



The Wycliffe Times

Pupils go for Gold!



by Miss Elliot and Mrs Larkin

This year should result in a record number of pupils completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Those involved have really earned this accolade, with many joining the award scheme in Year 9 and working their way up through the levels.

Five years later, they are completing activities in five sections: expedition, physical, skills, volunteering, and residential. Their DofE journey, from Bronze to Gold, has taken them in and out of the dark days of lockdown, with many having to work their activities around Government restrictions.

The majority have done expeditions on foot: from Bronze expeditions both locally and in the beautiful Gower Peninsula, to a Gold final venture in the remote Black Mountain area of the Brecon Beacons.

We also have a group who have organised their own Silver and Gold ventures by canoe, navigating some physically demanding and exciting routes!

Pupils undertook activities such as ranger conservation, sea kayaking, a young vet experience, sailing, high ropes activities, and orienteering on their residentials.

Congratulations to all those involved on everything they have achieved!



Pioneering spirit sees Ten Tors team reach new heights

On 6th – 8th May, a team of six Wycliffe cadets travelled to Dartmoor to compete in the Ten Tors Challenge.

Open to pupils from across the South West, the Ten Tors Challenge is an annual event organised by the Army's Headquarters South West with support from the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, as well as civilian emergency services and volunteers.

Celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, the event sees over 2,000 teenagers navigate routes of 35, 45, or 55 miles over two days. In order to successfully complete the Challenge, the teams must reach 10 checkpoints placed atop tors, beacons and hills.

The event is completely self-sufficient, with competitors carrying all their supplies, including tents, sleeping bags, spare clothes, and food in their rucksacks.

In order to prepare for the Challenge, the Wycliffe team completed several training walks, including two on Dartmoor itself. This helped them hone their navigational, route-planning, and camping skills. The whole group was extremely committed to their endeavour, participating in training sessions on Sundays between October and early March, regardless of cold, windy and wet weather conditions.

On the Friday, the group travelled to Dartmoor

and met event coordinator **Colonel Gary McDade**, an Old Wycliffian and two-time Ten Tors competitor.

After rising early on the Saturday morning, they made their way to the starting line and, after an anxious wait, began their trek at 7am.

The team made excellent progress, walking for 13 hours and covering a significant distance before setting up camp for the night.

Day 2 of the Challenge saw the group persevere despite the early morning mist. They descended



from the final checkpoint at 2:30pm on the Sunday afternoon, completing the Challenge with a final charge through the finish line!

Kirby Challenge Award

by Mr Guest

The Kirby Challenge Award provides an opportunity for Year 8 pupils to challenge themselves. It gives them a chance to identify and reflect upon their accomplishments, while at the same time allowing staff the opportunity to reward and recognise pupils' contributions to school life and the wider community.

There are three distinct parts to the Award: Contribution, Collaboration and Challenge. In order to achieve the Award, pupils must provide evidence of commitment in all three areas.

On Saturday mornings in the Spring Term, guided by their mentors, pupils made plans to turn their ideas into reality. Some fantastic

activities were organised for a morning of action: they ranged from increasing the biodiversity of areas of the school to delivering help packages to a homeless organisation.

Pupils' contributions to school life were also impressive. Year 8 pupils organised sports, reading, and writing clubs for younger pupils, and delivered assemblies on homelessness, Black history, and deforestation. A twenty-kilometre run around the school fields and a marathon badminton match were two of the many challenges pupils accomplished.

The Award culminated in pupils presenting their achievements, failures and reflections to parents, before receiving the new Kirby Challenge Award badge presented by **Mrs Grant**. Congratulations to all those involved on their impressive accomplishments!

Congratulations to Kenyon

by Mrs Russell

Since joining Wycliffe in September 2021, talented musician **Kenyon Chow** (Year 10, Robinson) has achieved a number of notable musical successes.



In addition to regularly delighting audiences with his outstanding performances in College as both a soloist and ensemble member, he represents Wycliffe in the Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra and has recently been invited to join the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama Junior Conservatoire.

Kenyon produced a superb performance in the Avon Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition, and was also awarded a Licentiate of Trinity College London Violin Diploma (equivalent in standard to the final year recital of an undergraduate music degree, and an astonishing achievement for someone of his age).

Congratulations to Kenyon on all his successes so far!

Aspire 2022

by Mrs Hiorns

Soon after the Easter break, Year 12 took part in the Aspire project. As part of the project, pupils consider their interests, passions, skills and values. They then research a role, company or cause they aspire to be involved with, consider how well they would suit it, what they have already done towards a successful outcome and what yet needs to be done. This is followed by a six-minute presentation to an external judge.

Thank you to those trustees, parents, Prep School and non-teaching staff who supported us with this.

This Aspire project builds on the mock interview event in Year 11 where pupils complete an application form promoting themselves and then attend an interview. This event goes one step further in requiring them to tailor their presentation. It provides excellent preparation for future personal statements, CVs and apprenticeship applications. The in-depth research also enabled some pupils to gain clarity about their next steps.

Twelve pupils have been awarded a certificate and a copy of *The Squiggly Career* by **Helen Tupper** and **Sarah Ellis**: **James Cox, Sophie Izon, Emilin Isgin Navarro, Catherine Lomer, Lucy McKerrow, Oliver Moores, Naomi Opaleye, Nol Patpongpanit, Sohil Rai, Oliver Shute, Evie Wright** and **Orla Wright**.

Success for Eloise

by Mrs Russell

Eloise Bartram (Year 10, Collingwood) was awarded two bronze medals at this year's Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts for her solo performances on the piano.



In one of the classes, Eloise was competing against other pianists much older than her, making her achievement all the more notable. Eloise also did a superb job of accompanying an eight-year-old girl who was singing in the Festival, which requires a very different set of skills to playing as a soloist.

It is wonderful to have another Wycliffe musician winning medals at this Festival, following on from **Safi Curzon's** success there last year.

Years 3 and 4 get creative on Art Day

by Miss Lewis

The project for Year 3 and 4 Art Day was based around the book *The Wanderer* by Peter Van Den Ende - a wordless picture book about a paper boat.

The children created their own pictures based on the illustrations in the book. Attention to detail, creativity, resilience, and sharp

pencils were required!

The children used fine liners to outline their work and used water to help the ink to bleed, giving a shaded effect. They then turned a photocopy of their work into boats and created a sea of work.

Well done to all the children on their fantastic creations!



Pupils delight in *Alice in Wonderland* production

by Mrs Askew

Years 3, 4 and 5 travelled down the rabbit hole and joined Alice, one of literature's most beloved heroines, in her madcap adventures.

With lots of familiar songs such as: 'Zip-A-De-Doo-Dah', 'A Very Merry Unbirthday', and 'How D'Ye Do and Shake Hands', pupils danced and sang their way through Alice's adventures.

The ever-curious Alice's journey begins innocently enough as she chases the White Rabbit, but things become increasingly strange as she races dodo birds, gets tangled up with Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, raps with a bubble-blowing caterpillar, and beats the Queen of Hearts at her own game of Simon Says!



With 51 children on stage, it was a busy week choreographing and directing the young cast, but the whole production came together wonderfully and delighted

audiences. **Mrs Murray** worked her magic with stunning costumes, helping to make this a truly magical performance experience for pupils.

Very happy campers!



by Miss Elliott and Mrs Larkin

29 pupils have recently undertaken their final Bronze venture in the Wye Valley.

After spending the first night at YHA Wye Valley, half the group then walked west to Symonds Yat, following the beautiful Wye Valley Walk and then on to Bibils Youth Campsite set deep in the forest. They spent the night

there, relaxing, sitting by the river, and watching the local wildlife. The next day, they carried on to Monmouth and finished near The Kymin. The other half of the group did the same trip in reverse.

The pupils particularly enjoyed camping, and we are looking forward to many of them continuing with Silver and Gold levels.

Parents vs pupils chess tournament

by Mr Broadhead

After scoring a recent win against Pinewood, Wycliffe Prep Chess Team faced their greatest challenge yet: a team of Wycliffe parents with many years of chess-playing experience between them.

Alas the parents won, but the pupils impressed with their determination,

and gained valuable experience of the challenges and excitement of competitive matches.

Next year, Wycliffe Prep Chess Team hopes to play against more schools, and we are looking into the possibility of taking a team to the IAPS annual Chess Tournament in Twickenham. Watch this space!

Art pupils' experimental approach



by Miss Green

On Wednesday 8th June, the artist **Paul Brandford** led an experimental drawing and painting workshop in the Art department.

Year 10 pupils participated in tasks which gave them the opportunity to take more risks and be brave with their approach. They worked in charcoal and paint and tried out palette knives for the first time. They worked to different times and in different scales, increasing their skills in gestural movement and expressive mark making. Colour mixing was also a consideration.

The workshop approach will help improve the quality of their work moving forward.



A fresh spin on an epic journey!

by Mrs Scott

For the first Wycliffe Senior Drama Scholars' play, the pupils retold the story of Odysseus and his famously inconvenient journey home from the Trojan War. The performance was an adaptation, written and first performed by Splendid Productions - an exciting theatre company which uses physical theatre, clowning, audience interaction and song to bring traditional stories to life.

Mr Thomas (Director) and 10 pupils from Years 9 to 12 worked extremely hard in creating and rehearsing this challenging piece, while others took important backstage roles such as creating the programme, the outstanding set and props, and the clever costumes.

The performance took place in the

Drama Studio to a select audience on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th June. It was a truly fantastic opportunity for our Drama Scholars to challenge themselves in a high-energy and exaggerated piece. This was especially useful for our Sixth Form pupils as they study the theatre group as part of their A Level.

Highlights of the show were the fantastically exaggerated 'Old Men of the Sea' chorus played by all the actors; a very calm and vulnerable Cyclops who has all his sheep stolen by Odysseus, played by **Rhynell Rusere** (Year 11 Ward's) and **Mia Baker** (Year 12, Collingwood); and **Ruby Dixon** (Year 12, Haywardsend) and **Morgan Owen** (Year 12, Wards) with their comical take on the 'Family of Giants'.

Morgan Owen said: "It's been an honour to be a part of the Scholars' group and

work with excellent people. It has been a great opportunity to get outside of your comfort zone as an actor. I've loved working with other actors and helping to develop the skills of younger Scholars and to meet others who have similar interests to me. **Mr Thomas** has been great fun to work with and he has really dedicated his time to the play. It's been excellent to try something new."

Ruby Dixon said: 'I have thoroughly enjoyed pushing my abilities with Splendid Theatre. Although it was challenging working with a variety of year groups, we had a similar interest in Drama and that has made it fun and enjoyable. **Mr Thomas** was very encouraging and supported us throughout.'

We look forward to working with our Drama Scholars again next year!

Artists broaden their horizons

by Miss Green

In Year 12, we have provided a painting and drawing course that aims to expand pupils' abilities and ambitions. They have participated in workshops with **Alex Merry** and **Paul Fowler**, as well as visiting London and Oxford and attending Stroud College's end-of-year show.

Highlights of the course have included trips to exhibitions showcasing the work of eminent artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Paula Rego and Francis Bacon.

Pupils enjoyed a visit from former student **David Dytham** in which he discussed his experiences since leaving College. His games design course has contributed much to pupils' appreciation of possible art pathways post A Level.

In preparation for starting their coursework, pupils have worked on a short project that has

helped them discover themes they may be interested in. This process has developed, and they are now in the beginning stages of their Personal Investigations. Pupils have started to look at themes such as: phobias, neurological disorders, light and dark, the human body, and portraiture. We look forward to seeing how these initial ideas develop.



Celebrating Japanese Children's Day

by Miss Revie

In Year 9 Japanese lessons we explore various Japanese seasonal events as well as the unique culture of Japan.

In Japan, May 5th is known as Children's Day (*Kodomo no Hi*). Formerly known as Boys' Day (Girls' Day is on March 3rd), *Kodomo no Hi* is a public holiday. It is traditional for families to display Koi Carp streamers (the carp is a symbol of strength and courage in Japan); eat a special type of mochi rice cake; and celebrate the health and happiness of all children, both boys and girls. Some families also display small ornaments such as kabuto helmets and samurai dolls.

During a Year 9 lesson at the start of May, pupils learnt about *Kodomo no Hi*, and made origami kabuto helmets and origami koi streamers. They enjoyed the challenge of origami, some even making several colourful creations.

Towards the end of the Summer Term, pupils will learn about the *Tanabata* festival which is celebrated on July 7th.



Party like it's 1966!

by Olivia Dunn and Hardy Parkinson, Year 6

Year 6 had a bright, colourful and inspiring 1960s afternoon.

We dressed up in amazing costumes that represented the clothing of the era and discovered some of the entertaining 1960's games (Twister, Mouse Trap, and Sorry)! People wore tie dye, peace sign necklaces, flower prints, short skirts and flares. Before the games, we enjoyed a barrage of snacks and different foods! We personally really enjoyed the cheese and pineapple on sticks. The flavours complimented each other very well and I think we all enjoyed the mini cakes too!

We listened to music by The Beatles, and learned 'the Hitchhiker' and 'the Swim' dances. We watched clips from TV shows of the 1960's like *Doctor Who* and *Thunderbirds*.

We also enjoyed reading books with information about important inventions of the time. Overall, we think it was an amazing afternoon and both want to thank all the teachers and catering staff who brought the 1960's back to life for us!



Mental Maths Challenge 2022

by Mr Gaunt

There were three competitors from Year 5 (**Tom Hadley, Matilda Lane** and **Daniel Williams**); three from Year 6 (**Austin Gray, Lula Turner** and **Hugo James**); three from Year 7 (**Ethan Wright, Abigail Casey** and **Ayesha Menon**); and four from Year 8 (**Tom Cox, Conrad Mossiman, Anson Au Yeung** and **Lily Coulton**).

Each competitor had three 'lives', and when they got a question correct they could nominate the next person to answer a question, until only two were left.

After about 90 questions, the final two pupils were Tom Hadley and Tom Cox. Tom H had three lives left and Tom C had just one. After a fantastic head-to-head, Tom C triumphed!

This brilliant competition was watched by the whole school, who were enthralled by the speed with which the competitors answered some pretty tricky questions!

Storytime at Quedgeley Library

by Mrs Hawes



On 28th March, Nursery children visited Quedgeley Library. They enjoyed listening to stories read by the librarian, and were able to browse through the books, choosing one each to borrow, bring back to school and share together over the term.

Wycliffe pupils impress at British Physics Olympiad

by Mr Clements

In the Spring Term, Year 12 physics pupils once again took part in the British Physics Olympiad (BPhO). The BPhO is a series of annual physics competitions and challenges aimed at encouraging the study of physics and recognising excellence in young physicists. The various challenges give pupils a chance to practise their problem-solving skills and to see the real-world potential of physics.

Ethan Chivers, Zhak Mamayev and Jason Umahi achieved silver awards, while **Louis Acocks, Ella Fullman, Jakob Heberger, Oliver Moores, Zainab Sambo, Luke Saunders, Ryan Siu, and Jack Tawlks** achieved bronze. Well done to all who took part.

A taste of Summer

by Mrs Hawes



Nursery and Reception pupils visited Primrose Vale in Shurdington recently. The children went strawberry picking and had a competition to see who could find the biggest one! There was also time to play in the playground and have an ice cream. We enjoyed tasting the strawberries at snack time and all took some home too.

Year 7 visit Chepstow Castle



by Olivia Deshais, Year 7

On Friday 13th May, Year 7 went on a trip to Chepstow to see its amazing, historical castle.

This incredible piece of architecture was first built in 1067 under the instruction of the Norman lord William FitzOsbern. Over time, the next rulers of the castle edited and added parts to the castle to make it just about impossible to ambush.

It is paced next to the river Wye, on a cliff. The castle is built to be a defensive monster, towering over any ambushers; arrow slits are placed everywhere to stop people climbing the walls.

We started by taking a tour around the outside of the castle, looking at how hard it would be to even start an ambush. The rulers specifically dug a trench around the castle, not to fill it with water but to make it easier to spot people and take them down.



Incredibly, the weakest part of the castle is the main entrance (built from 1219-45). It has a massive drawbridge, filling two-thirds of the doorway when up. To ambush the castle, you need to get past the drawbridge, must climb countless metres to get to the top, have to get through a massive metal beam from one side to the other, oh and don't forget the portcullis in the way as well! Then you walk into a bare room, with archers on the walls shooting down at you. You then need to get through another massive gate just to get into the actual living part of the castle. That's the weakest area, think about the rest...

After having a delicious lunch, the man who was telling us all this then showed us the armour they used in the time period. The most used weapon was the spear, cheap to

make, and incredibly useful for thrusting or throwing like a javelin. Our guide also showed us countless techniques on how to use these weapons (and others too!). Then he showed us some really sharp swords; it was crazy how they could cut!

Afterwards, we were all given a chance to go to the gift shop and buy whatever we wanted. As we were waiting, we could go anywhere in the castle. We climbed up some very steep, scary stairs and once we got to the top, we could walk around the different platforms and play hide and seek! We all did a mini photoshoot as well (with **Mr Arman's** camera!).

I will have to say, this was one of the best expedition days I've ever done, and I will definitely be wanting to go back.

We will rock you!

by Mrs Russell

VOCES8 are one of the UK's leading cappella octets and are in high demand all around the world as performers and educators. We were very fortunate to welcome VOCES8 to Wycliffe in April to run a choral workshop with the Chapel Choir.

Our choristers had a wonderful time and learned so much from the VOCES8 singers, who sang to them, taught them some new warm-ups, and worked with them to refine 'We Will Rock You', a piece the Choir had been learning.

The highlight of the morning was when the Choir and VOCES8 sang 'We Will Rock You' together as a massed choir.

Later that day, a number of our singers saw VOCES8 perform in a superb concert in Painswick.



Year 8 Careers morning

by Mrs Hiorns

On Thursday 19th May, Year 8 took part in a careers morning.

They had the opportunity to listen to the career journeys of four former Wycliffians: **Nick Powell, Joshua Maddison, Emily Riley and James Rogers**. It was fascinating for pupils to hear about the unique routes each of the speakers had taken. They covered the

military, app development, architecture, dyslexia, videography, filmmaking, auditing, and technical accounting management. Several pupils were particularly inspired by what they heard, intending to explore further the roles described. We are very grateful to these Old Wycliffians for their input.

After a break, pupils took part in a carousel of activities. There were two games: Top Trumps career cards for both existing and

possible jobs, and the Panjango board game exploring the world of work.

There were also two activities which required pupils to self-reflect: 'Ideal me' gave them time to think about the person they would like to become at a point of their choosing in the future and then to consider one step they could take towards achieving this; 'Who am I?' gave them time to consider their passions, interests and skills.

Pupils enjoyed the event immensely and it definitely gave them plenty to consider going forwards!

History comes to life in York

by Year 5 pupils

On Thursday 28th April, Year 5 travelled to York to learn about the Vikings. We were there for three days and had an amazing time! It took four hours to get there and some of us felt very nervous as it was our first residential trip. The worries soon disappeared though as we had such an amazing time!

When we arrived, we walked along the castle walls. The view from up high was breathtaking, and we saw the beautiful, busy, bustling streets below.

We then walked along the narrow streets towards York Minster. In the Minster we had to be quiet! The most interesting part was the meeting rooms because there were lots of stone heads. **Mrs Taylor** set us the challenge of finding the one that was picking its nose! We also loved the big organ and the roof because of its beauty and size. After that, we walked to the youth hostel and settled in. We played football outside, had tea and went to bed.

The next morning, we became Vikings! We visited a Viking village and put on Viking



clothes. We learnt about Viking warriors and watched a play about a king and queen. It was great fun being put into groups and pretending to be Viking mums and dads. We also did some farming and used a hoe. In the evening we went out for dinner and went bowling. It was one of the highlights of the trip!

On the final day we went to the Jorvik Viking Centre and took a ride through Viking history. It had amazing smells! We also saw how coins were made. After that,

we went to the DIG museum where a man taught us about being an archaeologist. We did some digging from different eras which was really fascinating. We had a chance to go to the gift shop too and we all bought gifts for ourselves and our families.

Overall, the York trip was amazing and we would love to go again. We learnt so much and it was fun being with friends. A big thank you to the teachers: **Mr Arman**, **Mrs Taylor**, **Mrs Flake** and **Miss Birkett** who organised a wonderful trip!

Bon appétit at Café Rouge

by Mr Urquhart

The Wycliffe Year 10 French group enjoyed a nice meal at Café Rouge on Friday 27th May. We were well looked after by our *serveur* Christophe, and it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the success achieved in the GCSE course to date and to talk about the challenges ahead.

The pupils embraced the French menu, ordering *du camembert*, *la soupe à l'oignon*, *le demi-poulet*, *les moules*, *la bouillabaisse*, *le mousse au chocolat*, et *la crème brûlée*, and **Osaze** even ordered a French Garden Fizz (non-alcoholic, **Mrs Corbin!**). The steaks were *bien cuits* as no one had the appetite for *bleu!*

Mlle Livreau provided an entertaining quiz about French food and idioms, and the pupils engaged very well in French with Christophe. Some pupils tried *les moules* for the first time, with mixed reviews but nevertheless a broadening of the palate. Questions around the table ranged from A Level French to guessing the *petit-ami* of one of the girls.

This group has worked so well this year and has provided amazing energy in the classroom. It was our pleasure to spend the evening with such fantastic people!

On location at Berkeley Castle

by Mr Arman

Twenty two Year 8 pupils have been learning about the final years of Henry VIII's life with a view to creating a short film.

On Wednesday 8th June, they had the opportunity to don costumes and perform on location at Berkeley Castle. Filming everything in one morning was a huge undertaking, but one which they duly managed!

This film follows on from two created a few years ago and completes a trilogy about Henry's life. The finished film, entitled *The King's Final Matter*, will be available soon.



Pianists flourish in masterclass



by Mrs Russell

We currently have a number of pianists working towards top grades. To nurture them specifically, we organised a special masterclass with award-winning concert pianist **Clare Hammond**. Clare worked with four of our pianists in detail, with several of our other pianists watching.

The morning was full of invaluable wisdom, and it was wonderful to see and hear the pieces transform as our pianists experimented with different approaches to their playing. It was super to hear Clare talk about how she deals with performance nerves, and her top tips for practice. At the end of the morning, we were treated to an exquisite impromptu performance by Clare.

Some of the pianists were fortunate enough to watch Clare in a concert in Stroud the following weekend. We hope to welcome Clare back to Wycliffe again in the near future.

Young Enterprise pupils focus on sustainability

by Mrs Hiorns

At Wycliffe, we offer the Young Enterprise programme, to help and inspire young pupils to develop the skills they need for the future. Pupils are tasked with starting their own business based around a product which they will take to market. The pupils make all the decisions about their business, from the company name to finances and sales. They gain practical business experience and key skills, with hands on experience of the complexities of starting and running a business.

This year the group comprised: **Ollie Shute**, **Catherine Lomer**, **Mille Ranyard**, **Charlotte Robbins**, **Hettie Hunt**, **Tom Bartlett**, **Tobias Bailey** and **Emilin Navarro**. The group agreed to develop a product that focused on sustainability in order to highlight the importance of green issues.

From research, they realised that pupils did not know how to make a difference but that there was a hunger from the student body to be more sustainable, so they set up ShootIT. The group created a basketball hoop, made of bamboo, that attached to a recycling bin, with the intention of incentivising younger pupils to recycle. The idea was met with the support of the student body, and the group took the project forward.

As the pupils developed the product, business structure and financials, they learnt new skills that they will be able to take forward: leadership, organisation, teamwork, delegation, and analysis, to name but a few.

The team did really well, and I have no doubt that there will one day be a ShootIT basketball hoop in every classroom!

Down on the farm

by Mr Aherne

Year 1 paid a visit to Daylesford Farm to discover more about farming and the role farms play in the human food chain. Children met animals, including cows and piglets, collected eggs from the thousands of hens on site, and picked fresh strawberries from the fields.



Through My Lens – The Wycliffe Lecture Series



In a spectacular evening in March, **Professor David Olusoga OBE**, the BAFTA-winning documentary maker, author, historian and TV presenter, enthralled hundreds of guests in Wycliffe's Sibly Hall.

The evening was the culmination of a day of workshops and activities led by another speaker on the night, **Temi Akindele Barker**, as Wycliffe kicked off its membership of the Inclusion Labs Schools Programme.

Also on stage, alongside these two distinguished speakers, was Year 13 pupil **Destiny Thomas**, who grasped the opportunity to give her own personal take on the shared theme of Through my lens..., featuring perspectives on equality, diversity and inclusion. Destiny spoke with passion and eloquence, comparing her life in a London borough to that as a boarder in rural Gloucestershire.

Professor Olusoga movingly recounted his own experiences as a young Black Briton, and shared his reflections on race from a historical and structural perspective.

Ms Akindele Barker also used touching personal testimony, including her children's experience in education, and offered thought-provoking and stimulating assessments of all aspects of equality faced by young people.

After their talks, the presenters engaged in an extended Q&A session with the audience, and Professor Olusoga stayed late signing his books at the pop-up bookstore arranged for the evening.

Among the crowd watching were invited representatives from a range of local schools, as well as pupils, parents and invited guests. They were treated to an evening not to be forgotten, with large numbers of those present contacting the school in the days that followed to express their appreciation. The buzz has continued around the school ever since.

The event, organised by Wycliffe Senior School Scholars' Society, marked the re-launch of the Wycliffe Lecture Series two years after Poet Laureate **Simon Armitage** had graced the same stage.

The Wycliffe Lecture Series invites significant speakers to the school for the academic enrichment of its pupils. In addition to Simon Armitage, past speakers have included poets **Owen Sheers** and **Daljit Nagra**, historians **Lord Peter Hennessy** and **Tracy Borman**, and anthropologist **Lewis Dartnell**. As well as open access talks, the speakers engage in small group workshops and take supper with members of the Scholars' Society.

In his introductory welcome, organiser **Sean Dunne** (Deputy Head Academic at the Senior School) said: "For us at Wycliffe, this is not just an evening; it is part of a process of self-education and of understanding, as we strive to ensure our pupils can become global citizens, so that every one of our community can be comfortable in who they are and celebrated as themselves."

Inclusion Labs is an independent, community-interest organisation that creates programmes to embed diversity, equity and inclusion into every young person's educational, cultural and personal development. There will be more news on the Schools Programme in the Autumn.

Young musicians shine in Lunchtime Concerts

by Mrs Taylor

Our May Lunchtime Concert opened with our Junior Ensemble playing 'Barrier Reef' and was our usual mixture of first-time performers right through to some of our most experienced musicians.

Victor performed his composition 'Pennrush' (named after the Prep boarding houses); Lily performed 'Le Chant du Patre'; and William played 'Disco Baroque' on the piano.

Several Year 5s performed: **Martha, Georgie, Matilda, Sophie** and **Isabella**; and **Lula** and **Rose** both sang beautifully as always!

It has been so nice to get back to having live audiences and being able to welcome parents and grandparents to our performances.



Year 8 get their gardening gloves on

by Mr Arman

On Wednesday 8th June, Year 8 visited the churchyards of King Stanley and Leonard Stanley churches. The church wardens directed pupils to gardening tasks to help tidy up the gravestones, and they removed ivy and overgrown shrubs. The pupils rallied around in groups and made a massive difference to these areas, their hard work counting towards the completion of their Kirby Challenge Awards.

Eco Week sees pupils learn all about recycling

For Eco Week this year, the Prep School focused on recycling, as there appeared to be confusion among both pupils and staff alike about what can actually be recycled!

The week started with a whole-school assembly from **Mr Holroyde** about how recycling works, recycling myths, and a recycling activity.

Afterwards, all pupils were asked to create some signage to go on our recycling bins in order to help visitors and new pupils understand which items we are recycling. The winner was **Emma Barrable** from Year 7, and her design is now on the recycling bins in the Prep School.

Charity update

Wycliffe pupils have raised over £1,000 for MediCinema and over £700 for Stroud Foodbank through recent raffle sales and non-uniform days. We're sure you'll agree that these are impressive figures and will want to join us in encouraging all those involved to keep up the good work!

Prefects enjoy black-tie dinner



by Mr Archer

On Friday 6th May, the outgoing prefects were treated to a black-tie evening meal in Wycliffe Hall.

Designed by Holroyd Howe's chefs, the taster menu comprised six courses: two starters, two mains and two desserts.

The prefects had the difficult, if enviable, task of choosing between the different dishes in order to determine the final menu for the Leavers' Ball on 2nd July.

In the battle of the starters, beetroot faced off against aubergine, with the beetroot just holding on to victory, despite the Headmaster preferring the alternative!

The main course was a similarly close-run affair, with the chicken just outdoing the beef.

However, there was nothing to separate the puddings, and most of us in attendance are now hoping we might see both the strawberry bavaroi and the chocolate tart on the final menu at the Ball!



Celebrating Islam

by Mr Aherne

Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning all about Islam in Religious Studies lessons this term. To end this fascinating unit of work, two of our wonderful parents came to school to share more about what it means to be a Muslim. They spoke to children about Ramadan, Eid and Hajj, giving insight into the celebrations that take place throughout the lunar year. Children were also treated to some delicious Eid snacks: vegetable samosas, pilau rice, and a fresh salad.

TWS Award

Year 13 pupils were invited to submit an application for The Wycliffian Society Award. The award consists of financial support to a College leaver who might otherwise not be able to afford to go to university. Following a well-contested application and interview process, the recipient for this year's award is **Izzy Small** (Haywardsend). Izzy's keen interest in history has inspired her to study the subject at university next year, and she hopes to study at either Edinburgh or Royal Holloway.



Honouring the Class of 2022



This term, The Wycliffian Society has planted a tree in honour of the Class of 2022, who will be leaving College at the end of this term. As this goes to print, they are currently 'heads down' in exams, but we very much look forward to welcoming them into The Wycliffian Society and to involving them in our events and

the opportunities that stem from the Old Wycliffian network. Pictured here, representing the Class of 2022, are **Abi Richardson** (Head of School) along with **Ksenia Merkulova** and **Hywel Farrow-Wilton** (Deputy Heads of School) and Headmaster, **Nick Gregory**.

Cheltenham Science Festival



Hon OW and current staff member **Dr Keith Rose** was delighted to be invited to support **Dr Camilla Pang** (IG 2005-2010) in a recent talk at the Cheltenham Science Festival.

Scientist, autism advocate and award-winning author

Camilla, whose most recent book *Perfectly Weird, Perfectly You* shares the science of growing up, gave an insight into how confidence is a lot like programming a computer, supported by practical experiments from Keith.

Announcements

Marriages

To share news of your nuptials, please email TWS@wycliffe.co.uk

Deaths

During the Summer Term, we sadly said goodbye to:

Jakob Hancock (H 1991-1993) (pictured)

Stephen P.A. Savery (S H 1950-1954)

Rodney W. Loyd (J S 1947-1953)

David L. Daniels (P J H 1942-1952)



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

OWs Giving Back

This term, pupils have benefitted from the generous involvement of the following OWs in College activities.

Particular thanks go to: **Nick Powell** (P H 1993-2000), **Joshua Maddison** (C 2001-2009), **Emily Riley** (P C 2009-2018) and **James Rogers** (P SH 1995-2003) for their involvement in the Prep School Year 8 Careers Event. They kindly shared their career paths since school, sowing an initial seed of inspiration in pupils as they begin to consider their post-18 options.

On the sporting front, a big thank you to **Nathan Mead** (P C 2013-2018), who is currently studying at St. Lawrence University (New York) and generously gave his time to the College Junior Squash Club, playing an exhibition match against a current Year 11 pupil which everyone was able to enjoy.

OW Sports

It was a glorious day of sunshine and sport on 30th April, when we welcomed OW cricket and tennis players, along with a good number of spectators, to our TWS Summer Sports event. The OW Cricket Team played the current College 1st XI, while a selection of OWs played tennis against the College 1st VI.

Results

Cricket

OWs 237 for 3 (**Joe Stevens** 100 - retired not out; **Greg Mason** 82).

Wycliffe 1st XI 83 all out. Two wickets for **Ed Price**, **Nick Morris**, **Jonny Toon** and **Will Clapham**. A win for the OWs by 154 runs.

Tennis

The OW Tennis Team won six sets to Wycliffe 1st VI's three sets.



(L to R) **Charlie Floyd** (current Year 12), **Matt Harris** (former parent), **Tom Harris** (C 2009-2014), **Richard Pender** (Hon OW and current staff), **Rob Tyler** (J S 1976-1985), **James Lunch** (current staff)



(Back row L to R) **Hugo Murray** (P C 2008-2021), **Joe Stevens** (P W 2007-2012), **Freddie Christie** (P C 2007-2021), **Ed Price** (P C 1999-2010), **Jonny Toon** (R 1997-2012), **Ian News** (P 1986-1994), **Greg Mason** (R 2006-2011), **John News** (Hon OW, Umpire)

TWS Calendar 2022

July

Fri 1st TWS Drinks (Gloucestershire), 6.30pm - Stroud Brewery. 8.30pm

September

Sat 10th Wycliffian Day. 10.30am

Thurs 29th TWS Committee Meeting, TBC Wycliffe College.

October

Thurs 13th TWS Drinks (London), 6.30pm - The Lansdowne Club, 8.30pm Mayfair, W1J 5JD.

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.

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Rowing news



by Ms Ralph

The Summer Term has been a busy one for Wycliffe's rowers, with a regatta almost every weekend. First, we travelled to Dorney Lake for the Wallingford Regatta and The Junior Sculling Regatta, two events on consecutive days. Both events were raced over 2000m and across seven lanes, making for some exciting side-by-side racing.

The Wycliffe crews achieved some brilliant results in the finals at Wallingford Regatta, finishing the day with two golds, one silver and one bronze medal.

These results fuelled the rowers for the following day, which saw junior crews coming from across the country to compete. After a very close battle to the finish line in the final of the Women's Junior (WJ) 17 Double Sculls, Wycliffe were thrilled to come away with 1st place.

The following weekend saw crews head to Worcester Regatta, where **Sami Martin** (Year 13, Haywardsfield) won his first singles event. We were all very pleased for him!

At the end of May, it was back to Dorney Lake for the biggest junior event of the year - the National Schools Regatta. Wycliffe had a fantastic weekend, with the 2nd Girls' Quad winning their event, the WJ16 Quad finishing 2nd, and the Championship Girls' Quad just missing out on the medals in 4th place. The Championship Boys' Quad had a great day of racing and finished the regatta 13th in their event overall.

There's plenty more racing ahead for Wycliffe Boat Club, with Henley Women's Regatta, Marlow Regatta, Henley Royal Regatta and the British Junior Championships still to come.

Girls' Cricket

by Mr Shopland

Girls' Cricket has boomed this summer at Wycliffe, and the girls have been out on the pitches across the Prep and Senior Schools playing competitive hardball and softball fixtures against other schools.

Development starts with Years 3 and 4 having access to cricket clubs throughout the first two terms in anticipation for the cricket season. Lower down the school, the basics are taught using soft balls and plastic bats to

ensure safety and competitive fun.

More commonly known hardball cricket is introduced at Year 6, with fixtures at U13 level. If girls are excelling, they join the more experienced boys' teams for fixtures and training to ensure their ongoing development. The current Prep School Boys' 1st XI Vice Captain is **Millie Downey** (Year 8).

Due to the early introduction of hardball cricket, the girls join the Senior School ready to play full-format twenty-over matches at the top end, with softball matches for our development sides. There are currently five Girls' Cricket teams in the Senior School, with

that number increasing to seven for Summer 2023.

Orla Wright (Year 12, Haywardsend) has been instrumental in driving forward Girls' Cricket at Wycliffe and represents the Boys' 1st XI. She trains with both the boys and girls and is an inspiration to aspiring female cricketers.

Orla plays in the Gloucestershire County setup and plays Men's 1st team cricket for Frampton on Severn Cricket Club. I have no doubt she will continue to raise the level of Girls' Cricket and that the sport will continue to thrive at Wycliffe.

Sports Day 2022



Commonwealth congratulations!

Congratulations to Wycliffe Sports Coach **Ms Hoskins**, who has been selected to represent Wales in Women's Hockey at the Commonwealth Games this year.

After receiving her first cap last summer, Ms Hoskins competed in the World Cup Qualifiers for Wales and has also been selected to be part of the GB Elite Development Squad.



by Mr Taylor

Senior Sports Day 2022 started in the sunshine with Legacy Sports Day, a multisport event where each house puts together teams to compete in sports that they might not usually play.

We had Girls' Rugby, Boys' Rounders, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Volleyball, Fencing, Badminton and more, all going on in and around the Sports Hall. Each house was represented in great spirits, with pupils proudly sporting their house colours.

Ultimately, Haywardsfield came out on top in both the Junior and Senior Boys' categories, while Lampeter triumphed in the Senior Girls and shared the spoils with Collingwood as joint winners of the Junior Girls' section.

The afternoon saw the whole school head over to The Berryfield for the athletics events. In the Boys' 1500m a thrilling finish saw **Seb**

Forrest (Year 10, Wards) push hard to just take the win and his second school record of the day. In the girls' events **Amy Bond** (Year 10, Collingwood) ran a great 800m also claiming a school record.

In the field events, **Georges Cooper** (Year 10, Robinson) claimed a double win and a double school record in the Shot Put and Discus.

The day finished with some brilliant performances in the relay races. Both the Junior Boys' (Collingwood) and Junior Girls' (Lampeter) 4x100m Relay teams broke the school records for their age groups.

Overall, the winning houses on the day were Haywardsfield (Junior Boys and Senior Boys) and Lampeter (Junior Girls and Senior Girls).

Pre-Prep Sports Day

by Mr Aherne

On Friday 10th June, Pre-Prep pupils took part in their annual Sports Day event. In the glorious sunshine, children completed in running, skipping, and throwing events while being cheered on by their family members. Nursery pupils enjoyed races of their own and performed brilliantly in the hot conditions. The day ended with a whole departmental relay race and a crowd-pleasing staff race.



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