumes and using the wide variety of props.

"I liked playing in the builder's bit" (William)

"I liked going in the Café" (Charlotte)



Sweet Treats a hit

The Wycliffe 'Young Dragons' decided to focus on hand-made Valentine's Day cards and a beautiful array of sweets treats, which they sold to the staff and pupils of the Senior school. They were busy promoting their products and sales event in the weeks

leading up to Valentine's Day itself and will be donating some of the profit made to the Barnardo's charity. The cards and sweets proved very popular with both buyers and their final recipients. They were a sweet success.



Sakura Tree Project



Wycliffe Prep art exhibition showcased the art of Years 3, 4 and 5. They have studied a range of artists and movements. Year 3 have been looking at the Art of **Henri Matisse**; from his bright paper cut outs to his colourful interiors. Year 4 studied the art of **Joan Miro** and his fantastical creatures as well as impressionism's colour tones. OpArt's optical illusions and its creator Artist **Bridget Riley** have enthralled Year 5 and influenced their landscapes. Pupils and staff have enjoyed viewing the wonderful work on display.

As part of the Sakura Cherry Tree Project to commemorate the friendship between Japan and the UK, cherry trees are being planted in parks schools and public places around the UK. Wycliffe are delighted to have been gifted a tree.

Friends enjoy each others company at the Ball



The annual Year 11 and Development Year Ball celebrated the end of the internal examination period in February. It provided a chance for pupils to kick back and relax with friends, before we head into the Summer Term and focus turns to the demands of the formal GCSE examination period.

The evening was held in the Wycliffe Hall, which was beautifully lit and decorated. All of the pupils had dressed up for the occasion, and it was wonderful to see the array of dresses, suits and bow ties. The pupils enjoyed a delicious three

course meal and then danced the night away. A lovely evening was had by all.



Strength in Cultural diversity

Year 8 celebrate Chinese New Year



Year 8 pupils spent two Saturday School mornings celebrating all things Chinese in honour of Chinese New Year. They learnt to count to 10 in Mandarin and had a lot of fun using authentic calligraphy ink and brushes to write the Chinese symbols for the numbers. They also described themselves in Mandarin and investigated the characteristics of people born in the years of the rat and the ox (as the Year 8s and **Mr Lester** all are). They were introduced to the Confusian and Taoist philosophies and to some mindfulness; going through a chocolate mediation! They also cooked some spring rolls and prawn toast. A very busy session.



The International Fair is a celebration of the School's rich cultural diversity with our International pupils showcasing their cultures wonderfully on the day, often with a little help from their friends.

This year, we had five new cultures we have never celebrated before; Sweden, Lebanon, Egypt, Norway and Colombia.

The stands were crammed with delicious foods and illustrated their country in a myriad of different ways including; Kathakali dancer masks and information about our tied Round Square school Trivandrum on the Indian stand, Irun brew tasting at the Scottish stand, tapas treats on the Spanish stand, traditional Chinese dress and games to play on the Chinese stand, **Tom Jones** cut outs at Welsh stand and origami from the Japanese stand.

Mrs **Lisa Wisbey**, who manages the event said "The atmosphere in the hall was fantastic. Our international pupils were really committed to making the event a great success."



Round Square - to follow

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Building high shelf esteem



It was a busy World Book Day across the College. Pre-Prep spent the day in their Pyjamas enjoying listening to books being read to them by guest narrators.

Middle and Upper Prep pupils worked in their tutor groups to give a short presentation about their favourite books

dressed as one of the characters. The library organised fun book related games, including a 'book taster menu' for all Prep pupils to enjoy. During the afternoon, Year 8 visited the Senior School library where they explored a whole host of resources.

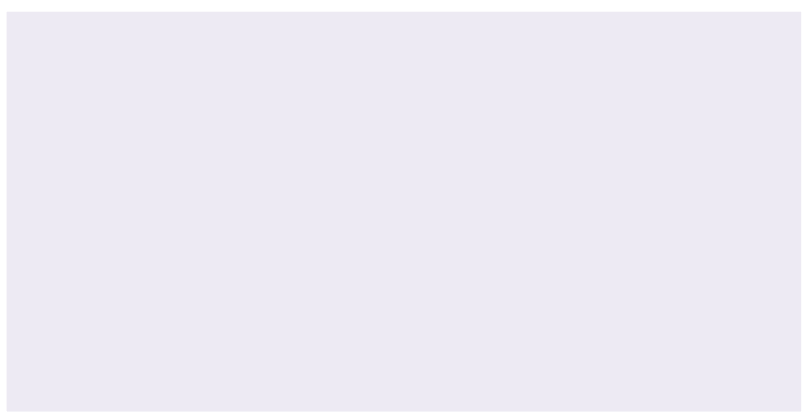
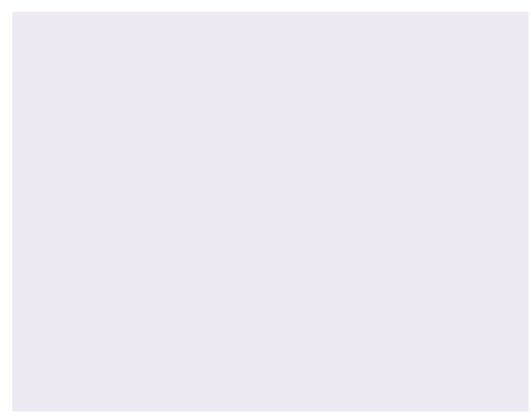
In Senior School, **Steven Camden** (aka Polar Bear), a spoken word artist, novelist & playwright inspired year 9 pupils to create

engaging characters & build worlds in his interactive workshops.

Steven was also the judge in the World Book Day cake competition. Houses and individual pupils baked cakes based on their favourite books. The entry level was high and after a tough decision Robinson's Alice in Wonderland cake 'called to him' and won!



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Wycliffe Library reading room is a peaceful haven

Sharon Hodgkins, Head Librarian has carefully curated the reading room in The Wycliffe Library into a tranquil, restful place where pupils can come and read, do their prep or simply sit and be. To mark the reading room re-opening hot chocolate and biscuits were served to the delight of those who attended.



What a Novel experience

This year to celebrate National Storytelling Week, Pupils and Teachers were invited to build a story together. A typewriter nestled in the library entrance allowed storytellers to add a sentence or paragraph to continue the story thread.

With the chosen theme: Your story – My story the opening line 'The egg cracked and they all stepped back in trepidation'.. led to a myriad of sentences including 'Determination covered the chicken's face as he trudged through blistering winds, causing his little feathers to dance in the wind.' 'The lion sat snarling. The cave was dark and eerie where he lay slumbering in the sweltering heat.'



Cadets formally dine out

The Annual CCF dinner is an opportunity to say farewell and thank you to our senior cadets as well as educate them in the etiquette of formal dinners. This black tie (and Mess Dress) event was a lovely introduction for the cadets into military Mess life.

Capt Archer the Contingent Commander presented the outgoing CSM **Ella Clements** and announced the new CSM for 2022-23; **Rosie Palk**.



Cadets increase their technical skills

This term, Year 10 cadets have been introduced to two technical activities. They took to the climbing wall at The Warehouse in Gloucester and learnt safety knots, how to secure harnesses and how to effectively belay each other up and down the wall. In addition to this the purchase of set of kayaks have allowed CCF to run kayak training session at the swimming pool.



Yr 9 cadets prepare for field training exercise

Year 9 cadets have been preparing for their first field training exercise since joining. At the end of the Spring Term cadets will be deployed

to Bramley Training Area in Hampshire. The exercise uses infantry skills as a vehicle for leadership and teamwork.

Expedition Day encourages exploration

Expedition Day in Prep is a chance for pupils to embrace their true 'pioneering' spirit and discover places or concepts that are out of the everyday norm and off curriculum.

Years 3 and 4 visited Cadbury World. They had a tour of the factory, wrote their names in chocolate, used special tools to temper chocolate; experienced a 4D animated show and spent an hour on the huge adventure

playground. The trip was rounded off with purchasing lots of chocolate from the gift shop!

Year 5 visited Copegrove Farm, explored the woods, built forest structures and dens before cooking marshmallows over an open fire. Year 6 cycled in the Forest of Dean, touring along cycle paths and over bridges before resting their weary legs with a well earned picnic. **Mrs Taylor** learnt how to ride a tandem for the first time! Year 7 enjoyed themselves at MoJo Active completing lots of creative team building

activities such as crate stack. Testing their problem solving, skill and humour!

The Year 8 pupils enjoyed a day's abseiling and caving at Symonds Yat Rock in the Forest of Dean. 'Forest Adventure' provided four instructors to lead and support the pupils through various tasks that challenged them both mentally and physically. All the pupils came away feeling it had been so worthwhile and that they had pushed themselves to succeed. Even the Year 8 Tutors and **Mrs Ely** 'had a go' too, it seems you are never too old to learn new tricks!

"I enjoyed every moment of it but the bats freaked me out a bit"

"I had to go first because I had the brightest head torch and was regretting picking that one"



D of E report Spring Term 2020



Training began on January 17th with a navigation exercise around Cam Long Down and Uley for new Silver Level participants joining after New Year. Then, on 29 January, those doing Bronze level spent Saturday morning learning First Aid, Navigation, and Campcraft skills on campus. Their expedition skills were then put to the test on a walk in the local area on Sunday. Five teams and leaders navigated a route up to Randwick and Standish Woods, practising their five

'Ds' (Direction, Destination, Duration, Distance, Destination) and enjoying a warming cup of hot chocolate on top of the hill for lunch.

Meanwhile, participants of all levels continue to attend expedition training once a week, preparing for the expedition season which begins in March.

Well done for all those participants who have completed awards this term and thank you to those members of staff who are supporting the scheme.



Future Me

The Future is very exciting, with so many different opportunities, choices of study or work options available.

Some pupils already have a plan, others have not thought about their future at all, while others have started dabbling with ideas. Research has shown that pupils who eventually make the most confident choices are those who play with ideas and try on different hats over a period of time. 'Future Me' was the opportunity to explore the range of possibilities.

To help Year 10 pupils reflect on the breadth of opportunities open to them four fictional character personas were created with specific attributes. Pupils were tasked to consider what post GCSE study choices (A levels, BTECs and T levels) their characters could do taking into consideration the personas interests, skills and passions. Pupils explored a range of online resources to discover job families, sector specific sites, roles with high vacancy levels, apprenticeships and undergraduate courses in the UK and overseas.

The session concluded with each group suggesting a possible study or employment choice for one of the four characters, detailing their rationale and what they would therefore advise for post



Pupils were fascinated by the possibilities they discovered and have now experienced first-hand how and where to find out about them.

The most interesting thing I learnt- The different courses there are at universities. About the requirements for apprenticeships. There are different websites for different universities, their degrees and courses. The existence of T Levels and BTECS and their purposes.

That even with lesser results you can earn quite a lot of money in the right field. Working out the salary per hour. You do not always need specific A-levels to study a degree at university, just the grades. That there are different routes into the same profession. About unique jobs like dramatherapist.



Options Fair helps pupils choose GCSEs

Selecting GCSE takes careful consideration – pupils need to think about which subjects they are good at and enjoy as well as how these could help them in their future career.

At the Options Fair, teacher from all subjects are on hand to guide pupils through the GCSEs on offer, what the course entails and where it could take them. During the event the Sports hall was a hive of activity with pupils asking staff and current year 11 students lots of in-depth and probing questions. Pupils left the event feeling more confident about their upcoming choices and had lots to discuss with their parents.

Future Fairs Report

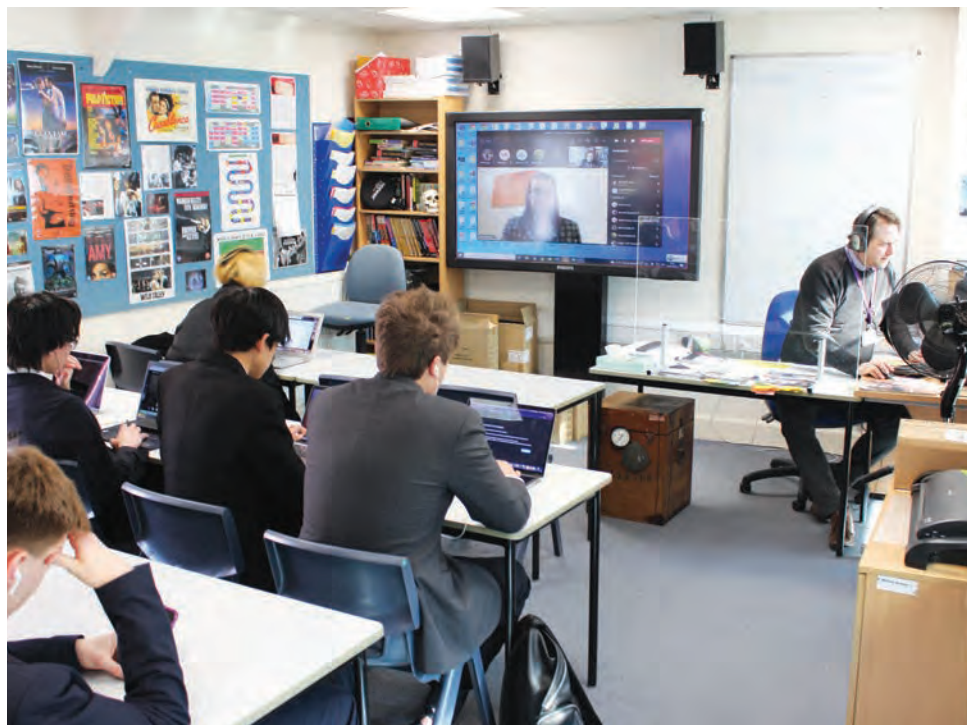
This year due to uncertainties around the status of the pandemic we decided, as last year, to run our Futures Fair virtually.

40 different presentations were on offer. Presenters could select the years to which they would present. Universities in the UK and overseas, companies, organisations, Old Wycliffians and parents prepared some wonderful presentations. Food science, Philosophy, politics and economics, zoology, creative careers, material science, engineering, mathematics, product design, studying in Scotland, interdisciplinary studies, healthcare, nursing and midwifery, social work were all promoted by UK universities. Apprenticeships were explained by the ASK and Renishaw. Parents spoke on Green Finance and sustainable business, a future in financial planning, a career in hospitality, Ikigai-finding your life purpose, a military career with a difference. Old Wycliffians offered The role of a data analyst, Neurodiversity and career diversity, Choose

landscape, Freelancing your future with languages.

On the day we encountered unexpected IT issues which affected some presentations in

different ways. We were very disappointed by this as the quality of the presentations was very high. Many presenters have provided slides or recordings as a follow up.



DY – Oxford Trip

The Development Year pupils visited Oxford. Pupils first enjoyed the Oxford University Museum of Natural History (where staff from the Entomology department were inadvertently trolled with persistent questions about arachnids). Fossils were compared with finds local to Stonehouse, and one wire-mounted dinosaur skeleton did a Jurassic dance when a visitor backed into it.

Following this, the whistle stop tour took in as many central Oxford sights as possible, some atmospheric alleys, and included looking at a stone faced grotesque. The cavernous Blackwell's was a big hit, raking in some Wycliffian pocket money. Pupils had a little time for their packed lunch and while most raced around exploring further, others discovered that a local sushi bar does not match those of Tokyo, and two other pupils found out the difference between fast food and, well, slow food. The afternoon included an hour in the Ashmolean Museum. As usual the pupils were punctual and fun and interesting to be with.

Prep Boarding

Space Exploration



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Science Week sparks imaginations

Children for all years had the opportunity to explore topics out of the ordinary during the Prep School's Science Week.

"Science Week enables children to explore Science beyond the lab or classroom," said **Mr Tom Holroyde**, Head of Science at the Prep School. "It is a chance to learn about topics that will fire pupil imaginations and inspire them to consider careers in Science."

The week started with an assembly on the potential life on other planets by Mr Holroyde. This got underway with a look at the potential candidates in our own solar system. Pupils also looked how Mars would have once been more hospitable to life.

On Wednesday, Years 3-8 were treated to a talk by **Josh Richards** a potential astronaut for the Mars One mission. Josh had a brilliant and varied background having been in the military as Combat Engineer, Science Adviser to **Damien Hirst** and a Stand up Comedian before being selected for the programme. Josh explained the issues and challenges of getting to Mars and the dilemmas of it being a one-way ticket. At the end, pupils were able to ask questions about what they will do for food? Will they resort to cannibalism?! How do you go to the toilet? What do your family think



about you going to Mars one-way? This was a brilliant opportunity to inspire learners beyond just the curriculum.

Children from Year 3 to 5 experienced a Science demonstration by teachers of those years. The focus was on physics. This started off with a look at vacuums and effects this has on pressure and sound. Pupils then moved onto how physics effects everyday objects through a collection of interactive workshops.

Year 6 pupils visited 'We the Curious' Science Museum where they played games involving

fossils and evolution to illustrate how the domestic horse's evolution has been shaped by climate change. They then had the chance to explore the stimulating and hands-on exhibits at the museum. It was wonderful for them to see all these amazing resources and be introduced to many new and exciting concepts.

In the Pre-Prep Science Showcase pupils looked at the colours in light and how white light is made up of the colours of the rainbow. This progressed to Pre-Prep making their own Newton discs to prove this concept.



Pupils counting success

The BEBRAS Computational Thinking Challenge involves more than 200,000 participants in over 30 countries and gives pupils an opportunity to practise the sort of problem-solving skills used by software engineers. Pupils from across the Prep and Senior school took part.

The leading performances from across the Prep School were **Charlie Bullock** (Kits winner), **Matilda Lane**: Castors (8-11), **Ethan Wright**: Juniors (10-12), **Tilly Strefford**: Inters (12-14). In the Senior School - **Eleanor Casey** (Year 9, Ivy Grove), who was also - notably - the best in the whole school in spite of being

by **Olivia Deshais**

Last November, every pupil from year 2-8 took part in the Bebras Challenge! Each participant gets 45 minutes to answer 15 multiple-choice questions that focus on computational and logical thinking.

There are 3 sections, part A, which you should have a go at all of them as you do not lose

in Year 9; Seniors (14-16 years old): **Aidan Kitching** (Year 11); Elite (16-18 years old): **James Waller** (Year 13).



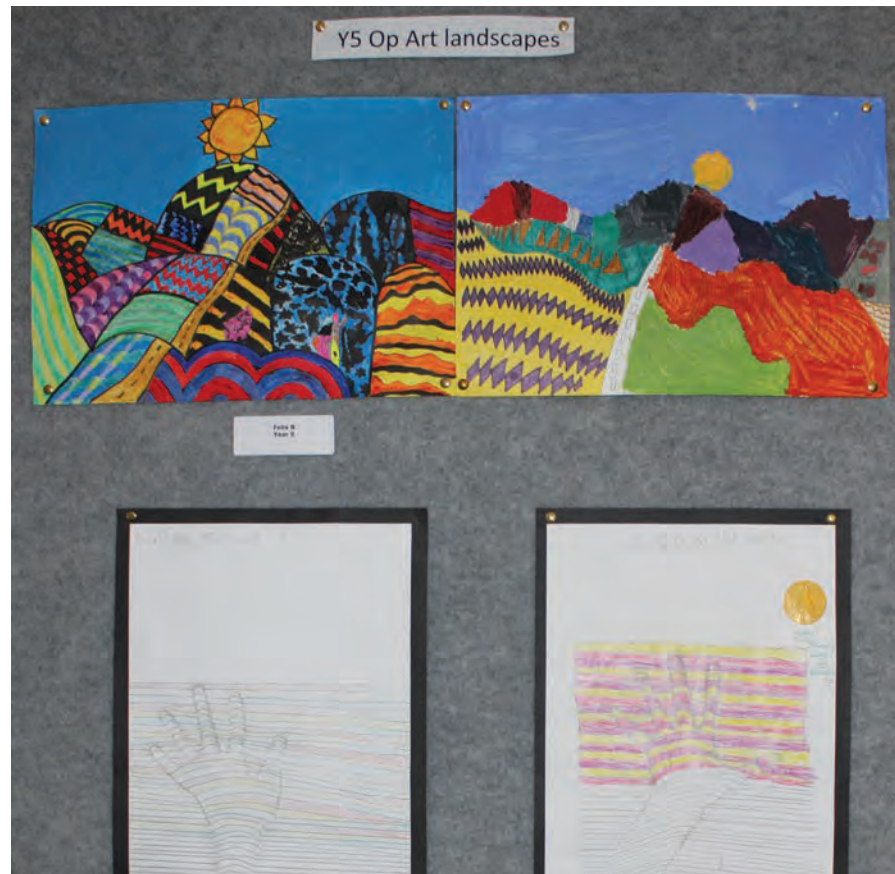
points if you get it wrong, and they are not too difficult. In part B, if you get a question wrong then you lose 2 points. The part C questions are very hard and need to have lots of thought as if you get a question wrong, you lose 4 marks. Overall, I scored 189 points, 2 points behind 1st place. I was very proud of my work, and I hope to do even better next year!

Explosive start to the day



Loud bangs resounded through the Prep quad on the day **Mr Holroyde** demonstrated the process of sublimation. As seeing a theory in action creates a memorable learning experience. You can bet that Year 8 Pupils will remember for a long time how the transition of a substance from a solid to a gas was memorably demonstrated through explosive dry ice experiments. It was a blast!



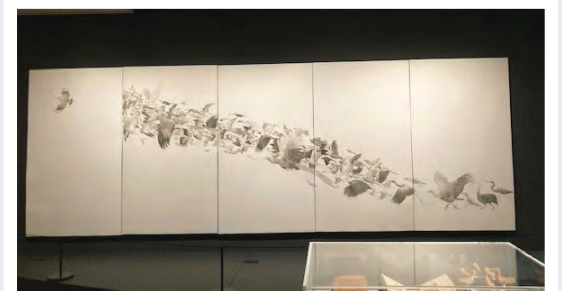


Oxford provides A level pupils contextual source material



Visiting The Ashmolean, Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museum in Oxford is always a valuable experience. The Year 12 and 13 trip in February gave pupils an opportunity to gain more contextual source material for their project work. In addition to the permanent collection, The Ashmolean had a display of artworks by the artist **Ali Kazim** based on his residency in the museum. The works were his own response to the objects and paintings in the collection.

Pitt Rivers is chock a block full of treasures from around the world and students spent time exploring the cabinets and making studies for their sketchbooks. The Natural History Museum had a temporary exhibition from **Kurt Jackson**. The artworks were a collaboration of the celebrated art of Kurt Jackson with reflections from Oxford University researchers. The new exhibition explores biodiversity across British landscapes and considers the future of our country's habitats. Pupils were impressed to see his work up close and study the surfaces he creates.



Prep Arts Focus

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and influenced their landscapes. Pupils and staff have enjoyed viewing the wonderful work on display.



Digital Art Department

In the Digital Arts Department we offer three subjects – For Sixth Form A-Level Film Studies and BTEC Digital Production, and for Development Year we offer DY Media.

Only the Sixth Form courses are assessed, but all three courses require highly creative, skilful, and imaginative students, who are driven to produce high-quality photography, digital image manipulation, and video product. Whilst on the courses students are continually creating highly impressive work. Here are some examples of some fine photography that is currently being submitted to the Gloucestershire Young Photographers

Competition, as we as examples of an internal competition for high-quality image manipulation. These examples, and many more, can be found proudly displayed on the walls of our department.



Announcements

Marriage

A belated and heartfelt congratulations to **Bettie Jiang** (IG L 2002-2004) and **David Siu** (H 2000-2003) who were married July 2021. David and Bettie met whilst they were studying at Wycliffe College and now work together in their business 'Bettie' <http://bettiejjiang.com>



Deaths

During the Spring Term, we sadly said goodbye to:

Christopher Walker (J H 1962-1972)

Richard Orchard (P J H 1954 – 1964)

John Bradbeer (J S 1939 – 1945)

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

OW's Giving Back

This term, pupils have benefitted from the generous involvement of the following OW's in College activities. With thanks to OW, violinist & leader of the Carducci Quartet, **Matthew Denton** (P W 1988-1991), for his contribution to the Music Department's Woodwind and Strings Day and to **Susie Jackson** (C 2004-2009), **Amanda Price** (P SH 1988-2002), **Andy Lamb** (C 1996-2005), **Danika Barber** (SH 1991-1995) for giving up their time to share their experience at this month's Futures Fair, organised by the Careers Department.

TWS Calendar 2022

April

Sat 30th OW Cricket v Wycliffe 1st XI
OW Tennis v Wycliffe
Followed by match tea in the Pavilion. Spectators welcome.
TWS Golf Society Spring Match

May

xxx TWS Drinks (Gloucestershire),
Stroud Brewery.

June

Fri 3rd
6.30 -
8.30pm

For all events, please RSVP to 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.

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We were delighted to see so many familiar faces at the recent OW Gloucestershire Drinks, which were held at the Old Lodge, Minchinhampton.



We heard from **Edward (Ted) James** (J SH 1974-1983) that a group of OW's came together in January.

Pictured here at the Kings Arms, Didmorton (l to r) are:

Mike Hill (P SH 1978-1986)

Tom Lister (P H 1980-1987)

Tom Hatherall, Ted James (J SH 1974-1983)

Anna Davison (née Woodhouse) (H HE 1981-1983)

Zoe Davison (HE C 2013-2017)

John Woodhouse (H 1976-1981)

Andrew (Jim) James (P SH 1977-1987)

John Simpson (S 1977-1982)



To see more photos, please go to: [wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/events/](https://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/events/)

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Jeremy Nicholas (J SH 1957-1965) started acting, playing the piano and writing comic verse when he was at infant school. He states that he has not really progressed much since then, having spent nearly all his professional life doing exactly the same.

Nurtured on a diet of **Gilbert & Sullivan, Noel Coward, Flanders & Swann, Tom Lehrer** with lots of **Lewis Carroll, John Betjeman, Marriot Edgar** and **Harry Graham** thrown into the mix, his love of rhyme has been a lifelong passion.

'What Larks' is a wide-ranging collection of some of the poems and song lyrics Jeremy has written over the past four decades, most of the composed under the influence of panic and looming deadlines.

During a long stage career, Jeremy was nominated for an Olivier Award for his acclaimed solo performance in his own adaptation of 'Three Men in a Boat' (Edinburgh Festival, West End, UK tour and Channel 4).



On television, he has played leading roles in drama series from 'The Pickwick Papers', 'The Good Companions', 'Wish Me Luck', 'Outside Edge', to soaps like 'Crossroads' and 'Heartbeat'.

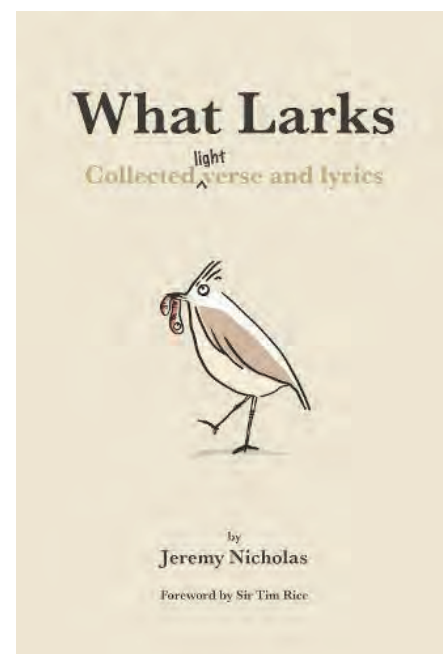
In 1997 he won a prestigious Sony Gold Award for one of his many radio programmes for the BBC. His hour-long feature on Uncle Mac's Children's Favourites (Hello Children...Everywhere on Radio 4) spawned a series of best-selling EMI compilations which he curated. Jeremy has composed the incidental music for several stage plays (among them Tennessee Williams's Vieux Carré) and four major television productions (including Simon Gray's Quatermain's Terms and Turgenev's A Month in the Country for BBC2). The

author of four reference books on classical music, in addition to biographies of **Chopin** and **Leopold Godowsky**, he now spends most of his time writing about classical music in general and the piano in particular. He has been President of the Jerome K Jerome Society since 1993 and for 18 years was Director of Music at St Mary's, Bocking, close

to where he lives in rural Essex with his wife and a small dog. Any profits from this book will go directly into his bank account.

His recent book, 'What Larks – Collected light verse and lyrics' is now available for purchase via Porter Press with a discount of 15% for OW's using the code 'Larks15'.

<https://porterpress.co.uk/products/what-larks-books>



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Our first sporting event of 2022 took place this month, with OW's returning to take on the current Wycliffe College team in netball, football and (a new addition for this year) basketball. The matches were hotly contested, with narrow wins for... blah, blah, blah [insert details here once event has taken place!] [Insert images once available]

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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A busy term of Netball, Football, Cross Country and Swimming has seen Prep pupils travel all over Gloucestershire and beyond. Traditional blocks against Beaudesert, Clifton Prep, Hatherop College, QEH, Dean Close and Tockington Manor have all been competitive, particularly our senior netball and football teams.

In February, we welcomed 12 schools and 130 pupils to compete at U11 and U13 Wycliffe Six aside football. In glorious sunshine with supportive spectators the competitive matches ran across six different pitches. The U11 performed well, finishing 3rd out of 8 with **T Corbin**, **J Cooper**, and **O Jewkes** proving to be a formidable midfield. Our U13 took the title winning all 5 matches, scoring 12 and conceding 1. **O Jewkes** led his side brilliantly

ably supported by vice captain **S. Hart**. Our U13s were greeted by the eventual winners and the runner up both in their group. After missing out on the cup competition the girls finishing 3rd out of 4 . They went on to beat a strong Twyford side before a tight loss against Taunton Prep. **L Coulton** was superb through the middle of the court and **M Downey** as reliable as ever under the hoop.

U11 Runners win Severnside Cross Country

Severnside Cross Country brings in runners from Tockington, Cheltenham Prep, Beaudesert, Clifton College Prep, Dean Close and The Downs School. Runners competed at U9, U11 and U13 age groups with our U11 boys team finishing as winners with **A. Spurr** winning the race. **T Spurr** finished second to a Tockington runner in the U13 boys event.

Malvern Cross Country is the highlight of the running calendar with close to 1000 pupils competing across U11 and U13 categories to win National Team and Individual titles. Highlight from an individual performance perspective was **A. Spurr** who finished 4th in a field of 170 runners.



Looking ahead to 2023

In 2019, Cheltenham College hosted the Netball Night Lights match which Wycliffe won 40-37. This year as hosts the girls were excited to play in front of spectators at home. Both teams started the game well with fast passing and moving around the court. With Cheltenham college scoring early, Wycliffe struggled to keep in touch and despite several impressive turnover opportunities the opposition stifled us in attack. All credit to the squad for never giving up and working hard throughout the game. A tough loss but a chance to learn and improve as we look ahead to 2023. Thank you to all who came to support the girls.....



Good humoured Netball vs Rugby charity event

As part of BTEC Sport Year 13 pupils are required to plan, promote and deliver a sporting event. This year the group decided on Rugby vs Netball, with the aim of raising money for Sport in Mind charity. Held in the sports hall due to poor weather conditions the event consisted of 20 minutes of Netball

followed by 15 minutes of touch Rugby (Girls vs Boys). Played with great intensity and good humour the girls won the Netball and the boys touch Rugby, with the boys being the close overall winners 17-15. The event was a great success raising over £100 for the charity, thank you to everyone for their donations.



Girls give their all in Regional IAPS

The U11 netballers played with energy and confidence, rotating through all court positions. Wins vs Hanford and Port Regis and tight loses against Upton House, left a final pool game against Clifton prep. An end to end game that resulted in a draw leaving Millfield in the Semi-Final. A great day of Netball with a talented group of girls of whom half the side were Year 5. **H. Jackson** was player of the tournament. Plenty of promising years ahead for the Netball.

Swimmers make a splash

Prep swimmers headed to Millfield School to swim in the IAPS South West Regional qualifiers.

They took part in a range of individual events. **G.TW** won both her races with a quick time. **Y. Perez** and **L Coulton** swam well in fast heats finishing 3rd and second respectively. Everyone swam well against some of the best swim schools in the Country.

Squash players hard work pays off

This term has been dominated by National Tournaments, county events, National Schools competition and International Tournaments for **Ksenia Merkulova**, **Philipp Hansert** and **Nero Harms**. Following their success in these events, Philipp has been selected to represent Switzerland at the European Junior Championships over Easter.

William Franklin, **Luke Saunders** and **Nero Harms** became tournament winners in their respective age groups. We took our largest group of students to a National Gold event recently, showing the work they have done over the year. We are now looking forward to the National Schools finals for Key Stage 3 boys and both Key Stage 5 teams on the 23rd and 25th of March respectively. We look forward to competing with the other best schools in the country on finals day.

Rowers dominate at Dorney Lake

The last head race of the season for Wycliffe was The Junior Sculling Head, held at Dorney Lake. Wycliffe had 4 crews entered WJ18, WJ17, WJ16 and J18 Quads. It was a great day despite the weather with the boys placing 6th out of 24, the Junior 16 girls finishing 8th out of 40 and the Junior 18 girls taking home 1st place. The junior 17 girls quad came 2 seconds behind winners Henley. We look forward to regatta season starting in a few weeks' time!

It's a slam dunk for new coach Tony

This year we welcomed our new basketball coach **Tony Wilburn** who has been working with our Senior team, as well as starting a new Prep School basketball club for Years 5-6. The boys have enjoyed having an ex-professional player coaching them and we have some exciting opportunities ahead for basketball players at Wycliffe.

Well done Zac

Zac Beim left the UK in January for South America to work and play for Lovelocks Polo Stud with his Dad. Zac and his Dad played in the prestigious Copa Canuelas tournament, where they played in the final at Pelermo the Mecca of polo in Buenos Aires. Although they lost by 1 this didn't stop Zac and his team winning the next tournament - The Carnival Polo.

Selected for Team England Futures

Seb Forrest been selected to be part of 'Team England Futures' following nomination from Pentathlon GB. Visiting the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, he will take part in behind-the-scenes experiences at the Games.

Severns tournament gives encouragement



In the U16 competition, there were 10 teams going head-to-head, split across two pools of five.

In difficult conditions the standard of rugby on display was exceptional. In Group A Wycliffe faced QEH, Llandaff, Millfield, and Malvern. Although not winning any group games, the squad show great character as they improved throughout the afternoon.

As Wycliffe won the last tournament in 2020, we were eager to impress. Drawn in Group A alongside QEH, Bristol Grammar and Kingswood the squad showed tenacity and resilience in all three tight group games. A 4th place in the group saw the team qualify for the Plate semi-final against KES Bath. A breakout from **James Candy** resulted in the winning try and a 24 – 19 win. Weary legs saw them lose in the final against Prior Park. Both squads will have been encouraged by their efforts and are looking forward to competing at the National Schools Sevens in London.



Training with Olympic athletes

James Hulme is a Penthlete who competes for GB and Leweston. Through Team GB he has been nominated for Sports Aid Award which helps elite athletes in training. James trains at Bath University with Olympic Champion **Joe Choong** up to 7 days a week (as well as playing 1st team Rugby sevens and Football for School.

Be great to have a pic here, struggling to fill the space a bit!

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