



# The Wycliffe Times



## Geography Trip to The Azores

Geography pupils had an adventurous five days in the Azores over October half term.

The group visited several huge calderas (craters formed by collapsed magma chambers), witnessed geothermal activity in the form of hot springs and fumaroles, and walked inside an ancient lava tube deep under the capital city Sao Miguel.

The trip enabled the pupils to appreciate how local people have adapted and benefitted

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from these extraordinary surroundings, whether cooking food daily in the warm volcanic crater sands, harnessing geothermal energy from magma under the Islands or simply growing tropical fruits and tea in the rich volcanic soil.

In addition to the spectacular volcanic topography, the pupils also had the opportunity to bathe in several thermal pools set in the natural landscapes. They wandered through a steep river gorge, viewed waterfalls, and visited the dramatic and wild, west coast, where the Atlantic rollers have eroded, wave cut platforms, caves, arches and stacks from the black basalt cliffs!

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## Battle of Hastings and Tudor Talk

On Monday 6th November many of the Year 7s brought in their homemade shields to re-enact this famous battle from 1066.

The key focus was, 'Why did the Normans win this battle?'. The pupils were able to understand and answer this question by the end of the morning's fun activities. The day was ably helped by Ed Boreham from the 'Blacnite' Historical company, who brought in a collection of artifacts and gave the pupils a key insight into what happened.



By Lucy O in Year 7

The battle started strongly by Shaftesbury and Scott's Normans led by William of Normandy AKA **Mr Arman**. Saxons

led by Harold Godwinson AKA **Mr Holroyde** whose shield war was all over the place. But after a good pep talk, they were back on track.

The Normans ran up the slope and attacked the Saxons, but a little after that there was a rumour going around that William of Normandy had died. He rose to make it aware that he was still alive.

The battle carried on, the Saxons were getting stronger by the minute. The shield wall was getting stronger too until the Normans got into three lines. When William called the number of one line to run up and ram into the shield wall, and it was until the number one line came again that they managed to breakthrough the shield wall and kill Harold Godwinson. The Normans had won. Shortly after William of Normandy was crowned and became King William the Conqueror.





## Trip to Morgan Motors and Weston's Cider

Sixteen A Level Business pupils from Year 13 visited the Morgan Motor Company in Malvern and Weston's Cider in Much Marcle. They were given a tour of both facilities as well as educational talks on the respective businesses. The visits allowed pupils to see real-world examples of some business concepts they learned in class. Morgan makes fewer than 1,000 cars annually and focuses on high-end, low-volume, bespoke products using job production. By contrast, Weston's - the fourth largest cider maker in the UK - produces homogenous goods in much more significant quantities using flow production. Pupils witnessed the manufacture of products at both factories, from raw materials to finished items, and learned how the two businesses respond to external environment changes. This should prove beneficial preparation for the forthcoming A Level examinations.



## GloucestershireLive Business Awards Unsung Hero

We are delighted to announce that our Head of Grounds, **Kester Birch**, has won the Unsung Hero Award at the Gloucestershire Business Awards!

Kester has been at Wycliffe for 17 years, where he began his time as a Grounds Apprentice. Kester was nominated for all his work around the College in many ways that are often not 'seen' by others.

“ Kester is our Head Groundsman here at Wycliffe College, in addition to this he is our Out of Hours Site Manager, where he deals with all sorts of emergencies from overnight snowfall to floods. Just about anything that occurs out of hours when the rest of us aren't here. ”

Mark Rickard, Estate Bursar

## Sixth Form History Trip to Sudeley Castle

Year 13 historians spent the day at Sudeley Castle and Hailes Abey to expand their knowledge of the Tudors. Sudeley was lived in by Henry VIII's last wife and was visited by Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn, and Elizabeth I.

Pupils got to look around the Castle and the Church which houses the Tomb of Catherine Parr. They saw artefacts from Tudor England, including one of Catherine's books and a lock of her hair. The ruins of Hailes Abbey showed the pupils the scale of destruction carried out by the Dissolution of the Monasteries.





## Senior School Remembrance

Remembrance Week is the second busiest week of the year for the CCF, only bettered by CCF Camp.

The week starts with drill practice. Simon Henly from the local branch of the Royal British Legion came in and taught banner drill to our standard bearers, whilst **Capt. Woodham** worked with the remainder of the Cadets on marching.

Tuesday saw **Major Archer** deliver Chapel on the history of Remembrance Day asking the College, 'who will you be thinking of in the 2 minutes silence?' On Thursday three of the senior Cadets answered that question in Chapel by talking about growing up with parents serving in the military. **CSM Jonty J**, **LCpl Lucy T** and **Sgt Maddie S** all earned merits for their excellently delivered personal stories.

On 11th November, eight senior Cadets worked with the Royal British Legion in Stonehouse selling poppies. The week finished with Remembrance Sunday itself, a moving service in Chapel, a parade up the High Street and another service at Stonehouse War Memorial. **CSgt. Archie C** was given the honour of carrying the Union Standard on behalf of the RBL (Royal British Legion) whilst **CSM Jonty J** led the remainder of the contingent in the march. Well done to all that paraded.



## Prep School Remembrance

Our Remembrance Service for pupils in Years 3 - 8 held the theme of 'What Remembrance means in our family' and took place in the Wycliffe Chapel.

A selection of our pupils stood to read out what Remembrance means to them and the sight of a young Year 3, holding a teddy and talking of her Daddy who is her hero, made many of us well up and feel a wave of emotion. A serving Mum, spoke eloquently and with such pride of their family's life of service, their commitment to those who have not

returned home and their thankfulness for the life we live.

Meanwhile, Pre-Prep had their own shorter act of Remembrance. **Alex F** read a poem, two Nursery pupils, **Harry H** and **Lenora J**, laid a wreath, the Last Post was played and then a two-minute silence was held, followed by a prayer.



# Pre-Prep, Swindon Steam Museum



Year 1 and Year 2 visited Swindon's Steam Museum to learn all about the history of the Great Western Railway. Pre-Prep pupils have been learning about different modes of transport this term and this trip was a perfect way to kick-start their understanding of the history of trains. They enjoyed a workshop at the beginning of the day, dressing up as Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the Navvies who built railways and tunnels many years ago. After lunch, pupils explored the museum, looking at the amazing locomotives and trains on display as well as completing two treasure hunts as they walked around.



# USA University Scholarships



“ 2024 will see no fewer than three Wycliffe rowers entering US universities to row in their Varsity programmes. Several of these US Universities will have come to Wycliffe specifically to see what we have on offer due to rowing... ”

Wycliffe rowing has earned its time in the spotlight over the past several school years. **Mr Flower** and the coaching staff have helped our rowers reach National and International competitions, consistently, with rowing pundits taking notice of their prowess.

In addition to local recognition, US University coaches are now making their way to Gloucestershire, away from the Thames Valley, simply to meet our rowers and ascertain what makes Wycliffe a powerhouse in sculling. Over the past several years, and looking towards the future, Wycliffe will have seen six young women progress to the US to row.

Leaving in 2022, **Rachel E** took a year interning for a major auction house in London before accepting a place at Harvard University where she is now rowing for the Harvard-Radcliffe crew.

Leaving in 2023, **Yasmin H** has already made an impact on the University of Texas' (Austin) rowing programme.

Also leaving in 2023, and currently spending a gap year rowing at Leander Club, **Kathryn B** will be joining the Lady Vols at the University of Tennessee in 2024.

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# A Fun-filled trip to Copsegrove Farm

Year 3 enjoyed a day in the fresh autumn air at Copsegrove Farm on 17th October. Den building, treasure trails, scavenger hunts and s'mores, were among the team-building activities the children participated in throughout the day. We also cooked scone twists on an open fire and devoured them once we added a dollop of chocolate spread!



# Round Square



By Madison C-H

I attended the Round-square international conference in Nairobi, Kenya. I was supervised by Brookhouse School whose organisational excellence enabled me to experience this vibrant country by camping under the stars at Nairobi's Nature Reserve, visiting Giraffe sanctuary's and to learn and be a part of Kenyan culture.

My favourite part of the trip was the service day, where I visited a public primary school to help paint classrooms and build a new cement floor. This provided me with valuable insights into the challenges in Kenyan education. I also got to speak to many inspiring children who are far less fortunate than myself. They left me very touched with their bright outlooks and resilience and gifted me with a new perspective of the world.

This trip was truly unforgettable, and I am beyond grateful to have been given this opportunity. I strongly hope everyone gets to visit Kenya at least once to help shape the minds of others.



# Year 8 STEM Gliding

Year 8 pupils have been learning about aerodynamics. Pupils learnt about the principles of flight with an MOD engineer, looked at a glider and had a go in a flight simulator. Pupils went on to use their STEM skills and knowledge to build their own glider. The winning one was built by Angus N who won a flight kindly donated by Cotswold Gliding Club. Did you know that you only have to be 14 to fly a glider solo!



# Orchestra Day

On Sunday 15th October, we held a fantastic Orchestra Day at Wycliffe College, welcoming players from the Capriol Chamber Orchestra and Stroud Symphony Orchestra, along with visiting young musicians from local schools. Under the expert leadership of conductor Jon Trim, we worked together to learn to play an arrangement of Holst's 'The Planets Suite' in less than three hours, giving a concert performance at the end of the day.

We started the afternoon with a full rehearsal all together as an orchestra of 65 players then broke into small sectional rehearsals across campus to work on the more challenging parts of the music, before coming back together once again. Each young musician had an older experienced player sat next to them and learned so much from the experience of playing as part of an orchestra.



## National Youth Choir

Following a rigorous audition process, we received the fantastic news that **Seraphine M** and **Rose T** have been offered a place in the Nation Youth Choir of Great Britain for ages 9 – 15. Recent Prep pupils Rose and **Sophie T** have also been offered places in this round of auditions, which means that in the last three years no fewer than six prep pupils have achieved this incredible accolade.

During the auditions candidates must perform to a panel of vocal experts, demonstrate aural and sight-reading skills and talk about their passion for singing and their choir experiences so far.



## Young Dragons

The Young Dragons enterprise group spent a chilly November afternoon at the Stonehouse Goodwill Festival. The team consisted of **Noma M**, **Tilly S**, **Emily T**, **Melody B** and **Ava J** who worked hard to produce a portfolio of beautiful Christmas treats.

The team have developed key transferrable skills of teamwork, planning, direct selling, and financial awareness and have embraced the term with bags of enthusiasm and festive cheer.



## Old Wycliffian Art Showcase

Young contemporary artists **Poppy** and **Sasha Van Hergen**, Van Hergen Art, put on a fantastic Luxury Art Showcase Event in collaboration with The Ivy Brasserie Cheltenham, showcasing their cutting-edge contemporary collection in the glorious Papworth Room.

As 19-year-old artists, they have already made a resounding impression in the art world with their Digital Mosaic Art, having signed with a national art publisher. Their Racing themed pieces were available for purchase, with a percentage of the proceeds being donated to the Injured Jockeys Fund. It's great to see OW's going on to do brilliant things and staying connected with the College.



## GCSE Art Trip to Gloucester Cathedral

Pupils travelled to Gloucester on 27th September to make a series of drawings in Gloucester Cathedral.

Pupils from Year 10 studying Art GCSE sat quietly observing the awe-inspiring architecture. They were complimented by Cathedral staff on their behaviour and polite manners. To collect a variety of imagery we also visited Gloucester Docks. They made more drawings and took photographs of the warehouses and boats. This was a successful trip in gathering visual stimuli for our current project "Structures".



## House Music Evening

House Music Evening is a very special event that happens every two years. Loosley and Collingwood performed on their own as houses, and the other houses combined together in pairs. Each 'House' put together a mini concert of four pieces to a set brief: one solo piece, one group piece, and two free choice pieces. The scores from the House Song Competition in September were carried forward, with the totals being so close that everything was to play for!

The concerts were pupil-led, from choosing the repertoire, sourcing copies of the music, writing arrangements of the pieces, organising and leading rehearsals, to stage managing

and announcing the pieces themselves. Each House put together a varied programme and it was wonderful to see so many pupils involved, ranging from Year 9 right up to Year 13, with some Houses choosing to involve every member of their House in some way

Adjudicator Ben England BEM had a very difficult decision to make on the night. It was **Jenrola O** (Year 13, Ivy Grove) who took the prize for 'Best Individual Performance' with her mesmerising and moving singing of 'All of Me'. The House Music trophy was awarded to Collingwood for their programme of high-quality performances that were performed very professionally.



# Bavaria CCAT Course



By Cadet Charlie A

During the summer of 2023, Cadet **Isaac E** and I, Cadet **Charlie A**, took part in a Cadet Adventure Training (CCAT) trip in the mountains of Bavaria, Germany.

Along with 30 other Cadets from all over the UK, we flew to Munich and embarked on the 5-day trip filled with adventure and new experiences. We stayed in a fantastic civilian adventure training facility where we socialised in the evenings and rested after the amazing days out.

The first day started with white water rafting. The river was wild, and the rapids impressive. It was a true test of teamwork, as we had to coordinate our movements to avoid capsizing. We were soaked to the bone by the end, but we all had an incredible time.

Next came mountaineering, and we found ourselves at the base of a towering Bavarian peak. Armed with ropes, harnesses, and helmets, we began our ascent. The hike consisted of exciting obstacles as we ventured above the clouds. We could eventually look down at the stunning views of the lush greenery covering the Bavarian countryside, which made every effort worthwhile.

The following day was all about rock climbing, where we were taken as a group to a state-of-the-art indoor climbing centre. We were able

to try many grades of walls, and there were some intricate bouldering areas that we had plenty of enjoyment in.

Then came the highly anticipated Klettersteig, a German term for “via ferrata,” which translates to “iron path.” It involved navigating a series of steel cables that clung to the side of a mountain. As we clipped our harnesses to the cable, it tested our nerves and balance as we carefully made our way across the narrow ledges and dizzying heights.

The CCAT course gave us plenty of challenges, tested our mental resilience, and forged lasting friendships with the other cadets. Bavaria provided the perfect backdrop for this adventure, with its breathtaking landscapes and adrenaline-fuelled activities.



## Diwali Showcase

Prep led an assembly all about how they celebrated Diwali.

They taught their peers about their traditions and what they do to prepare for the festival.



## Double Year Victory for Codie

For the second year running, **Codie B** and the North Herefordshire Pony Club team claimed victory in the Thistledown Developments Pony Club Mounted Games - Prince Philip Cup.

North Herefordshire placed an impressive 1st place in all but one heat during each of the Prince Philip Cup tournaments!



## Business Trip to Stroud Brewery



The Year 13 Business pupils visited Stroud Brewery this term. The group was hosted by the founder, **Greg Pilley**, who took us into the production facility and bar.

Greg gave an overview of the business, including the strong focus on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), followed by a Q&A session. This dovetailed nicely with the pupils' study of CSR and should provide a useful case study to focus on in upcoming examinations. Greg was also able to make links to other concepts on the A Level specification including sources of finance (including ethical finance), the marketing mix and production methods.

Following the tour and the talk, the pupils were able to enjoy an early dinner in the bar area. The pizzas proved very popular and rounded off a very worthwhile visit.

## Double Champion of Malta

**Julian S** Year 12, took part in the Annual Scotts Supermarket Malta Open on 17th September. For the first time, he won the U19 category, AND the Men's A final (at only 15 years old)

He clinched the win after being down 2-0, 10-6 down to claw it back (saving 5 match balls) to win the 3rd and 4th 12-10! Finishing off with 11-6 in the fifth to take the title!

It is a fantastic turnaround, and we enjoyed celebrating his success.



## Victory against Cirencester College

On Monday 27 November, **Jason C** (Captain), **Isabel C** and **Daisy M** in Year 11 put in an outstanding performance against Cirencester Sixth Form College pupils in the first round of the National English-Speaking Union, Mace Cup debating competition.

Combining excellent oracy skills with quick-witted rebuttals and fearless confidence, our Year 11s outmatched their talented opponents in this live debate as opposition against the motion.

'This House believes that environmental campaigners should focus on lobbying governments rather than individuals'.

The competition is intense and demands dedication - as each speaker has 5 to 7 minutes public speaking to prepare, as well as background research to become authorities on the topic being debated.

“ I am proud to be Team Captain representing Wycliffe for the second year of my debating career, especially in my second language. ”

Jason C



## UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

The UKMT Senior Maths Challenge this year in October saw a bumper crop of certificates with 39 of our Year 11, DY and A Level Mathematics pupils gaining Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Two pupils, **Eloise E**, (Year 13), and **Justin Z**, (Year 12), both scored especially high and they therefore secured entry to the British Maths Olympiad which took place on the 15th November. **Sky W** (Year 12) also did very well, and secured entry to the Senior Kangaroo.

In November, **Mrs. Cobbs** (Senior School Head of Mathematics) visited the Prep School to deliver a Mathematics Workshop to some of the Year 5 and 6 pupils. They solved a challenging puzzle involving teamwork and scale drawing. This warmed their brains up for the Primary Mathematics Challenge which followed. Top scorers in this were **Edward H** and **Lewis S** (Year 6).

# Lord Lieutenant's Cadets



The Lord Lieutenant is His Majesty the King's representative in Gloucestershire.

The Lord Lieutenant's Cadets are selected as the best Cadets in Gloucestershire. This

year, there were 7 for the county. Their role is to support the Lord Lieutenant in his duties, be those Royal visits or special ceremonies. The outgoing Lord Lieutenant's Cadet **Jonty J**, Colonel **Gary McDade** (OW)

and the incoming Lord Lieutenant's Cadet **Abi O** at this year's award ceremony.

Abi was nominated by the College and selected by the Lord Lieutenant.

# Virtual Reality History Day

On Monday 9th October, all pupils in Years 1-6 experienced History learning with a difference.

The 'Heroes of History' Class VR company came into school to allow pupils to see History differently.

The Year 1 and 2 pupils experienced the Great Fire of London; Year 3 enjoyed learning about Romans. Year 4 immersed themselves in the Blitz in WW2, Year 5 visited the Vikings, and Year 6 explored Ancient Greece. All of the pupils loved it, and older pupils in Years 7 and 8 walked past the VR room with great interest!







## STEM Day

420 Year 5 and 6 pupils from 11 different local primary schools visited Wycliffe College for an exciting day of STEM based activities.

The activities included: engineering in spaghetti, looking at bugs through microscopes and making slime. The pupils were immersed in Science, Technology and Engineering and Maths for the whole day.

We would like to thank Wycliffe College pupils and staff for delivering an excellent day and with special thanks to the outside agencies who contributed; Think-maths, Science Made Simple, James Dyson Foundation, Renishaw, INDS, STEMworks, Jenner Institute, Slimbridge WWT and Rednock School.



## Years 3 and 4 Visit The Newt

The Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed an early Autumn term trip to 'The Newt' Park in Somerset on the 14th of September. This was focused on history, as a brand-new Roman Villa was constructed on the site of an existing villa. Pupils explored the new villa and were involved in a workshop to enrich their understanding of life in the past. The museum next door was built over the archaeological remains of the old villa and had state-of-the-art exhibits for the children to explore. It was a lovely way for both year groups to expand their understanding.



## Kintsugi

This term Year 8 have been focusing on 'Kintsugi' as a part of their Saturday morning Discovery Programme.

The philosophy behind 'Kintsugi' is to appreciate the flaws and find beauty in the broken. The 15th-Century practice of 'Kintsugi', meaning "to join with gold", is a reminder to stay optimistic when things fall apart and celebrate life's flaws and missteps.

The pupils created clay tiles and purposely cut them into sections to be put back together again using gold to highlight the imperfections. They then coloured their tiles and painted them with gold.



# EAL trip to Bristol

33 international pupils sampled Bristol's culture and history as part of their EAL programme. The morning was dedicated to the city's famous engineer, **Isambard Kingdom Brunel**, as we stopped off first at the famous suspension bridge to marvel at the scenery and participate in activities and a tour organised by the bridge guides. Next, we went to the SS Great Britain, the iron-hulled liner Brunel designed to carry passengers in style across America in just 14 days due to its revolutionary screw propeller. Pupils enjoyed dressing up and exploring before they returned to the dock to take a chartered boat ride along the River Avon through the city centre, disembarking at Welsh Back, by St Nicholas Market.

After a whistle-stop walking tour through the town, pupils enjoyed some shopping time, then returned to the Bristol Hippodrome for the musical extravaganza of 'A Christmas Carol', performed in front of a packed and enthusiastic audience.



## USA College Day in London

Eager Wycliffe pupils attended USA College Day in London. There were well over 100+ US universities with stands explaining their unique offerings.

# Maths in Action at Cheltenham Racecourse

Year 7 pupils were lucky enough to experience exclusive behind-the-scenes racecourse access at our famous, local Cheltenham Racecourse.

The pupils were learning about the real-life application of the maths they learn in the classroom whilst having fun dressed in various jockey colours and symmetrical designs! After learning in the hospitality suite, pupils' saw the weighing room, with challenges around imperial and metric calculations. They did mental math calculations with negative numbers and even met a famous jockey or two!

Pupils then were treated like exclusive racehorse owners with access to the parade ring. They walked the parade ring to work out the perimeter and did safety calculations for the racehorses. Pupils then got to walk on the famous track and up to the last jump to learn about furlongs, miles and speed calculations. As a grand finale, they got to enjoy the atmosphere of the first races guided by a retired professional Jockey whilst dressed up in their jockey colours!



# Exploration into Renewable Energy



Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed their first Exploration Morning of the academic year by delving into the world of sustainability. After learning about different sources of renewable energy, the pupils explored the Prep School campus in small teams to decide where we could implement such sources. We

had everything from wind turbines and electric charging points on the field, to vegetable patches outside Etheridge and a heat pump by the swimming pool. Within their teams, pupils created their own map of an eco-friendlier Wycliffe Prep School with drawings and notes justifying their choices.

# Duke of Edinburgh Walk

On a particularly blustery and autumnal day, 'Direct Entry' Silver or Gold level D of E participants navigated around Cam Long Down and Uley Bury on their first-day walk in preparation for the upcoming expedition season. Conditions made for a need to hang on to kit and help each other clamber up muddy sections of the route, which everyone did with great enthusiasm and humour, showing encouraging teamwork skills.

We look forward to the next walk on Sugar Loaf Mountain in January.



## Movember

A number of Sixth Form Pupils, alongside several staff members, have undertaken "Movember" this year. They have been growing moustaches over the course of the month to raise awareness and money for charity. Since 2003, the charity has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world.



## Year 11 Mock Interviews

What are your strengths? Give me an example. How do you spend your spare time? What skills have you learnt from these activities? Pupils in Year 11 and DY were required to address these questions and many others in their application prior to their virtual mock interview on Thursday 30th November.

Many initial job interviews are now virtual. This format, therefore, enabled pupils to experience a real-world environment. Many thanks to our wonderful team of interviewers: Old Wycliffians, a Trustee, members of the business community, parents and staff. Pupils benefitted greatly from the opportunity to verbalise and evidence their career persona. They will build further on this with the Aspire project in year 12.

## English is Not Enough

On Wednesday 8th November, the MFL department ran its annual English Is Not Enough Event. The event always enthuses our Year 9 pupils about the wonderful possibilities that learning languages can deliver.

**Mr Urquhart** started the event in Chapel, highlighting the ongoing need to engage with languages worldwide, despite the role of English. We then had presentations from **David Binns** from Sanako, **Dr Tonia Wind** (Teacher in Portuguese and Lusophone Studies at Cardiff University) and **Tim and Sian** from Inside Japan Tours.



## Natasha Devon MBE Visits Wycliffe

The Sixth Form pupils had an excellent talk from **Natasha Devon**, MBE, writer, campaigner and broadcaster on Identity and Mental Health. Natasha also hosted a talk for parents of pupils on Tech, Social Media and Self-Esteem. Natasha signed a few books, which are now available in the School Library for everyone to enjoy.

Four of our Prefects also had supper with Natasha and quizzed her about her campaigning and the work she does.

## Building and Racing STEM Carts

This term, a team building day was organised for Year 7 to help integrate new pupils quickly and build positive connections with all pupils across the year group. The primary focus of the day was getting to know and highlight the strengths and positives of other pupils and focusing on the importance of clear communication and cooperation. Initially,

the day started with STEM carts, and Year 7 were tasked with building and racing carts from axles, rope, and wood. This involved brilliant cooperation from our Year 7s and a fair amount of problem-solving and resilience, especially when the cart fell apart mid-race! Everyone had great fun while working as part of a team, and they got to know their

peers better, as they had to negotiate the design and course, and discuss tactics as the races changed. The Year 7s were then treated to a special BBQ lunch and went into an afternoon of further activities, including back-to-back drawing tasks and building towers with marshmallows.





# Spotlight on Houses



## Haywardsend

Haywardsend embodied the theme of fun in their house song performing Taylor Swift's 'Shake it off', skillfully guided by **Maddy's** leadership. The girls' commitment to rigorous practice drew attention to their dedication, resulting in a vibrant performance. Notably, Year 13 demonstrated courage by taking on the challenging role of the rap, adding a dynamic element to the overall performance. A commendable showcase of Haywardsend's spirit, talent and teamwork!



## Collingwood

Victory at House Music! After some brilliant performances Collingwood took home the trophy! A huge congratulations to all that took part.



## Haywardsfield

As part of Wycliffe's ongoing house refurbishments, Haywardsfield undertook a makeover during the October Half Term. They now have a wonderful new kitchen.

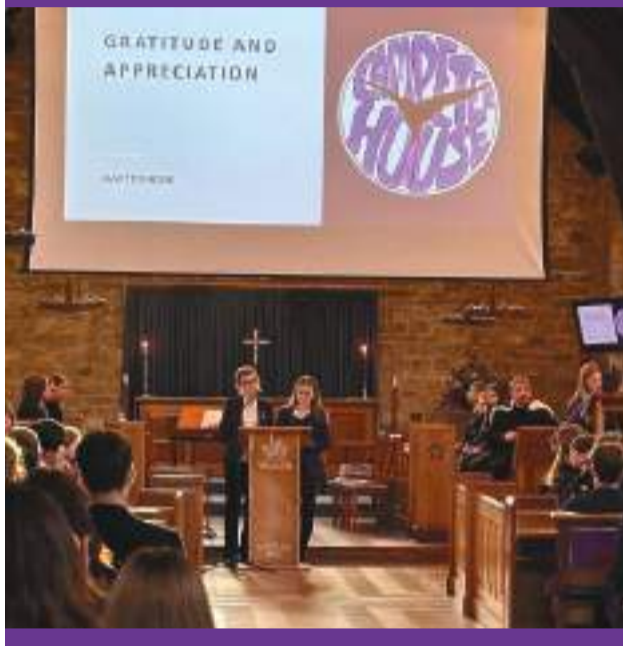
## Ivy Grove

This term the girls of Ivy Grove led a chapel with the theme of "Kindness and creating ripples of goodness". When we are kind, we inspire others to be kind, and it creates a ripple effect that spreads outwards.



# Lampeter

Athina, Lexi, Flo and Maisie delivered one of the most thoughtful house chapels on 'appreciation and gratitude' this term. They put slips of appreciation on the chapel chairs and challenged the school to pass them on throughout the day.



# Loosley Hall

Loosley celebrated Halloween by carving pumpkins, apple bobbing, butternut squash soup and of course a few sweet treats!



# Robinson

Table Tennis Tournament Tradition! In late September the Robinson boys took part in the annual competition. This year Tony topped the table and won the Trophy of a

Robinson beanie! With table tennis being a tiring sport, the boys fuelled up on hot dogs with plenty of toppings!



# Ward's

With each weekend bringing a different activity, one of the highlights was Laser Clay Pigeon shooting and, despite the wind doing its best to make it as difficult as possible, it was great to see pupils, and staff, giving it a shot!



# Pennwood & Windrush

Firework Night 2023 was a great success. Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising the Wycliffe Prep Boarders loved it!



# 1st Xv Rugby Team Travel to Edinburgh For Festival



By Billy K and Logan F

On the 12th October, the 1st XV team set off on a long journey to Edinburgh.

In the morning, we were fortunate enough to have been treated to a tour of the Murrayfield Stadium by our coaches, which was amazing. We had an introduction to the history of rugby, and we were allowed to film some content for our Instagram account. We got to step out onto the side of the pitch and look at what could hopefully be the future for some boys in the team. After our tour, we headed out to a local rugby pitch where we trained ahead of the game. When we returned, we were treated to a strength and conditioning session with **Mr Trinder** and a pool session.

After an early start, we were up against a strong academy side known as Edinburgh Revers. Wycliffe fought hard in defence, showing huge physicality and work rate yet again. Unfortunately, it was too much for Wycliffe to keep up with which ended in our first loss of the tournament. Our next game was against Boroughmuir RFC. The boys seemed to

really find their stride and get on top of them early in the game. With dominant carries and lots of structure, the boys were running well; after some unfortunate injuries in the first game, the boys were down to just one sub, which was too much for Wycliffe's defence. With our final game, the boys kept warm and prepared for the fight. Wycliffe seemed to be outmatched, but that didn't stop us from keeping Norwich in their 22 for almost half the game. Wycliffe dominated Norwich. however, we just lost out to our own errors, leading to Wycliffe losing their final game.

Wycliffe got themselves ready and prepared for a big final day. With the first game being against Collegiate, a more local side to Wycliffe, Wycliffe showed huge potential off the back with both teams scoring and being equal going into the second half, however, Wycliffe got very unlucky and conceded a penalty where Collegiate went for the posts to end the final score 10-8 to collegiate. In our second match, we managed to draw against Norwich for the second time.

With our final game approaching against Ayer, a team

Wycliffe beat last year, the boys were more motivated than ever to not come away without a win. We started the game strong, making huge tackles and powerful runs that led to tries from **Logan, Toby,** and **Angus,** and Toby converted them all.



## ISFA U11 Boys Football Tournament

On a lovely sunny day, ten boys from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic day out playing non-stop competitive football - 7 games of 12 minutes at Millfield Prep School. The boys fully applied themselves to the task during this rugby term.

They played against some well-rehearsed and organised teams, but the boys threw themselves into it and tried their best. Captain **Tay B** organised and supported the team, switching at times from striker to midfield, which helped during the day. All the boys were terrific, resulting in a narrow semi-final defeat in 'golden goal' time in the plate competition. The boys made much progress during the seven games, which they can be proud of.

Players - **Harry R, James N, Lewis S, Lewis M, Tay B, Dylan B, Otto F, Sammy H, Josiah V, Frank C.**



## Netball News

This term we have celebrated many of the Netball Girls that have been selected to play for Severn Stars Performance Pathway. Congratulations to **Eva C, Alice H** and our First Team Captain, **Ateca S.**



## Swimming Gala

It's all about pupil leadership and the Upper Prep pupils did us proud in our swimming gala that took place this term. They were organised, encouraging, supportive and reliable. The pupils led by example and were a great reflection of our school.





## Welcome to The Wycliffian Society

The Wycliffian Society is at the heart of connecting and reconnecting with old and new friends alike. Whether you're joining our traditional Carol Service in cosy candlelight or tearing across the cricket pitch to catch that little leather-cased ball, we always look forward to welcoming you back to all of our TWS events across the year! Get in touch with us at [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk)



## Wycliffian Day

In September, we hosted a brilliant Wycliffian Day where we saw each and every guest, OW, pupil, and staff embodying our prestigious bold and loyal ethos. Our sporting fixtures gave OWs an opportunity to compete against the current Wycliffe teams, whilst our immersive tours stimulated the minds and memories of our alumni's, sharing in the rich history of our college – certainly a proud day to be part of our ever-growing Wycliffe community.



## London Drinks

We hosted our TWS Drinks event in October at The Oriental Club in London, honouring our generations of OWs. It was an evening to meet friends, old and new, to catchup and share a few tales and tributes of their very own time at Wycliffe College!



## Remembrance Sunday Service

Our Remembrance Sunday Service was led beautifully by **Father William**, sharing with us all a moment to reflect and remember together all of those who have sacrificed and served to defend our freedoms and protect our way of life.

We welcomed OW Lieutenant Colonel **Vickie Warrington** (Royal Engineers, IG 1994-1998), who laid our TWS wreath during the service.



## OW Hosted

Cheers to our very first OW hosted gathering!

This mighty bunch of OWs (class of 2010) met at The Clay Bar in London, to share a few drinks and a few stories from their Wycliffe days! It's so wonderful to see our OWs hosting their own events, and we are so pleased to have supported it!

OW Hosted is our latest initiative from The Wycliffian Society, where we will help you host your own OW event, especially if you can't make our regular events!



## Loosley Lunch

Loosley hosted an informal get together lunch for OWs and Honorary OWs who were at Wycliffe during the headship of **Mr S.G.H. Loosley**. They enjoyed a delicious meal in Wycliffe Hall and reminisced about their time at Wycliffe.



## Business Breakfast

In November we hosted our Business Breakfast at Stonehouse Court Hotel – our brilliant networking opportunity fuelled by coffee, tea and delicious breakfast treats!



## Announcements

### Marriages and Births

To share news of your nuptials and new arrivals, please email [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk)

### Deaths

During the Winter Term, we sadly said goodbye to:

**R. Jeremy Barber** (W 1947 – 1950)

**John R. Jenkins** (H 1941-1946)

**Daphne Denton** (Hon. OW & Staff member 1987-2023)

**Charles W.F. Gardner** (SH 1939-1943)

**Peter J.B. Michell** (J SH 1945-1951)

**Kate Thompson** (Hon. OW & Staff member 1988-1993)

**David N. Spark** (SH 1944-1948)

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

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