



The Wycliffian

2023/24



A Roundup

Highlights from our
2023/24 academic year

School House Awards 2024

Let the School stars shine

Sports Success

Celebrating our
sporting achievements

Impressive Destinations

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pupils are going



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and other achievements is excellent. ”

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
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THE HEAD’S SPEECH

Chair, Trustees, Ladies and Gentlemen, Wycliffians.

Early in 2015, just before I started my time as the College’s tenth Head, I was asked for a magazine article to sum up Wycliffe in one sentence. I came up with the following: “... a wonderful setting, a fantastic blend of traditional and modern, a place where

And so – if you will forgive me - please allow me to open today with the briefest of mentions of my own departure and some sincerely-meant “thank yous”: thank you to the Trustees (*notably Brigadier Robin Bacon for appointing me in the first place!*) for the

goodness we all sang it loudly as a result!) and then that year’s leavers simply did not get the chance to enjoy everything that we are all going to celebrate in the next few hours. It will be the last time I hear us all sing it as your Head in the very special place that



potential of all types is nurtured, where individuality and difference is valued and where the word ‘community’ aptly and genuinely describes the environment ...”. Now, given that to a large extent at that time I was making things up as I went along (!) before truly getting to know what makes us “us”, I find it remarkable looking back just how accurate those words turned out to be. Reflecting on the best part of a decade in Stonehouse, those words encapsulate and capture so much of what I think still makes Wycliffe an extremely special place to be.

privilege of leading Wycliffe these past nine years, thank you to the many colleagues who have been so loyal and supportive throughout that time, and thank you to anyone-and-everyone across the Wycliffe Community who has shown generosity of spirit or kindness to Helen and our family. This latter aspect I have appreciated and valued more than you will ever know. I expect the most poignant moment of today for me personally to be when we sing “Shine Jesus Shine” later this afternoon in Chapel – it was the final hymn that we sang before lockdown in March 2020 (*and my*

Chapel is to all of us and I suspect that this might be the moment that all that Wycliffe has meant to me will hit me most emotionally.

Other staff departures this year include **Mrs Louise Howel** who left us at Easter after almost four years as Health Centre Manager, **Mrs Sally-Anne Evans** after more than two decades of providing Occupational Health support, three of our much-loved and valued Matrons with sixty-four years’ service between them, **Mrs Maralyn Williams** from Haywardsfield (32+

years), **Mrs Sue Phillips** from Ivy Grove (21 years) and **Mrs Nicky Murray** from Ward’s (11 years), **Mrs Clare Manning** from Business and Economics, **Mr Richard Taylor** as Director of Finance and Operations, **Mrs Christine Lunn** and **Mr William Hart** after maternity cover roles respectively as a teacher of Mathematics and as Head of Drama, **Mrs Rosie Mason** our visiting LAMDA teacher, **Dr Matt Smith** after five years as a transformational Housemaster of Ward’s, teacher of Biology and – latterly – Senior Housemaster, **Mrs Bobbie Miller** after five-and-a-half years as our International Universities Co-ordinator, **Mrs Elizabeth Dytham** who has packed into her six years separate spells as Housemistress of Haywardsend and of Ivy Grove, as well as her ‘day job’ as Head of Learning Support and leader of the perennially popular Cookery activity, **Mr Edd Crownshaw** after ten years’ teaching Physics, the polymath and polyglot **Mr Darren Lester** after twelve years in Modern Languages, **Mrs Manuela Bray** after seventeen years in Modern Languages, **Mrs Caroline Ractcliffe** - our Senior Exams Invigilator - after nineteen years here, and **Mr Sean Dunne** our Deputy Head (*Academic*), also after nineteen years.

A great many of us have cause to be exceptionally grateful to **Mr Dunne** in one way or another but I would single out especially anyone who has completed a BTEC (*we – led by Mr Dunne - were one of the very first independent schools to realise that BTECs were a good idea some fifteen years or so ago*), anyone who has benefitted from the improved consistency and quality of our teaching in recent years, and anyone who has enjoyed the resurgence in General Knowledge competitions, both inter-School and inter-House.

So, please, before we move on, could I ask you to join me in saluting publicly the extraordinary contribution to the College both of Mr Dunne individually and also of all of those other members of staff that I have just mentioned.

Of course in many ways the most important “farewells” today are to our ‘Class of 2024’ Year 13 leavers. I have to tell you all that when it came – at the end of March – to writing your final School Reports, I was left reflecting not just on how much you have all achieved but also on how much I simply like so many of you. I am extraordinarily proud of the people that you have become and of the part that Wycliffe has played in making you the human beings that you are. And I look forward very much to raising a glass to your (*very bright*) futures at your Leavers’ Ball this evening.



Leading your peer group have been our three senior pupils: **Jonty Jones** (Ward’s), as Head of School, and **Sophia Grasl** (Loosley Halls) and **Logan Fitzpatrick** (Robinson) as his two Deputies. Aside from leading the boys of Ward’s to yet another success in the General Knowledge competition and captaining the inter-School team too, Jonty has proved himself to be immensely capable in the ‘top job’, developing that essential ability to lead through others, making an extraordinary range of contributions across the School and displaying relentless stamina and

positivity day-in, day-out. **Sophia** has continued to be a young woman of significant substance and intellect, offering a range of carefully considered and strongly expressed opinions on areas that we might wish to improve as a school and proving a supremely reliable back-up and support for **Jonty**. And **Logan** has been the epitome of what someone around here calls being a “radiator” (*rather than a “drain”*), showing notable ability as a leader-by-example (and by vocal encouragement) on the Football and Rugby pitch and proving immensely personable and likeable in ambassadorial roles.

Please could I ask all three of them to come up and allow me to present them – as your leaders of the school community - with a small token of my personal thanks for all that they have contributed to Wycliffe this academic year.

As the Media pointed out to us repeatedly, grades in summer 2023 were intended to be a ‘re-set’ back to pre-Covid levels with it being far harder to secure top grades than it had been in the previous three years. And the impact of this shift in approach was certainly felt here at Wycliffe.

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Nevertheless, we were still very pleased to see more than half of all A Level grades (*plus BTEC equivalents*) secured at A*, A or B. Four pupils – from a year-group of 76 girls and boys – earned AAB: **Hannah Denning**, **Rosie Palk**, **Lucy McKerrow** (all Lampeter), and **Sophie Izon** (Collingwood). And, even more exceptionally, **Orla Wright** (Haywardsend), **Murdo Matthews** (Collingwood) and **Daisy Hartson** (Collingwood) all secured A*AB, **Zakh Mamayev** (Robinson) was awarded A*AAB whilst **Sarah Zhou** (Lampeter) earned a ‘full house’ of A*A*A* in Economics, Mathematics and History. BTEC highlights included Double Distinctions (*starred*) in Sport for **Kathryn Burton** (Loosley Halls) and in Business for **Charlotte Robbins** (Collingwood). As a result, Year 13 leavers opened up a wide range of opportunities from Degree courses in Medicine,

Veterinary Science and Law (to name but a few), to professional Rugby contracts, Scholarships at Universities in the United States, a range of different Apprenticeships, and/or amazing ‘gap year’ projects.

At GCSE, pretty much one-third of all grades were awarded at 7, 8 or 9 (*previously A*/A*) and almost eight of every ten grades was at 5 or higher. On an individual level, **Abigail Opaleye** (Collingwood) and **Olivia Larkman** (Lampeter) both earned an 8 or a 9 (formerly A*) in ten of their subjects, **Cathy Chow** (Haywardsend) did the same in nine subjects, **Sebastian Forrest** (Ward’s) in eight and **Katherine Cox** (Ivy Grove) in seven. Among our international Boarders, Development Year pupil **Naiara Lasa Martín-Almagro** (Loosley Halls) managed to earn an incredible six 8s and 9s after just ten months of study.

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

We entered our usual wide range of national competitions in Mathematics and the Sciences with some impressive successes in all age groups. Two major overseas trips saw groups of 30+ pupils head to The Azores for Geography in the autumn and also to Paris for French in March. A young Year 11 Debating team had an outstanding year, winning through local and regional rounds of the ESU Mace Debating competition as only the second Wycliffe team to do so in the past decade. Five pupils represented us for the first time at the annual Round Square International Conference, held for this academic year in Nairobi (*Kenya*) and exploring – as its theme – the many ways that the continent of Africa has evolved in recent years, as well as defining its position



deservedly ran out winners overall. The ‘best performance’ award that night was presented to **Jenrola Oyewumi** (Year 13, Ivy Grove) whose vocal performances all year long have been of an astoundingly impressive quality. House Song was won by the girls of Haywardsend. And in Drama, *The Wizard of Oz* proved an inspired choice for January’s school production, backed up by some brilliant casting decisions: the triumvirate of Tin Man, Scarecrow and Lion (respectively **Jacob Cheetham**, Year 12, Robinson; **Melody Benn**, Year 10, Lampeter; **Abigail Opaleye**, Year 12, Collingwood) were all outstanding, as were the two Witches, **Madison Charnley-Heaton** (Year 13, Ivy Grove) and

in the 21st century. **Sophie Newman** (Year 9, Lampeter) won the annual Creative Writing competition which this year took Gothic Writing as its theme. An array of high-quality Year 9 Projects have been submitted in the past month, with subjects ranging from manatees and border-collies, to World War II, Artificial Intelligence, identity in Art, and crime-scene pathology. And – among other prizes – it has been a bitter-sweet moment in recent days to see ‘The Jason Murphy award for Photography’ presented for the first time in memory of our much-missed friend and colleague, with **Annie Fang** (Year 12, Lampeter) its first recipient.

Activity at all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme has remained incredibly busy with many of the year’s weekends being dedicated to all sorts of expeditions across different counties and countries. As for the Combined Cadet Force, we had once again a Year 10 entry in the 35-mile Ten Tors event on Dartmoor in May, March’s Weekend Exercise included a successful Biennial Inspection and **Abigail Opaleye** (Year 12, Collingwood) was appointed as a Lord Lieutenant’s Cadet for Gloucestershire and went on to take over the CsM position from **Jonty Jones** (Year 13, Ward’s) in February.



In Music, **Melody Cheung** (Year 13, Loosley Halls) earned a Grade 8 pass with Distinction on Piano to accompany the Grade 8 that she already held on Harp and **Abigail Opaleye** (Year 12, Collingwood) earned Grade 8 with Distinction on the Recorder. The biennial House Music competition was characterised by an incredibly wide array of instruments including harp and guzheng (a traditional Chinese plucked zither) and Collingwood

Maisie Tomlinson (Year 13, Lampeter), and **Grace Gosling** (Year 13, Haywardsend) carried the performance as a marvellous Dorothy.

In Sport, there have been regional and/or national successes in Fencing and Shooting as well as the outstanding achievements of our Squash players winning national titles at Under 16 and Under 18 level for the boys, as well as a 3rd place-finish for the



Under 16 girls. Levels of participation in, and commitment to, all of our major team sports have been hugely praiseworthy and I have been especially pleased to see the continued growth and success in Boys’ Basketball and Girls’ Cricket. Rowing has again seen extraordinary levels of hard-earned achievement, with both A and B Girls’ Quads winning their events at the National Schools’ Regatta at Eton Dorney and then victories in the Single and the Quad at Women’s Henley just two weeks ago. Let’s not jinx Henley Royal Regatta since it is still going on! * Individually, international recognition has come the way of Rugby players, Netballers, Rowers, Basketballers and Squash players. In Athletics, last week’s Sports Day saw team triumphs for the girls of Lampeter (for the Juniors) and Collingwood (at Senior level) with the boys of Robinson and Ward’s

winning the equivalent Boys’ categories. On an individual level, our recent end-of-year Sports Dinners saw the principal awards go to **Laila Howse** (Year 13, Ivy Grove), **Ateca Smith** (Year 13, Lampeter) and **Aoife Wright** (Year 12, Haywardsend) for the girls and to **Sacha Cooper** (Year 13, Collingwood), **Ryan Gwidzima** (Year 12,

Haywardsfield) and **Harry Hogg** (Year 12, Haywardsfield) for the boys.

*As things turned out, our Girls’ A and B Quads raced each other later that afternoon in the Semi-Finals leading to our A Quad going on to the Final the following day and then winning the event!

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Truly historic achievements! Full details can be found elsewhere in this publication.

And so, in closing ...

In 1982, in the final page of the book that he wrote to mark Wycliffe’s first centenary, **George Loosley** (the 3rd Headmaster) wrote: “Wycliffe has always shown ... [] ... ‘elasticity’ in adapting to changing circumstances. Yet never has its freedom been in question. It has retained its ideals, always willing to learn from others but never unquestioningly to conform...”

That ‘elasticity’ in changing circumstances was epitomised by the College’s 7th Head, **Mr David Prichard**, who died just a few

months back at the age of 89, and who was himself responsible for leading the College at a very difficult time in the late 1990s, driving Wycliffe forward to build both Wycliffe Hall and also the co-ed Sixth Form Boarding House, Loosley Halls. Bold and brave decisions that protected and preserved the College’s future at that particular time.

I do hope very much indeed – in line with Loosley’s words getting on for almost fifty years ago – that Wycliffe will continue to retain its values and ideals in the face of the challenges that the next few years will bring and will be able to operate with the necessary ‘elasticity’ so to do. I am sure that it will.

And I wish my hugely talented and capable successor **Mr Christian San José** and his lovely family every good fortune and happiness in leading the College in this, the next chapter of its proud history.

Thank you everyone for your support for me these past nine years, enjoy the rest of the day especially the Leavers’ Service in Chapel a little bit later on, and thank you for listening.

Nick Gregory

Nick Gregory, Headmaster

Awards for 2023-24

Wycliffian Commendations

Autumn Term		
Henry Bishop (Year 12, Haywardsfield)	Eloise Etherington (Year 13, Loosley Halls)	Rose Tangye (Year 9, Collingwood)
Codie Beachus (Year 11, Robinson)	Alex Evanson-Goddard (Year 12, Ward’s)	Jenrola Oyewumi (Year 13, Ivy Grove)
Lisa Dorosheva (Year 12, Loosley Halls)	Scarlet Sum (Year 9, Lampeter)	
Spring Term		
Katherine Cox (Year 12, Ivy Grove)	Abigail Opaleye (Year 12, Collingwood)	Maddy Small (Year 13, Haywardsend)
Abigail Opaleye (Year 12, Collingwood)	Bella Shute (Year 12, Lampeter)	Masha Koberman (Year 13, Loosley Halls)
Oliver Grant (Year 13, Collingwood)	Grace Gosling (Year 13, Haywardsend)	Athina Marceau Veron (Year 11, Lampeter)
Lily Martin (Year 13, Loosley Halls)	Melody Benn (Year 10, Lampeter)	Logan Fitzpatrick (Year 13, Robinson)
Katherine Cox (Year 12, Ivy Grove)	Henry Bishop (Year 12, Haywardsfield)	
Summer Term		
Jason Cai (Year 11, Haywardsfield)	Ateca Smith (Year 13, Lampeter)	Katie Woodhouse (Year 9, Lampeter)
Isabel Carrick (Year 11, Haywardsend)	Noma McBurney (Year 10, Ivy Grove)	
Daisy Muna (Year 11, Collingwood)	Emma Barrable (Year 9, Collingwood)	

Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze			Silver
Yaxuan (Yune) Guo	Weiting (Wendy) Liu	Rory Scott	Eliza Hair
Jessica (Jess) Hobbs	Gabriel (Gabe) Parker	Rose Tangye	
Haniya Lampkin-Berry	Yasmin Perez-Hernandez	Katherine (Katie) Woodhouse	
Yan Ching (Ava) Lai	Elizabeth (Libby) Rowlands		

BTEC Sport Event 2024

Rugby vs Netball – The boys won.

Sporting Cups and Shields

Cricket	
Junior House Cricket	Robinson
PASS Shield – Most Improved Junior Cricket Player	Samuel Hart
PASS Shield – Most Improved Senior Cricket Player	Angus Davenport
PASS Shield – Most Improved Junior Girl Cricket Player	Emma Barrable
PASS Shield – Most Improved Senior Girl Cricket Player	Kayti Miles
Cup Junior House Cricket (Using Interhouse Tennis Junior Girls)	Collingwood
Ben Gannon Bowling Award	Miles Menon
Tennis	
Shield Junior Boys’ House Tennis	Collingwood (Oliver Jewkes and Luca Dickin)
Tom Tucker Cup – Senior Boys’ House Tennis	Haywardsfield (Maximillian (Max) Stokes and Chu Chak (Toni) Lai)
Wycliffe College Tennis Cup – Junior Boys’ Singles	Oliver Jewkes
PASS Cup – Senior Boys’ Singles	Kamran Warriar
PASS Shield – Most Improved Junior Boys’ Tennis Player	Henry (Harry) Hurford
PASS Shield – Most Improved Senior Boys’ Tennis Player	Chu Chak (Toni) Lai
Hockey	
PASS Salver Junior House	Lampeter
PASS Salver Senior House	Ivy Grove
PASS Shield – Most Improved Junior Player	Melody Benn
PASS Shield – Most improved Senior Player	Georgia Sarmiento McNeil
Rugby	
PASS Shield – Most Improved Junior Player	Lucas Smith
PASS Shield – Most improved Senior Player	Angus Davenport

CCF Small Bore Shooting Awards

Marksman		Advanced Marksman
Lucia Alvarez Calvo	Edward Chrystal	Iris Parker
Oskar Morton-Race	Gabriel (Gabe) Parker	

British Physics Online Certificates

The Senior Physics Online Challenge is designed to engage and challenge pupils of all abilities by offering them a range of problems to solve based predominantly around the GCSE curriculum but also covering general knowledge in Physics practical work. It aims to encourage pupils to challenge themselves, be interested in Physics and to develop their confidence.

This is a national competition for Year 11 pupils.

Bronze online		Silver online	
Ruby Dickenson	Josh Foulkes	Eleanor Casey	Logan Llewellyn

Senior Physics Olympiad Challenge

The Senior Physics Olympiad Challenge is a competition organised by Oxford University for Year 12 pupils. It is a nationwide competition designed to stretch pupils’ lateral thinking skills, using their knowledge of Physics and Mathematics to solve a range of real-world problems.

Bronze online		Silver online
Bobby Britto	Blake Mosimann	Esme Davenport
Edward Chrystal	Freddie Thomas	
Katherine Cox	Bella Shute	
Vincent Fan	Thomas Woollard	
Eldon Hou	Justin Zhu	

British Biology Olympiad Certificates

The British Biology Olympiad is an advanced problem-solving competition for A Level pupils. It is a national competition which aims to challenge and stimulate pupils to expand and extend their talents. Pupils are presented with topics and ideas which they are not familiar with, so need to rely on their problem-solving skills and understanding of core principles.

Bronze award		Silver award	
Amelia Flaxman		Oliver Grant	Jonty Jones
		Lily Martin	

LAMDA Examination Certificates

Oliver Timmins	Level 1 Acting Grade 3 Solo	Passed with Distinction
Lucy Bond	Level 2 Acting Grade 4 Duo	Passed with Distinction
Oliver Blanchfield	Level 2 Acting Grade 5 Solo	Passed with Merit
Henry Blythe	Level 2 Acting Grade 5 Solo	Passed with Distinction
George Fielder	Level 2 Acting Grade 5 Solo	Passed with Merit
Talia Owen	Level 2 Acting Grade 5 Solo	Passed with Distinction

Grade 6 - At Grade 6, pupils receive between 8 and 12 UCAS points. These can be used when applying for university places. A distinction at Grade 6 shows performers can portray a variety of characters from different genres of theatre to a very high level.

Harry Hogg	Level 3 Acting Grade 6 Solo - Bronze Medal	Passed with Distinction
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Academic Commendations

Academic Commendations are awarded to the pupils in each year group who have performed consistently and with greatest industry throughout the whole term. The awards are made taking into account average learning engagement grades.

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Emma Barrable	Melody Benn	Henry Blythe
William Bengtsson	Josie Drury	Samuel Burrell
Abigail Casey	Kieran Etheridge	Isabel Carrick
Holly Harvie-Pullin	Emily Gaulton	Eleanor Casey
Ayesha Menon	Orin Lovett	Ruby Dickenson
Sophie Newman	Noma McBurney	Karl Hefer
Katherine Woodhouse	Conrad Mosimann	Logan Llewellyn
	Matilda Strefford	Athina Marceau Veron
	Florence Smalley	Daisy Muna
		Talia Owen
		Hoi Yan Wan
DY	Year 12	Year 13
Lucia De La Herran Estevas-guilmain	Eloise Bartram	Oluwafamimora Adesina
Caspar Honegger	Henry Bishop	Hoi Shun Cheung
Katerina Komarova	Thomas Burrell	Eloise Etherington
	Jacob Cheetham	Amelia Flaxman
	Eva Cosway	Toby Gaulton
	Elizaveta Dorosheva	Sophia Grasl
	Alexander Evanson-Goddard	Laila Howse
	Hei Yin Fan	Jonty Jones
	Siriu Fang	Aidan Kitching
	William Franklin	Mariia Koberman
	Charles Hart	Lily Martin
	Alice Holder	Pia Middleton
	Blake Mosimann	Jenrola Oyewumi
	Abigail Opaleye	George Rowlands
	Success Ovbiolokun-John	Mollie Tapping
	Haoda Pei	
	Frederick Thomas	
	Aoife Wright	

House Engagement Trophy – Ivy Grove

The House Engagement Award is awarded every term to the House that has the best effort grade, calculated as an average for all their pupils. Everyone’s effort grades on everyone’s reports go towards the determination of the winners. This splendid trophy should be displayed with pride in the winning House, this term it will be Ivy Grove.

House Learning Engagement Trophy

Lampeter

PASS Award for Creative Writing

Sophie Newman

Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

294 Wycliffe pupils from Years 3 to 13 took part in the annual Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. This challenge gives pupils an opportunity to practise the sort of problem-solving skills used by Computing professionals. The challenge is sponsored by Google and Oxford University, and more than 350,000 students took part this year.

The Best in School awards in their age groups this year were won by:

Intermediate 12 – 14	Katie Woodhouse	
Seniors 14 – 16	Caspar Honegger	
Elite 16 – 18	Yuet Yi (Betty) Chu	

Sibly/Loosley/Honours awards

Loosley (black/bronze)	Sibly (silver/black)		Honours (red)
Gabe Parker	Maisie Tomlinson	Henry Bishop	Ateca Smith
	Jenrola Oyewumi	Rollo Llewellyn	Billy Kerslake

2024 Beekeeping Cup

Anakin Lam	For commitment to the Bee Club this year
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Chapel Plate

Ivy Grove

Chapel Prize

Loosley Halls

Associated Board Music Exam Awards

Iris Parker	Grade 5 Violin	Passed with Merit
Sun Yui (Rason) Wong	Grade 7 Piano	Passed with Pass
Abigail Opaleye	Grade 8 Treble Recorder	Passed with Distinction

RSL Awarding the Contemporary Arts

Kasper Morton-Race	Grade 6 Drums	Passed with Merit
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London College of Music Examinations

Imogen Bewsey	Level 1 Music Theatre – Grade 1	Passed with Distinction
Abigail Casey	Level 1 Music Theatre – Grade 1	Passed with Distinction

Trinity College Music Exams 2023

Annabelle Stokes	Entry 3 Piano	Passed with Merit
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Trinity College Spring 2024

Yasmin Perez Hernandez	Grade 5 Piano	Passed with Merit
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RSL Music Exams 2023

Hei Yin (Vincent) Fan	Level 2 Grade 4 Drums	Passed with Merit
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Associated Boards Music Exams 2023

Eleanor Casey	Grade 5 Piano	Passed with Merit
Eloise Bartram	Grade 7 Flute	Passed with Distinction
Hoi Shun (Melody) Cheung	Grade 8 Piano	Passed with Distinction

Inter-House Quiz Challenge

Ward’s House

Colours

	Half Junior	Full Junior	Half Senior	Full Senior
Rugby		U15 Jack Pickett Toby West	Oliver (Oli) Grant Toby Grant Xander Gray Keneolisa Okafor Oliver (Oli) Thomas William (Will) Welby	Logan Fitzpatrick William (Billy) Kerslake Zachary (Zach) Rowles
Hockey	U15 Emily Gaulton U14 Ayesha Menon Katherine (Katie) Woodhouse		Emilie Day Abigail (Abi) Opaleye	Madison Charnley-Heaton Laila Howse Bethany (Beth) Leach
Cross Country	U14 Holly Harvie-Pullin			
Shooting	Anjus Gurung Florence (Flo) Smalley			Maximilian (Max) Kirsch
Football	Joshua (Josh) Denholm Nicolas Lopez Naranjo Pablo Roncal Ardanza Lucas Smith Yago Varela De Zabala Austin-Paul (Austin) Webster Stanley Western James (Jamie) Whitbread	Joe Davison Samuel Hart Oliver Jewkes Toby West	Frank Parker Delves Sara Cuinas Fernandez Harry Hogg Blake Mosimann	
Netball	Heidi Cosway Molly-May Gibbons Holly Harvie-Pullin Jessica (Jess) Hobbs Ayesha Menon Katherine (Katie) Woodhouse	Melody Benn Millie Downey Josie Drury	Eva Cosway Alice Holder	Laila Howse
Basketball	Victor Emwanta Conrad Mosimann Finn Kelly		Logan Llewellyn Gabe Navarro Hugo Weixelbaumer	Milton Yau

	Half Junior	Full Junior	Half Senior	Full Senior
Cricket	Emma Barrable Melody Benn Francesca Capanni Joshua (Josh) Denholm Hector Denton Holly Harvie-Pullin Jonathan Phillips Henry Surridge Toby West Katherine (Katie) Woodhouse	Millie Downey Josie Drury Samuel Hart Archie Larkman	Bobby Britto Tilly Coles Eva Cosway Toby Grant Miles Menon Isabella (Bella) Shute	
Tennis (Boys)			Chu Chak (Toni) Lai Javier Rausell Manzanares Kamran Warriar Mateo Wasser Arias	
Squash	Holly Harvie-Pullin Ayesha Menon Katherine (Katie) Woodhouse			
Athletics	Harriet (Hattie) Akerman Holly Harvie-Pullin Joseph (Joe) Leach	Melody Benn	Oliver Fisher William Welby	
Rowing		Max Fullman	Lily Anderson Lily Church Georgina Joy Ryan Hann	Eloise Etherington Amelia Flaxman Violet Holbrow-Brooksbank Mia Lowes Lily Martin Natasha (Tash) Phillips

	Half Junior	Full Junior	Half Senior	Full Senior
Music	Isaac King Yan Ching (Ava) Lai Ayesha Menon Cheng Cheng (Scarlet) Sum Rose Tangye		Katherine Cox Elizaveta (Leeza) Dorosheva Hei Yin (Vincent)Fan Alice Holder Kasper Morton-Race Abigail (Abi) Opaleye	Eloise Bartram

SCHOLARS

13+			
Stanley Drury	Sport	William Hewson	DT
Molly Pettingell	Sport, Academic	Anoushka Reekie Black	Art
Oakley Jeweks	Sport	Seraphine Mosimann	Art
Kitty Ashbee	Sport	William Papps	DT
Joshua Cooper	Sport	Teyo McBurney	Art, Drama
Georgina Latimer	Drama	Oscar Graham	Music
Isla Jones	DT, Art	Wilfred Rodgers	DT
Leo Benn	Art, Drama	Lula Turner	Drama
Rowan Cooper	Music		

Sixth Form	
Bella McDonald	Rowing, Music
Alexander Judd	Rowing, Academic
Nathaniel Child Villiers	Academic, All Rounder
Nissi Akhator	Academic
Athina Marceau-Veron	All-Rounder
Owen Hendricks	Squash, Modern Foreign Language
William Davidson	Sport
Hannah Al-Karmi	Rowing
Olivia Jordao	Rowing
Orlaith McEvoy-Lusty	Rowing, All Rounder
Charlie Towe	Rowing
Miller Longhurst	Basketball
Elijah Shaw	Academic
Karl Hefer	HD Academic
Isabel Carrick	Academic
Rason Wong	Music
Ava Jerry	All-Rounder
Bade Martins	All-Rounder
Xander Gray	HD Academic
Caspar Honegger	Squash, Academic, Language
William Welby	Sport
Oliver Thomas	Sport
Toby Littlejohn	Sport
Violet Sum	Squash
Rebecca McCoubrie	Sport, HD Swimming
Millie Newman	Language
Frank Parker-Delves	Academic, Spanish
Viggo Hendricks	Language, Squash
Aerin Baylis-Crisp	Academic, All Rounder, Language
Daisy O'Reilly	Rowing
Zethe-Maia Mensah	Art
Daria Novyk	Art
Cassie Anderson	Rowing, All Rounder
Logan Llewellyn	Academic, Sport
Barnaby Storey	DT
Dalphina Wan	Language
Gabriel Navarro	Basketball, Academic
Amelie Davies	All-Rounder, Language
Kaylee Li	DT

A LEVEL AND BTEC RESULTS

Our pupils, parents and staff once again celebrated A Level results that reflect the diverse nature of the community at Wycliffe.

More than eight out of every ten grades were achieved at A*-C, and actual A*-B performance was 25% better than expectations.

A range of superb individual achievements is being lauded, including that of **Eloise Etherington** whose four A*s in Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics have secured her place at Cambridge to read Natural Sciences. Another exceptional achiever was **Aidan Kitching**, whose A*A*A in Maths, Philosophy and Ethics, and History,

mean that he is off to Warwick to study PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics).

Among the 28 subjects available in the Sixth Form at Wycliffe, Mathematics was the most popular A Level this summer (studied by more than one-quarter of all leavers), with Psychology and Business similarly popular. Continued commitment to, and support for, so-called ‘creative subjects’ saw significant numbers of pupils do well across Art, Design and Technology, Drama/Theatre Studies, Film Studies and

Music, as well as the BTEC in Digital Media and four different Modern Languages.

Wycliffe’s outgoing Head, Mr Nick Gregory, commented: “I am exceptionally proud of this outstanding group of pupils and of this extremely pleasing set of results, both A Level and BTEC. Our ambition is to instil in our pupils a “pioneering spirit” and to encourage them to take their place in the world as “global citizens”: they all leave Wycliffe very well prepared indeed for the exciting futures that await them.”

GCSE RESULTS

A week after celebrating pupil success in A Levels and BTEC examinations, we turned to congratulating our pupils for achieving excellent GCSE results.



Today, staff have praised pupils for their achievements which reflect hard work and commitment to their studies, and also confirms the high-quality teaching and learning our pupils receive from our specialist subject staff.

Following several weeks of summer holidays, it was lovely to welcome pupils and staff back to the College for this special day as they gathered together on the lawn in front of School House. It is delightful to see young people celebrating with their peers and parents and sharing their grades.

Headmaster, Christian San José, said, “I congratulate our Year 11 pupils, who have been rewarded for their hard work over the last two years with a highly positive set of GCSE results. Once again, almost eight out of every ten grades were at grade 5 or higher, and my thanks go to our dedicated

teaching and support staff for their efforts, time and care in helping each individual to reach their full potential and ‘write their own story’.

Behind the headlines there are individuals who have, for one reason or another, had to overcome a degree of adversity in their

studies and today we, as a community, celebrate their success. The end of GCSEs is but the end of one chapter and, with many of our Year 11s returning in September to study for their A Levels and BTEC qualifications in our Sixth Form, I am excited to watch them craft the next part of their journey”.



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MEET THE PREFECTS

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



Head of School

Abigail Opaleye (Collingwood),

Deputy Heads of School

Katherine Cox (Ivy Grove), **Charlie Hart** (Collingwood),

Senior Prefects

Eloise Bartram and **Fred Collinson** (Collingwood),
Rollo Llewellyn (Loosley Halls), **Julian Scerri** (Ward's)
and **Bella Shute** (Lampeter),

Prefects

Angus Davenport and **Toby Grant** (Collingwood),
Alice Holder (Lampeter), **Adi Ligari** (Haywardsend),
Kayti Miles (Collingwood), **Blake Mosimann** (Ward's)
Tom Ranyard (Robinson), **Georgia Sarmiento McNeil**
(Ivy Grove), **Jollie Wong** (Loosley Halls) and
Aoife Wright (Haywardsend)

ART AND DESIGN

This year, our pupils had the unique opportunity to visit galleries in London, including the Philip Guston exhibition in October.



They also had drawing trips to The Ashmolean and The Pitt Rivers in Oxford and Gloucester Cathedral. These experiences and the enriching life of Drawing and Screen-printing workshops have indeed broadened their artistic horizons.

Alumni **Phoebe Stewart-Carter** spent two days with our Year 12 pupils, tutoring them on observational drawing and measuring techniques.

We also visited the Degree Shows at The Slade and Central St. Martin, allowing pupils to see what a Creative degree may entail.

Year 11 and 13 pupils have shown remarkable personal growth through their varied Personal Investigations. Their themes, such as Emotion in a Crowd and How Agoraphobia can be represented in modern art, have led to credible personal responses. Their final pieces, many of which can be

viewed in the Atrium, are a testament to their hard work and dedication. The short exam preparation period did not deter them from creating dynamic pieces in their timed test.

Year 12 pupils have developed and honed their skills, learning new drawing and printmaking techniques, researching artists, and participating in art history lessons. We have encouraged pupils to work



ambitiously and often on a large scale. They have begun their projects, and we look forward to the development of their ideas.

Year 10 pupils have developed their understanding of the course by working on two themes this year: Structures and Portraits. They have looked at the work of **Veira Da Silva** and **Giacometti** and made

work inspired by their styles. Seeing many pupils flourish and experiment in different media has been encouraging.

Using clay and fabric, Year 9 have created puppets representing artists. This has deepened their understanding of the artists' work and developed their three-dimensional work. Perspective and portraits

have been areas of interest, and pupils have had opportunities to experiment with paint and print.

We applaud our pupils for their achievements and their remarkable progress throughout the year.

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BIOLOGY

From the study of living organisms to the exploration of biochemistry, Biology offers a diverse range of topics that can captivate anyone.

No subject could be more fascinating than the study of life itself.

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

At Wycliffe, we are blessed to have considerable natural beauty on our doorstep; as we aim to inspire pupils and nurture a passion for Biology, it would be a shame not to make the most of this resource. For this reason, we make an annual pilgrimage to explore a local nature



spot in the name of science. While there, our pupils painstakingly catalogue the different living things they find, assessing the area’s rich biodiversity and gaining a deeper appreciation of the abundance but fragility of our environment. While gaining this understanding, our pupils can hone their skills in important biological techniques such as kick sampling in the stream or using keys to identify the observed flora and fauna.

It can be arduous doing Biology in the sun, but the status associated with being in the group that identifies the greatest number of different species, and therefore claims the prestigious Wycliffe Biology Trophy, certainly focuses everyone’s efforts. At some point, there’s inevitably a great clamour of excited noises that means someone’s netted a fish!

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BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

The Business and Economics department has experienced another eventful year, marked by numerous educational trips and activities.

In March, Year 10 Business pupils embarked on their annual trip to Cardiff, visiting Cardiff Castle and the Principality Stadium. At the Castle, pupils gained insights into its operations as a business, learning about marketing strategies and adaptation to changing circumstances. The afternoon at the Principality Stadium provided a comprehensive tour, covering various facilities and exploring event management, technology utilisation, and pricing strategies for diverse events.

Year 13 Economics and Business pupils attended the Tutor2u Gradebooster revision conference at Cribbs Causeway in March. They participated in intensive workshops led by experienced examiners to enhance their subject knowledge and exam technique. Year 12 and Year 13 Business

A Level pupils have enjoyed separate visits to the Morgan Motor Company and Weston's Cider. They could see contrasting production methods in action and learn about how the two different businesses compete in their respective markets. Additionally, Year 13 pupils toured Stroud Brewery in November, focusing on corporate social responsibility, ethics, and sustainability.

BTEC Business course pupils demonstrated their practical skills by organising the Sixth-Form social as part of their Unit four study. This hands-on experience served as the foundation for their written assignments, including a thorough evaluation of individual and team performance.

Throughout the year, the department continued to offer revision support sessions for GCSE and A Level pupils. A Level Economics pupils particularly appreciated **Mr Axford's** dedication, as he provided additional tutorials during holidays and weekends.

As the academic year concludes, the department bids farewell to **Mrs Manning** and **Mr Bennett**, who have departed from Wycliffe. Looking ahead, the department eagerly anticipates welcoming their successors, **Mr Areington** and **Mr Bassan**, in September.

CHEMISTRY

The study of Chemistry gives you the tools to understand the world around you and the power to influence the matter that surrounds you.

Each year, Sixth-Form Chemists take the lead on STEM day, teaching children from local primary and Prep schools how Chemistry is all around them. This year was no different, and the Year 12s and 13s taught the visiting pupils about the importance of Polymers in everyday life and helped them make some slime and bouncy balls!

In November, alongside mock exams for Year 11, four pupils from Year 9 – Year 11 (**Athina M-V**, **Abigail C**, **Henry S**, **Conrad M**) entered the RSC's Top of the Bench competition where they were tasked with putting together an infographic on the uses of rare metals in mobile phones.

One judge commented: *'Thank you for making a poster about resource scarcity. We really liked that you made the most of the online platform with some visual effects and got a good deal of public engagement. It made the poster eye-catching.'*

The Spring Term was filled with more exams for almost all year groups, and we were impressed with the drive and resilience of our pupils. Most notably, Year 12 Chemists, along with one Year 11 and one Year 13, took part in the Annual Chemistry Olympiad run by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

This is a challenging paper designed to stretch the most, and we were very proud that several pupils achieved awards (**Abi O** – Bronze, **Eva C** – Bronze, **Henry B** – Bronze, **Kate C** – Bronze, **Annie F** – Silver and **Will W** – Silver).



The Summer Term was full of hard work and preparation for Year 11s and Year 13s as they faced their external exams, and there was a truly scholarly atmosphere in the department during this time. Years 9, 10 and 12 also kept progressing with the curriculum and completed lots of exciting practical work. Finally, we congratulate the following pupils on achieving awards in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge: **Henry B** – Copper, **Julian S** – Silver and **Annie F** – Gold. Annie's score puts her in the top 10% of pupils who took this paper and deserves a huge well done.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

It has been another exciting year for Design and Technology, which has seen substantial changes within the department while continuing to enhance pupils' experience and outcomes by fostering innovation and creativity.



During the 2023-2024 academic year, the department has undergone notable changes in both the curriculum and vision under the leadership of our new head, **Mr. Hayes**. These modifications have particularly impacted on the Year 9 pupils, who have been the first to engage with several new and improved projects. They honed their woodworking skills in the box/desk organiser project, learnt the soldering techniques in their electronic project and concluded the term by applying principles of streamlining and aerodynamics in their Gravity Race Car project. This project also emphasised sustainability and culminated in an exhilarating race event, providing a memorable and dynamic end to the year.

In October, the Year 12 pupils embarked on their annual trip to the Design Museum

and the Science Museum in London. The excursion was particularly enjoyable this year, with an increased number of pupils opting to study Design and Technology. They explored the Anti-Furniture Exhibition and concluded their visit with the captivating 'Email is Dead' exhibition, where they took photos on cloud-like beds alongside large-scale paper aeroplanes. Over the year, they refined their knowledge and skills, completing their lamp project and engaging in an architecture-based mini coursework. Both the Year 10 and 12 pupils have begun their NEA coursework, tackling various intriguing design challenges.

The Year 11 and Year 13 pupils have dedicated their academic year to completing their coursework, resulting

in a diverse array of exciting and creative projects that showcased the skills they have acquired throughout their studies. Notable among these are **Oliver Grant** in Year 13, who crafted a bespoke coffee table for his grandmother, and **Tsz Hin Mok** (Jason), who produced a high-quality trophy case for Haywardsfield House, set to be installed over the summer. Additionally, in Year 11, **Hoi Yan Wan** (Dalphina) and **Ka Yi Lee** (Kaylee) produced astounding products to raise funds for their chosen charity while **Jamie Davies** produced an attractive Dome Garden Office for his STEM project.



Dalphina, Year 11



Kaylee, Year 11

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Jason, Year 13



Oliver, Year 13



Annie Fang - 'Yamzhog Yumco'

DIGITAL ARTS

It has been an exciting year for the Digital Arts department, ranging from high-quality short filmmaking to a brand-new CTEC course.

The Year 13 A Level Film Studies pupils returned from their summer break having shot their raw footage, ready to edit their original 5-minute short films. Immediately, it was evident that the care and skill had gone into producing these over the summer months (shot worldwide), and the product was of the highest standards. Stand-out examples include:

- ‘What Ifs and Maybes’ by **Fami Adesina** (a powerful cautionary tale about teenage choices and multiple pathways).
- ‘Everlasting Love’ by **Madison Charnley-Heaton** (a warm-hearted story of a mature couple who reconnect later in life).
- ‘Pressured’ by **Maddy Small** (a story of regret and acceptance revolving around friendship and loss).
- ‘Is It?’ by **Masha Koberman** (a hilarious dark comedy with a twist revolving around paranoia).

A number of these have been entered into the ‘Eduqas Moving Image Awards 2024’ (in partnership with the BFI), which recognises and rewards the UK’s Most Talented Young filmmakers, in which previous pupils have also enjoyed success, and we hope to see that replicated this year also.

As is now an annual occurrence for Wycliffe, pupils from within the department and from the wider School entered their independent photography

into the “2024 Gloucestershire Young Photographers Competition”. Notable works (all of which were selected for public display) included shots by **Isaac Pei** (‘Looking Forward’), **Jollie Wong** (‘Untitled’), **Leonardo Simonetti Whitford** (‘ISS’), and **Annie Fang Li** (‘Yamzhog Yumco’) – who has also been awarded our inaugural ‘Jason Murphy Prize for Photography’ for this very photo.

We also very much look forward to next year, when **Mr Beamish** and **Mr Waring** (whom we welcomed into the department this year) will roll out the ‘Wycliffe Podcasting Club’, an exciting opportunity for budding broadcasters, writers, graphic designers, and those who love films, media, and video games.



Fami Adesina - 'What Ifs and Maybes'



Madison Charnley-Heaton - 'Everlasting Love'



Maddy Small - 'Pressured'



Masha Koberman - 'Is It'



Jollie Wong - 'Untitled'



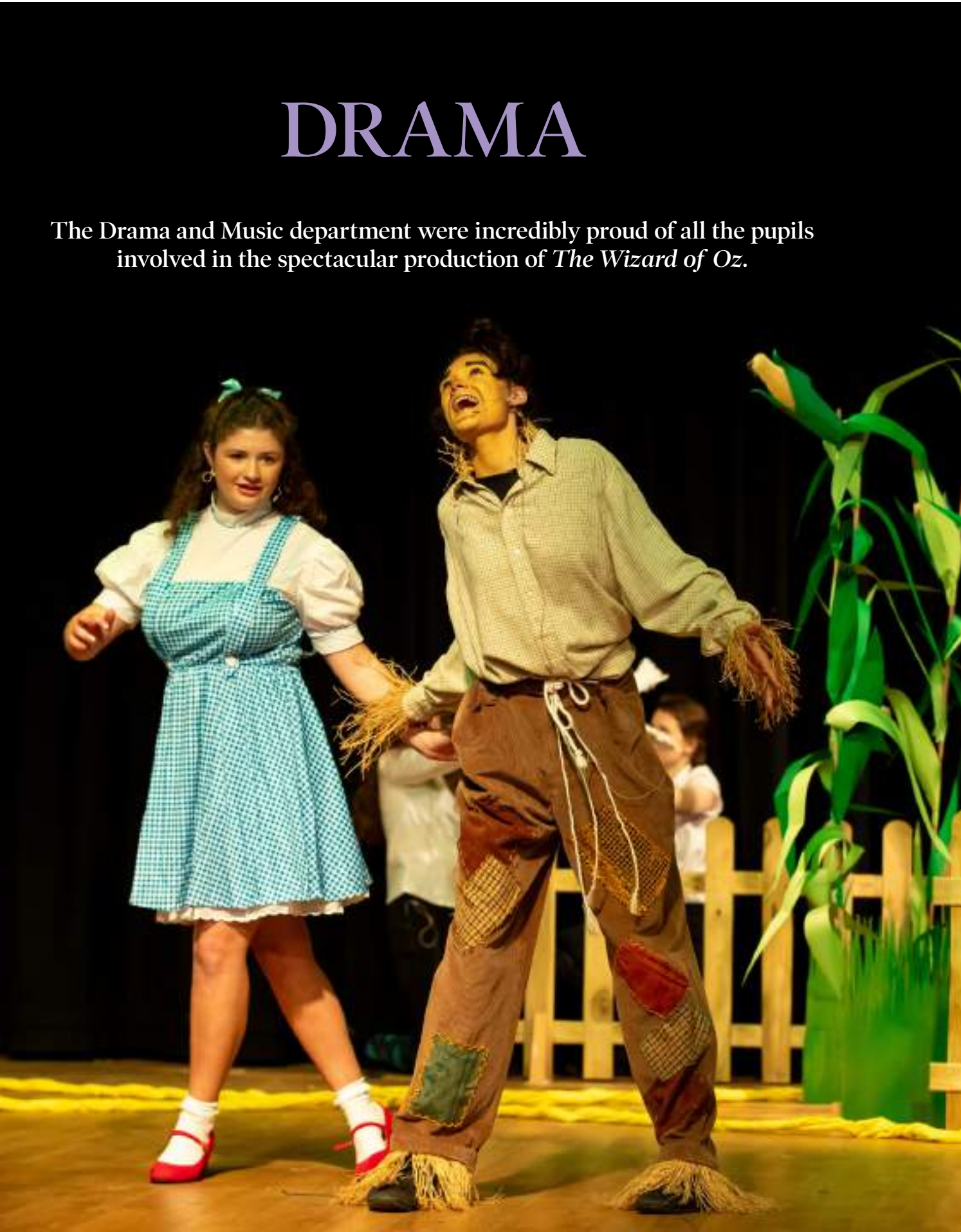
Leonardo Simonetti Whitford - 'ISS'



Isaac Pei - 'Looking Forward'

DRAMA

The Drama and Music department were incredibly proud of all the pupils involved in the spectacular production of *The Wizard of Oz*.



It was a real team effort to bring the production to life. The production crew was made up entirely of senior pupils, including hair and make-up, costume, sound and lighting. The stage crew did incredibly well to manage the demanding set changes to give a slick performance every night.

The cast demonstrated their immense talents throughout. Led by the fantastic principles the cast stepped up to the challenge of bringing the land of Oz to Wycliffe. Everybody worked so hard to give their best and the result was an electrifying show full of awesome adventure, fierce friendship and a wickedly dangerous witch.

A huge thank you to everyone that came to watch the show. We are incredibly grateful for your support. It truly was a show to remember and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it on for you.



ENGLISH

The Debating Team reached the final and gained the judges’ commendation.

It has been a very busy year in English; in December, our Year 11 GCSE Literature pupils attended an innovative performance of *A Christmas Carol*, our 19th century exam text, at the Theatre Royal in Bath. One actor performed all the roles within the novel; our pupils were struck by the sheer technical skill needed for such an intense performance. This was followed by a return visit to Bath in January for our Year 11 pupils at the *Poetry Live* event. Of particular note was **Owen Sheers’s** moving performance of his poem ‘*Mametz Wood*’ and **John Agard’s** lively and emphatic performance of his poem ‘*Checking Out Me History*’. In February, we took Year 11 Literature pupils to Stratford to participate in small group workshops led by RSC actors; the focus was on key scenes from *Macbeth*, our Shakespeare text. The scene we chose to focus on came up in the exam in May, so our pupils were very well prepared to answer the question!

Ms Attwell and **Ms Browne** continued the Shakespearean theme with a visit to the Sam Wanamaker Theatre in London with our A Level pupils to see an innovative

production of *Othello*, an exciting viewing of one of their exam texts. Lower down the school, Year 9 excelled in the *Poetry by Heart* competition in March, with each pupil choosing a poem

pupils and their parents; the standard of writing was incredible. **Sophie Newman** (Year 9) won first place with her H.P. Lovecraft inspired tale; however, both **Grace Palmer-Gilman** and **Emily Thomas** came close with their Gothic narratives.

Creative writing will be a key focus next year; **Mrs Wheeler** will be pioneering our creative writing club, encouraging creativity and a love of language.

Mrs Attwell led the debating team through two rounds of area finals, the second of which was hosted in the Wycliffe Chapel, then on to the regional final in Cardiff where Wycliffe were up against five teams of Sixth Formers. **Jason Cai**, **Isobel Carrick** and **Daisy Muna** (all Year 11s) held the floor brilliantly, and gained the judges’ commendation but did not get through this time.

The year finished with a sunny visit to the Slad Valley for **Mrs Attwell’s** Year 10 group, who have been studying Laurie Lee’s novel, *Cider with Rosie*. They spent an afternoon visiting places of significance from the novel, a magical way to celebrate the end of a successful year in the English department.



to recite, with a focus on clarity and meaning. **Mr Dunne** judged the Wycliffe final; the quality of the performances was most impressive. The Wycliffe finalists sent a video of their performances to the *Poetry by Heart* judges for the national competition, who awarded them ‘highly commended’. **Ms Birkett** ran our Creative Writing competition, inviting author **Bryony Pearce** to meet with our pupils and work on their writing skills. Bryony returned in May to judge the final competition in front of

GEOGRAPHY

The five-day visit to the Azores was a highlight of the year.

Trip to Bristol

Our Year 10 Geography pupils visited Bristol to investigate inequalities between different areas. In addition to spending time in Lawrence Hill and Stoke Bishop, pupils visited the Soapworks, Bristol’s Temple Quarter (one of the largest regeneration projects in the UK), and Cabot Circus. They did well to maintain good spirits throughout a wet and cold day!

The Gower

Year 12 pupils embarked on an engaging field trip to the Gower, where they participated in fieldwork involving costal dunes and beach sediment analysis.

The Azores

34 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 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!

This was a once in a lifetime experience to visit a remote and dramatic landscape.



HISTORY

This year, our pupils have been involved in a variety of activities and visits.

Year 9 went to the Black Country Living Museum in November to experience life in Victorian times; from legging a canal boat, to visiting Victorian housing and shops, to attending a Victorian school lesson with punishments, through to eating the now famous chips! Pupils over the course of the year also undertook prep tasks that challenged their skills and had them doing role plays, writing poems, designing and even baking.

The GCSE classes had to learn all about North Wales for the Historic Environment element of the course and soon became experts on Welsh castles, bastides, statute law, and the Church. A Level pupils visited

Sudeley Castle and Hailes Abbey, as well as a highly productive day at Portsmouth's Historic Royal Dockyards, going behind the scenes at the Mary Rose and even handling rope over 500 years old from the actual wreck.

Mrs Conway and Mrs Halford Scott also discovered the Gloucester History Festival and heard both **Tracy Borman** and **Gareth Russell** speak. We hope to book for September 2024 and to take Year 13 to hear Historians speak on our A Level topics.



MATHEMATICS

As always, this has been a busy year in the Mathematics department.

In November, some of our top mathematicians performed brilliantly in the ‘invitation-only’ Maths Olympiad for Girls. **Lisa Dorosheva** (Year 12) and **Eloise Etherington** (Year 13) achieved Distinctions, and **Eva Cosway** (Year 12), **Sophia Grasl** (Year 13), **Abigail Opalaye** (Year 12), and **Britney Yang** (Year 12) achieved Merits. Eloise also qualified to take part in the British Maths Olympiad, as did **Justin Zhu** (Year 12), and both achieved Merits.

Throughout the School, we have some very strong mathematics pupils, and we look forward to plenty of certificates in the UKMT Challenges and Kangaroo competitions as they progress through the age groups. In May, **Mrs Anastasia Cobbs**

(Head of Mathematics, Senior School) joined **Ms Caroline Curtis** (Head of Mathematics, Prep School) to run a workshop and the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge for the top sets in Years 7 and 8. In November, they also ran the Primary Maths Challenge for pupils in Years 5 and 6. Lots of fun was had with the activities, and pupils enjoyed the challenges. They are more ‘puzzle’ based than more standard maths ‘tests’, sometimes allowing different pupils to show their talents. We look forward to welcoming all these budding mathematicians when they arrive in the Senior School in Year 9.

Every year, we welcome a new cohort of international DY pupils from around the

world who bring their diverse experience of studying mathematics. They face the challenge of preparing for an IGCSE in Mathematics in just nine months, and a few of them take the Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics. After all the hard work, we get to spend some time doing mathematics that is not on the exam. The challenge of building the platonic solids (and other shapes) from polyhedrons (Challenge: Can you name the biggest shape they built? It had 62 faces).

They also undertook a Business and Mathematics research task, learned about cryptography, and developed teamwork and English skills in an end-of-year Maths quiz.

“ We have missed Mrs Lunch, who has been on maternity leave, and we look forward to welcoming her back before September. ”



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

This year in Religious Studies, we have enjoyed a wide range of events and activities both within and beyond the academic department.

In the department, our Sixth Form pupils enjoyed two separate Philosophy and Ethics conferences hosted at Worcester Cathedral and later Wells Cathedral School, featuring renowned academics and specialists in the field, including **Dr Peter Vardy** and **Chris Eyre**, Principal Examiner for Religious Studies.

In addition to this, our Year 10 and 11 GCSE RS pupils had a highly engaging and educational day trip to Bristol to visit a Synagogue then a Mosque, benefitting from the insights of members of local faith communities who generously allowed us

their time and answered pupils’ questions with enthusiasm and expertise.

Across the College more broadly, relevant themes from international days were introduced into lessons with Year 12 in November, considering the theme of International Philosophy Day 2024, ‘Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World’, with Year 11 on World Poetry Day in June, informing our learning on Christianity that morning, and with Year 10 in ‘Refugee Week’ in June, supporting their consideration of issues of poverty and discrimination.

In the Summer Term, Senior School pupils visited the Prep School on the 24th of June for our annual ‘Questions of Faith’ event with Year 8 pupils, adeptly compered by **Mr Steve Arman**. As ever, this was full to the brim with fascinating questions and responses, and even finished with a great number of hands still up wanting to ask more!

PHYSICS

The Physics Olympiad was a highlight of the department.

Physics Olympiad

Year 12 Physics pupils took part in the British Physics Olympiad (BPhO), a series of annual physics competitions and challenges to encourage the study of physics and recognise excellence in young Physicists. The challenges aim to allow pupils to practice their problem-solving skills and see the real-world potential of physics. This year **Esme Devenport** achieved a Silver Award and a Bronze award went to **Thomas Woollard**, **Freddie Thomas**, **Bobby Britto**, **Eldon Hou**, **Bella Shute**, **Kate Cox**, **Vincent Fan**, **Edward Chrystal** and **Blake Mosimann**. Well done to all who took part.

Dr Nic Harrigan talking about the potential of quantum computing; **Dr Tishtrya Mehta** explaining Helioseismology, the science of Earthquakes on the Sun and **Dr Anna Ploszajski** revealing the world of materials science. Pupil **Vincent Fan** (Year 12) said, “The session on quantum computing was fascinating as it gave us a vision of the future!”.

Energy from Waste Facility

(by **Thomas Woollard**, Year 12).

“At the start of June, our Sixth Form class had the opportunity to travel down the road to the energy from waste facility at Haresfield. We learned how 190,000

As we entered, we saw a vast tipping bay where lorries would offload the waste into an enormous pit, in which one of two automated claws would then pick it up and place it onto the feeding conveyor where it was burned at nearly 1,000 Degrees Celsius.



Following the steam pipes, we entered the generator room where the high-pressure steam with the smog (smoke) turns a blade that drives a generator, producing electricity (using Fleming’s left-hand rule: GCSE Physics!). However, some of the energy was lost to sound (80 dBs), enough to require hearing protection.

Next, we exited the facility to see the small transformer outside and learned that the power is converted (at Ryeford substation near to our Prep School) to Mains Voltage (230V). Above the transformers were three large cooling fans, each 10m in diameter and used to cool the steam before feeding it back into the facility. To round off the tour we returned to the office which had an amazing view of the surrounding Cotswolds.

From this trip we learned how waste can be converted into electricity, inspiring the class to research the topic further.

The class would like to thank **Mr Clements** for organising the trip.”

Physics in Action

In November, Year 12 pupils attended the Physics in Action study day at Birmingham University. As well as giving pupils a great opportunity to experience the University environment, the day provided a feast of stimulating lectures about different applications of Physics. These included

tonnes of waste each year (including anything we don’t recycle at school) is incinerated to produce into energy and to reduce landfill. The energy produced could power nearly 30,000 homes at peak output. We were given an in-depth tour of the facility, showing us the stages of how the waste was converted into energy.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French

This has been yet another action-packed year in the French department. Our Christmas party was a great end to the Autumn Term, and we made crêpes in February with military precision and no sign of Nutella on the carpet! France was brilliantly represented at the international fair by **Athina Marceau Veron**, **Gabriel Aragones** and **Gabriel Friedman** and Year 13 enjoyed a meal in March at the Petit Coco Restaurant in Cheltenham. This was a lovely time for us to reflect and prepare for the Year 13 exam season and we will miss our Year 13s dearly.

We have started to see pupils taking more initiative for immersive experiences in France. **Beth Leach** spent a week in France in September working in a restaurant and going à bloc to improve her spoken French. **Melody Benn** will spend some time with a family in France this summer and is so excited about improving her conversational French.

The highlight of the year had to be the Paris trip in March. We took twenty-seven pupils on a 5-night stay and crammed as much in as possible. We did a virtual reality fly view experience of Paris, visited the Musée d’Orsay, used one of the fastest elevators in Europe to go to the top of Tour Montparnasse, visited the Sacré Coeur basilica, walked up the Champs Elysées and visited the Stade de France. There were of course plenty of opportunities for shopping and merch vendors across Paris welcomed our pupils with open arms and elevated prices. These trips always throw up unforeseen opportunities and the one we couldn’t miss was having a French choir sing to us. They sang acapella versions of songs and tunes from well-known films, and we all bobbed along to their wonderful voices. This was too much for four Year 10 girls who then joined them in a beautiful rendition of *Liberée, Delivrée* (Let it Go). We all hope this lives long in the memory of an example of how different cultures, languages and generations can come together and have fun.



German

It has been another incredible year in Wycliffe German! We have had a year full of joy and learning!

Highlights included:

- The Oktoberfest German Pop-Up restaurant experience at Stroud Subscription Rooms for our A Level Germanists and pupils in the Development Year where we enjoyed “Flammkuchen” and “Schnitzel mit Kartoffelsalat”.
- The English is not Enough Event in November at which **Mr David Binns** talked to pupils about the importance of languages, German especially in the world of work.
- The celebration of **Athina Marceau Veron’s** commendation for the **Stephen Spender** Prize in translation for her translation of “Spiegelbild”.
- The Year 9 Christmas Party in December where we taught the Year 9 pupils the Danube Waltz, a traditional waltz which is danced at midnight on New Year’s Day in Austria.
- The return of our German exchange celebrated its 35th anniversary this academic year. Pupils spent time building friendships and were excited to visit their friends of the Friedrich Wilhelm Gymnasium Trier in December to enjoy the Christmas markets and time at school together.
- Strong presence of German-speaking countries at the International Fair with Switzerland, Austria and Germany having representatives.
- Our “Kaffee und Kuchen” sessions in Year 9 in the Summer Term, where pupils made their own “Apfelstrudels”.

We concluded the year in a very modern way by learning the TikTok dance to a German tongue twister that’s gone viral – The Rhabarberbarbara song.

We’re excited for the next academic year. Our Year 11 pupils are going to have a brilliant time visiting Berlin in October, and pupils in Year 9 and 10 will have the opportunity to build up friendships for our exchange trip in 2025/2026.





Japanese

Highlights of the 2023-24 academic year in Japanese have included visits by Livreau-Burgess-sensei and Revie-sensei to the Prep School to deliver Japanese taster lessons to Years 6, 7, and 8. We welcomed Inside Japan Tours’ representatives to MFL’s annual English is not Enough event for Year 9s. A meal out with Sixth Form pupils of Japanese to Kibou (a Japanese restaurant) in Cheltenham. Helping to arrange a visit by pupils from Reitaku High School (a Senior High school in Japan) to the Prep School. Showcasing Japan at the annual International Fair, and as well as preparing our pupils for GCSE and A Level exams in Japanese, always incorporating as much of Japan’s unique culture into our curriculum as we can! This includes such activities as Haiku-writing and entering Haiku contests; lots of origami. Making wishes for Tanabata; and watching the Sakura bloom on the cherry blossom tree outside Haywardsend House, the tree given to Wycliffe as part of The Cherry Tree Project. The best highlight of the year was the success of our Year 12 pupil, **Abubakar Sambo**, who was selected as a finalist in the speech category of the Japan Foundation’s JaLa Champ Contest. He presented his speech about a Japanese proverb (‘Fall down seven times, get up eight’) at the Finals Day in London in May and was awarded a runners-up prize. Omedetou gozaimasu, Abubakar!

We look forward to all that 2024-25 brings for the Japanese department - おたのしみに！

Spanish

Year 11s have been busy with exam preparation and have been having weekly one-to-one speaking practices all year up to their oral exam. The Spanish department has been impressed with the progress and confidence the pupils have shown since the start of the year.

This year has been a thrilling one for our Sixth Form, filled with exciting trips. In November, we had a delightful Tapas evening at Spagos, a Tapas bar in Gloucester Quays.

Spanish Sixth Form Trip – Madrid 2024
Our very keen Year 12 and Year 13 pupils’ Hispanists asked for a Sixth Form Spanish trip, organised and tailored to their very good Spanish level, and that explored many A Level topics firsthand.

We based ourselves in Madrid, and the trip included many activities in the city and day trips to Toledo and Salamanca.

Pupils attended Spanish lessons at Don Quijote Language School, the world leader in Spanish language education. The lessons focused on A Level grammar, Spanish culture, and conversation.

Other activities in Madrid included eating Churros at San Ginés, the oldest churros café. We visited the beautiful Royal

Theatre Opera House and the Reina Sofia Museum to see Guernica by Pablo Picasso. We explored Retiro Park on bikes, seeing all the beautiful main sites. We explored Puerto del Sol, Gran Vía, and Plaza Mayor and ate lunch at Mercado San Miguel. There were many options and pupils chose squid, jamón serrano, croquetas and montaditos.

On another day, we visited Toledo, a World Heritage Site by Unesco and a museum city. We started the visit with a zip wire experience over the river Tagus. We then visited the Cathedral, Alcázar, the Church of Santo Tomé, and more.

We also visited the beautiful University city, Salamanca, the Oxford of Spain. We visited the University of Salamanca and Convento de San Esteban and admired the stunning Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque styles of architecture.

Every day for lunch, pupils ate the typical Spanish Menu del Día, which is a three-course set menu with bread and a drink. Each region of Spain has its own famous dishes, and we ate at a Galician restaurant and sampled their most famous dish, ‘Pulpo a la Gallega.’ A Galician-style octopus tapa.

The pupils spoke so much Spanish in many different realia environments; we are very proud of them.



DEVELOPMENT YEAR AND EAL

This year’s Development Year and EAL sets were made up of pupils from Bulgaria, Chile, China (including Hong Kong, Inner Mongolia, Macao), Czech Republic, France, Germany, Japan, Latvia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia, Ukraine, and Zimbabwe. A number of greatly valued DY one-termers were replaced in January by a small handful set to take GCSEs in two terms.

Trips have included the Stroud Market and Museum trip for orientation in a nearby town, Lower School EAL visited Stratford upon Avon to round off their project on Shakespeare and the impact he had on the English Language, and of course the Bristol trip: The group crossed Brunel’s suspension bridge at Clifton admiring views of the city and the Avon gorge. Later pupils explored Brunel’s Steamship Great Britain. The pupils then crossed the harbour on a small open-topped ferry before walking through the town centre

to see such sights as Millennium Square, Queen’s Square and St Nicholas Square. The day was topped off by a memorable performance of Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* at the Hippodrome.

The Oxford trip taking in Pitt Rivers and Ashmolean museums, as well as Balliol College, and the cavernous Norrington room in Blackwell’s Bookshop went ahead and the weather threw in some rainbows for us over Broad Street. Lower School EAL also had fun bowling in Stroud where they experienced Fat Toni’s pizzas.

A group walk on MAD (Make A Difference) Day from Painswick Beacon back to School was kept on the programme. As with Sports Day, it is much more fun than it is feared to be. The same can also be said for those that helped out with Stonehouse in Bloom and although reluctant at first to weed and paint lamp posts, they were pleased with the overall results.



Towards the end of term those not involved in DoFE or CCF enjoyed a final Saturday morning not only learning about the importance of cream teas in British Culture but also how to make a ‘perfect’ scone.

As usual pupils were taught in departments across the school and DY pupils took Cambridge, and Trinity English exams, along with a number of GCSEs (eight in one case) in their first year here. A number of Sixth Form pupils also received excellent IELTS results in preparation for University. Following last year’s pupils’ successes in two new GCSEs trialled at opposite ends of the English spectrum (English as an Additional Language, and World Literature) we have kept these in the programme.

We are delighted a large number of this year’s Development Year pupils are staying to continue their studies here in September 2024 and excited to welcome a larger cohort for the new 2024 DY intake.



CHAPEL

Throughout the year Chapel life followed its daily pattern of services: of particular note this year was the high standard achieved by the Houses and the Combined Cadet Force in our Autumn Term assemblies.

In a School with such a strong military history, with so many pupils whose parents are in the forces, Remembrance Week has an important place in the Chapel calendar. Throughout the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday, the CCF took a very active role in helping us frame our reflections. One significant moment was the ceremonial laying up of the old CCF standard, which is now permanently housed in the Scout Chapel. The new CCF standard was blessed, signifying our enduring respect for our armed forces and marking our commitment to remembrance. It was good to commemorate Remembrance Sunday in a very full Chapel, and for the School to take part in the parade to the War Memorial and in the laying of wreaths.

The Christian year follows a series of different emotions, colours, and particular attributes of faith as we walk through the seasons from ordinary time, through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and on to Lent, Easter and Pentecost. The year is constantly oscillating between giving thanks, asking for forgiveness, and waiting in hope and anticipation and our Chapel themes each week help us explore the values we hold as a School community. One clear element of hope and excitement was demonstrated for us in the Pre-Prep pupils’ Harvest Festival. Their singing was beautiful and joyful, and reminded us of the virtues of gratitude and generosity which are the bedrock of this community.

In a School Chapel, Advent is a very short season and so it was not long until we were into our carol services. We were treated to two very good Senior School

carol services at which the choir and all the readers excelled, and gave our celebrations a sense of occasion and dignity. It was a particular joy to end the term with the Prep School carol service, sending us out full of cheer and excitement for the arrival of Christmas proper.

The Prep School’s Easter Service focussed on the journey through Holy Week as recounted in the Gospel of St. Mark. The pupils participated actively in the service, learning about sacrifice, love and leadership through the pace and emotions of the events in the Gospel account leading up to Jesus’ death and resurrection. Their readings, hymns and participation in reflections drew out the importance of Holy Week and Easter in the Christian year for our understanding of faith.

During the Lent Term, seven pupils from the Senior School underwent catechesis in preparation for Confirmation. They attended the Friday Eucharist in Chapel each week, and in our Confirmation preparation discussions together they explored different parts of Christian life, bringing their questions and own perspectives and sharing their thoughts with one another. As a group they demonstrated a real growth in spiritual maturity and confidence. This year we were very fortunate to have the Bishop of Tewkesbury (Bishop to Schools in the Diocese of Gloucester) join us on Pentecost Sunday to confirm these students, two of whom were also baptised. Baptism and Confirmation are very significant milestones in a Christian’s journey of faith, a moment of each person

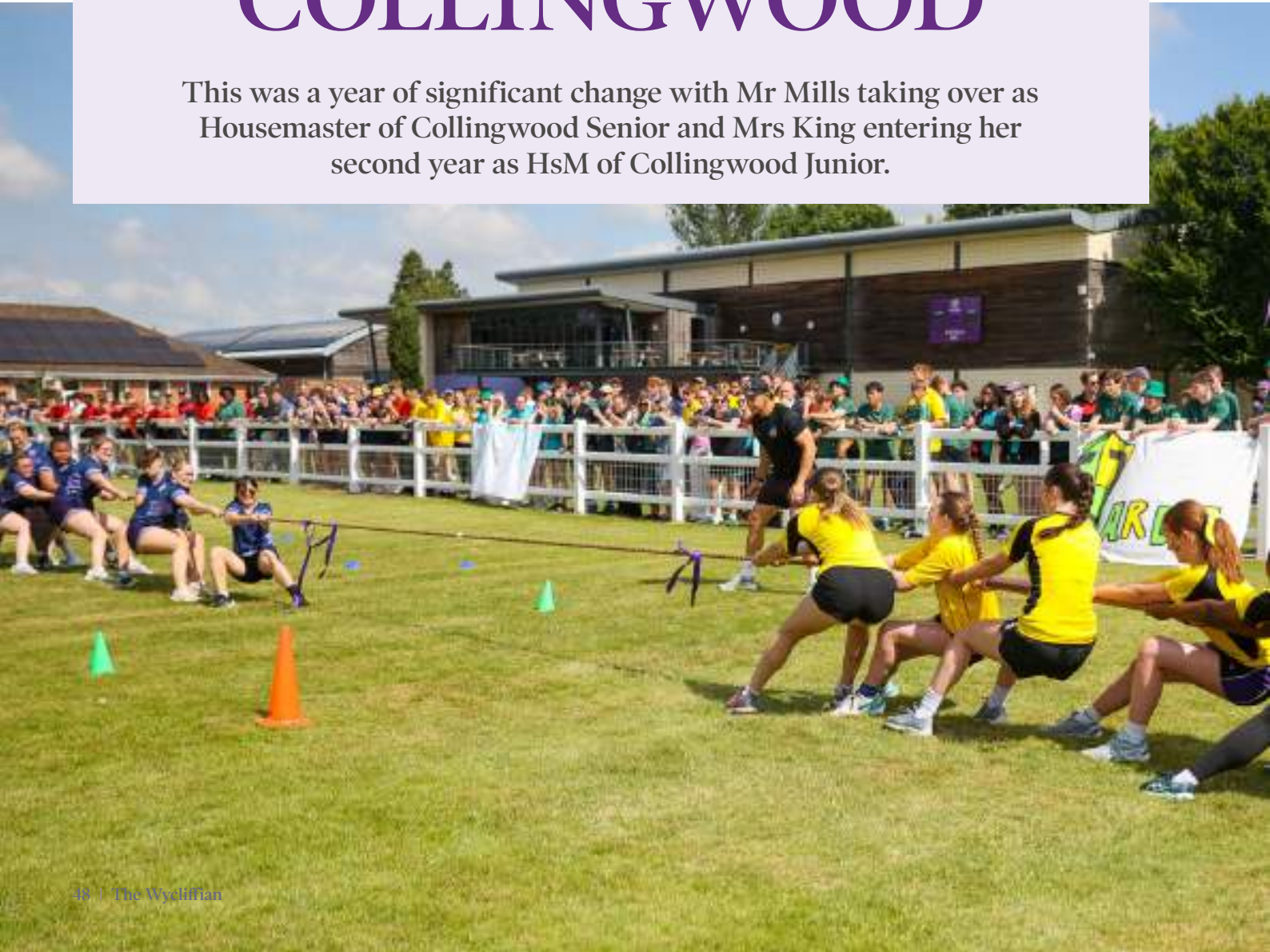
saying: “Yes, this is what I believe” and to celebrate growing in faith, and it was a joy to have parents, family and friends in Chapel to support and pray for them and to receive Holy Communion together. Bishop Robert led the pupils through the service with an inspiring sermon, poignant moments and plenty of laughter, and enjoyed getting to know the pupils during their preparation and after the service with cake and drinks in the sunshine.

In the Summer Term, the Senior School again held Make a Difference Day, a day dedicated to putting the values explored in Chapel services and assemblies throughout the year into practice within the local community. Pupils engaged in a variety of activities, including visiting care homes, assisting at a primary school sports day, and contributing to the upkeep of the local environment. Year 9 pupils undertook a sponsored hike for charity, reflecting on individual and community wellbeing. The day began in Chapel to remind us of the role faith and reflection plays in preparing each of us to play an active part in society by supporting others and caring for the world locally and globally. I look forward to seeing pupils continue to grow through their involvement in Chapel life, taking opportunities to engage with the values and themes we explore together in assemblies and thinking through questions that impact how they live as part of our community.



COLLINGWOOD

This was a year of significant change with Mr Mills taking over as Housemaster of Collingwood Senior and Mrs King entering her second year as HsM of Collingwood Junior.



As always, the staff and students have made the job enjoyable and fun, spearheaded by an amazing student leadership team.

The Collingwood community, almost one hundred pupils strong, was superbly marshalled by Head of House, **Joe Downey** and Deputy Heads, **Abigail Opaleye**, **Eloise Bartram** and **Charlie Hart**. **Matrons Charlotte and Antje**, alongside the team of cleaners, continued to work tirelessly to ensure that the House ran smoothly. Collingwood can boast to have seven of the fifteen school Prefects next year, including the Head of School, **Abigail Opaleye** and one of the Deputy Heads of School, **Charlie Hart**. This is so well-deserved and we are all extremely proud of them.

There were so many highlights across the academic year; performances in House Competitions and representation in all aspects of Wycliffe life. The victory in House Music will live long in the memory; pupils from across Collingwood showcasing their skills. However, the countless times where individuals ‘stepped-up’ to help or to volunteer themselves were equally creditworthy. Helping to clear up the common rooms, recognising when someone might need support - or space - or simply being friendly are what makes a common room into a community.

2024-25 promises to be another hugely exciting year with further growth in pupil numbers. **Eloise Bartram** steps up to be Head of House with support from

Deputies **Kayti Miles**, **Angus Davenport** and **Fred Collinson**. The House is growing too and next year we anticipate approximately 120 Collingwood students across the Senior and Junior divisions so these are exciting times ahead.

We bid a fond farewell to all of our leavers and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours.

Mike, Julie, Antje, Charlotte, JaJu, Willow and Nuala



“We pride ourselves in Collingwood on mentoring the next generation of leaders and this year we have outdone ourselves.”



HAYWARDSEND

Haywardsend House has had an exceptional year, marked by numerous achievements and a spirit of unity amongst the girls.

The year began on a high note with a victory in the House Song Competition, led by our Head of House, **Maddy** and the House Prefect Team. Her leadership and the House’s collective effort were commendable, with the judge commenting on the infectious sense of fun resonating throughout the performance. Their performance was outstanding, embodying the House’s motto of ‘be a flamingo in a flock of pigeons’. Hay’ends artistic ability was further showcased when **Grace** (Year 13) was awarded the leading role of Dorothy in the school production ‘The Wizard of Oz’, with a very moving performance of ‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow’.

On the sports field, Hay’end have continued to give it their all. We fought

valiantly in House Hockey, Netball, Squash and Cricket throughout the year. Each match was a display of determination and teamwork. The sportsmanship and resilience shown by the teams were typical of Hay’end girls, reflecting the House’s competitive yet fun spirit. Throughout the year, members of Hay’end have represented the School in all major sports. Particularly impressive has been **Chloe** (Year 10), representing Wycliffe in the National Schools Squash Tournament; **Rebecca** (Year 11), who was selected to play with the school 1st Team at the Netball ‘Lights’ game; and **Aoife Wright**, who has been appointed Girls’ Cricket Captain. Sports Day was another sporting highlight of the year. Despite less than half the House being able to compete,

we came together with incredible enthusiasm, focussing on participation, with representation in almost every event across the day. The combined effort of the Team was so impressive. At the prize-giving ceremony, we got a special mention from **Mr Taylor**, Director of Sport.

Community spirit remains a true strength of Hay’end and one we are very proud of. Girls are supportive of each other and the staff; there is a real sense of togetherness. This year we partnered with Hay’field to raise money for **Steve**, a long-serving member of the School’s Grounds Team who ran the London Marathon, we raised over £1,000 through various events, but most noticeable the unsurprisingly popular ‘soak a teacher’ activity. We have continued **Mrs**

Dytham’s traditions of Tuesday Afternoon Tea but have mixed it up with various other treats, including our famous hot chocolate mountains. Saturday evenings have continued to be the week’s highlight for Boarders, with various culinary successes and the ever-popular Spa Nights being particularly memorable.

Regarding individual awards, this term, **Izzy** and **Daisy** (Year 11) received Head’s Commendation in the Final Assembly for representing the School in the finals of the Mace Debating Competition. **Emily**

(Year 10), **Yune** (Year 10) and **Wendy** (Year 9) received Academic Engagement awards, whilst **Iris** and **Eliza** (Year 12) were celebrated for completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards. At Speech Day, **Aoife** (Year 12) received an Award for Excellence in her GCSE exams last summer and The John Camm Cup for Sports Improvement. **Maddy** (Year 13) received the Subject Awards for both BTEC Digital Production and English. **Maddy** also received the Wycliffian Award for Academic Endeavour and **Bella** (Year 13) for Pioneering Spirit.



Hay’end has had a remarkable year filled with significant accomplishments in Music, Drama, Sports and Academics. The girls’ perseverance and spirit have set a high standard and will inspire future successes. With such a strong foundation, Hay’end is poised for even greater achievements in the upcoming academic year.

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HAYWARDSFIELD HOUSE

Once again, the Haywardsfield boys have made the most of what has been on offer and they have made me proud. The boys are willing to give things a try and step out of their comfort zone, and they surprise themselves sometimes.

Our rendition of **Michael Jackson’s Love Never Felt so Good** for House Song was performed well, especially with the dancing of **Jason C** who got a special mention from the judge. With House Music this year, we were lucky enough to have some very talented musicians who were willing and able to take part. Although we did not win, there were some wonderful performances and the boys can be proud of how they represented the House. With **Charlie, Barnaby, Logan, Jason C, Bade, Micah, Anjus, Kasper** and **Isaac P** all performing in one or more concerts throughout the year. We were also well represented in the

school production of *The Wizard of Oz* this year with **Bade, Anjus** and **Orin** on stage and **Charlie, Barnaby** back stage and in particular **Henry** who was working his magic in the lighting box.

Sports has once again been a big part of the year, the Junior boys have had a very successful year, winning the Rugby and Football competitions and missing out by one point on the Junior Sports Day trophy. What was so pleasing about those victories was that every Junior member of the House played their part and it is not just about the best players playing all the games. Sports

Day showed some real character, with **Joe** stepping in at the last minute to take part in the shot putt competition and winning it alongside performing in the 100m and Long Jump. This led to Joe being awarded the Junior Victor Ludorum for best athlete. **Max** was awarded the Senior Victor Ludorum after an incredible effort of winning the 1500m, 800m and the High Jump.

We once again joined with Haywardsend this year for our Charity event. This year we decided to support **Mr Steiner**, one of our Ground Staff who was funning the London Marathon in aid of the Epilepsy Society,



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This year has also been a year of saying goodbye. Just before Easter we said farewell to **Matron Debbie** after six years of looking after the boys, she will be missed for her caring nature as well as her baking. Then in the summer we said goodbye to **Mr Hiron** and we wish him well in Ward’s as Housemaster. We also saw **Matron Maralyn** leave after 17 years as Matron in Haywardsfield and 32 years serving the Wycliffe Community. Maralyn is a fountain of knowledge on how the House runs and was so caring and devoted to the boys, she was willing to do anything to help the boys and we wish her all the best for her retirement.

we raised over £1,000 which helped Steve raise over £5,000. Our Quiz Team once again performed well but came up just short, losing in the semi- final to Ward’s who were the eventual winners.

One of the highlights of the year was International Week, and again this year we enjoyed after school snacks from around the world for the week as well as visiting the incredible International Fair and learning about the many different cultures we have at Wycliffe. This really does highlight what a wonderfully diverse community we have and how we can all learn from each other.





IVY GROVE

We have enjoyed another action-packed year in Ivy Grove. From Saturday night fun in House to international trips, music making and sporting successes – it is a wonder we have managed to fit it all in!

Our House Chapels this year have been on the themes of ‘Acts of Kindness’, ‘Mindfulness and Self-care’ and ‘What is Success?’. We found the answer to that question in that success is winning the Chapel Prize – which we did! Similar success came in the form of winning the Learning Engagement Trophy not once but twice this year as well as a flurry of individual achievements in Final Assembly and on Speech Day.

There have been plenty of opportunities for members of the House to get involved in music making this year and it has been a delight to attend Teatime concerts, Gig nights and Atrium showcases and see music making from **Jenrola, Lucy, Lydia,**

Kate, Lily, Vian, Kaylee and **Izzy**. We very much enjoyed House Song in September followed swiftly by House Music in November, joining with Ward’s to create some memorable performances. **Jenrola’s** performance of *All of Me* had such an impact on the entire audience, achieving her the award for Best Performance of the night. In January, we enjoyed a trip down the yellow brick road to the wonderful world of Oz in this year’s school production. It was fantastic to see such a dedicated cast and crew in action. Special mention must go to **Madison** who stunned us all with her portrayal of Glinda the good witch.

It is always great to see how the Ivy girls throw themselves into sport across the year.

Victory in Senior House Hockey was not unexpected with such a strong team (**Laila, Madison, Georgia, Yasmin, Jenrola, Talia, Izzy** and **Kate**) but it tasted sweet just the same! House Netball, House Cricket and House Squash followed later in the year



“In the second term, our hard work and dedication paid off as we won the Learning Engagement Trophy — well-deserved recognition of the girls’ constant effort and perseverance.”

with teamwork and supporting each other always being at the forefront of our minds. Sports Day was a particular highlight in which every single member of the House came together to not only secure several victories but to again showcase true team spirit. **Georgia** won the Victrix Ludorum Cup for Best Senior Sportswoman after winning all her events – High Jump, 100m, 200m and relay. Head of House 2024/25 Kate must also be congratulated for stepping in to compete in all the events that no one else wanted to do – notably the 1500m!

A highlight of the year for **Kate, Fami, Madison** and **Izzy** was their trip to Kenya with Ivy tutor **Mrs Knight** for the Round Square International Conference. It was fantastic to hear all their stories on their return and their assembly detailing their travels was engaging and informative.

Our House Quiz Team was particularly strong this year and we were thrilled to make it to the semi-finals, impressing **Mr Dunne** with our general knowledge and keeping the audience on the edge of their seats. It was a point of particular pride

that so many members of the House got involved, as we fielded a different team each round.

Throughout the year, members of Ivy have been working towards various extracurricular achievements including Duke of Edinburgh awards, Music and LAMDA grades and Creative Writing competitions to name but a few. These all take dedication, time commitment and are all a testament of character. Similarly, at the end of the Summer Term, **Lucy** and **Bella** enjoyed the CCF camp – showing they were made of tough stuff.

The end of year celebrations are always a highlight and the Senior and Junior Sports Dinners, Performing Arts Dinner, Make a Difference Day and our End of Term House BBQ were all hugely enjoyable events, bringing the entire community together in celebration and service. Many congratulations to **Laila** for being awarded the top prize of Sportswoman of the Year at Senior Sports Dinner, a very well-deserved accolade. She will be sorely missed in all of the major sports after contributing so much

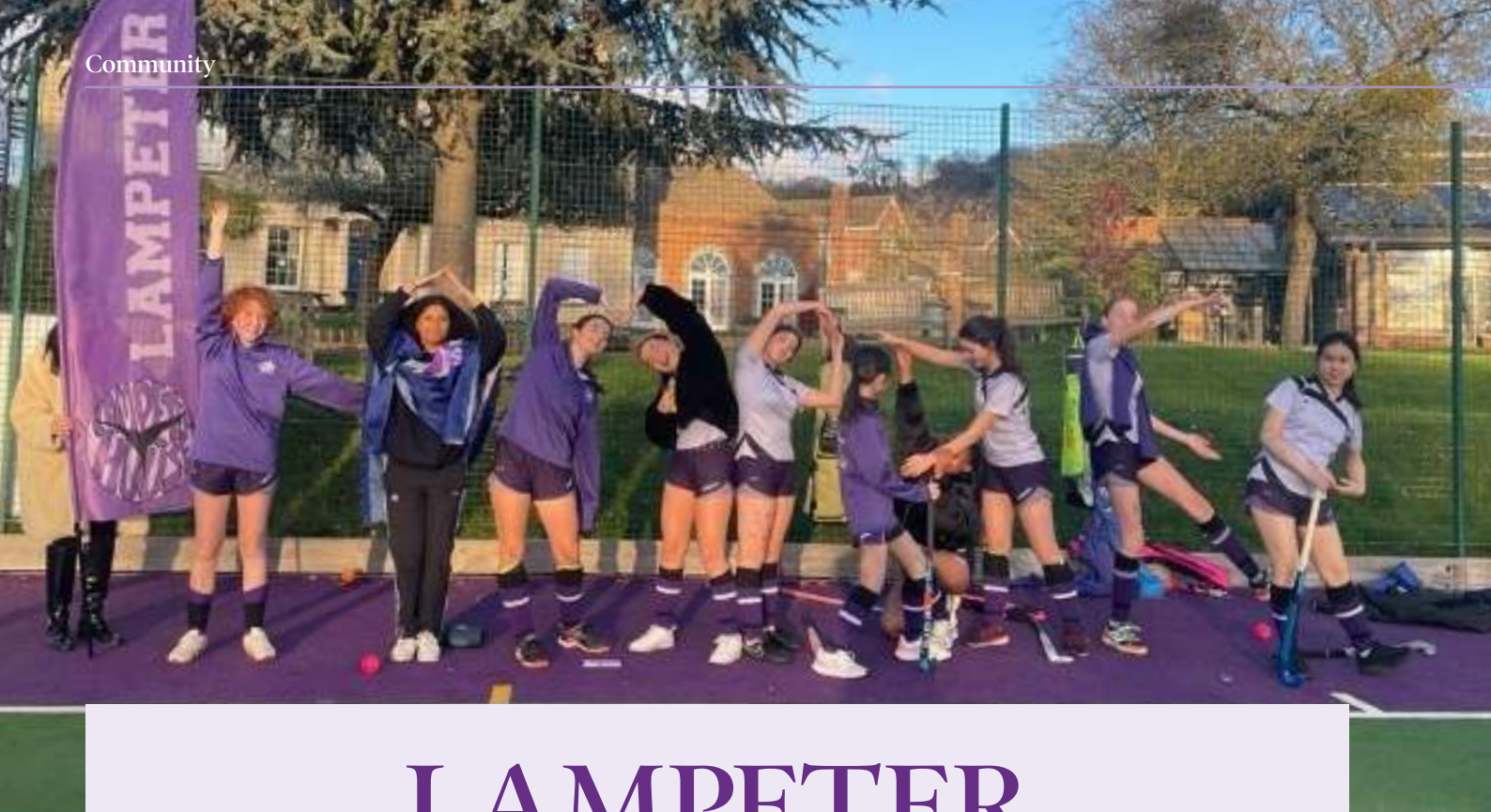
to every single team she has been part of, most notably captaining the 1st XI Hockey team this year.

After 24 years of service both here in Ivy Grove and the Senior School as well as in the Prep School, we say a heartfelt goodbye to our wonderful **Matron Sue**. We wish her all the very best for her retirement although, if we know Sue, she will be keeping herself very busy, especially running around after her young grandchildren. Thank you, Sue, you will be missed.

We also bid farewell to **Miss Safri** and **Miss Liu** who join Lampeter and Haywardsend respectively in September 2024. Both have served as our Resident Assistants this year and made their own individual mark on the House. Thank you and good luck in your new roles!

We are already looking forward to returning in September under the new leadership of **Kate** (Head of House), **Georgia** (Deputy Head of House) and **Success** (House Prefect). We wish **Fami, Madison, Vivi, Laila, Jenrola, Tash, Izzi** and **Lucy** the best of luck as they leave us and go onto university, jobs and travelling adventures. We also say goodbye and good luck to several leavers in other years and wish them all the best.





LAMPETER

House Song took place before the Easter break, led by our leadership team of Beth Leach and Mollie Tapping. The House got to work learning lyrics to ‘American Boy’ by **Estelle** and **Kanye West**. **Immy Wright** was excellent in her role of choreographer and deserved the recognition of House colours for her efforts.

We teamed up with Robinson House for House Music. The brief was to produce a concert of four performances. **Aerin Bailey-Crisp**: Bon Jovi’s ‘You give love a bad name’ on the electric guitar 1. **Alice Holder**: Bohemian Rhapsody on the piano 2. **Aerin, Alex** and **Harry**: ‘Everlong’ by Foo Fighters. Trio of guitars 3. Both Houses: Lion King 4. ‘I just can’t wait to be King’ **Alice** and **Aerin** were brilliant in their solos. **Violet Sum, Scarlet Sum** and **Alice** played the Lion King tune for our final performance and **Flo Smalley** was superb in her role as Simba!

Halloween is a popular annual event in House; the pumpkin competition is judged by **Ruben**. It’s always fun to watch the concentration and carving take place!

The Catering Team did a fantastic job in setting up the hall and produced a fabulous Christmas dinner for us all. The awards presented by **Beth** and **Mollie** were brilliant!

Both Senior and Junior Hockey competitions were round robin formats. All the Juniors took to the pitch to contribute to winning the trophy! The Seniors showed a real team effort to finish 2nd - well done all! The Lights match for the 1st team was enjoyable with the House being represented by **Beth, Emilie Day, Immy, Bella** and **Lexi Bartlet**.

Secret Santa was ‘slippers’ themed this year... some great choices with lots of smiles! The girls chose to open them ahead of the Christmas dinner preparations so they could wear them whilst getting ready. See the reel on Instagram!

In the Spring Term, Year 13, 11 and 12s all sat mocks with the aim of identifying where they are at, where the gaps were and where the gains can be made! The second half of the term was our charity half term. Blood Cancer UK was the chosen charity. We held a ‘pyjama themed’ non-uniform day and

organised the annual ‘Easter Egg’ raffle that raised over £1,000! This year’s World Book Day Bake Off challenge was biscuit themed. **Lexi, Athina Macreau Veron, Ava Jerry, Violet, Bella** and **Alice** worked to produce Harry Potter’s seven books. The Library judged us as WINNERS!

The school production of *The Wizard of Oz* was brilliant! **Maisie Tomlinson** (Wicked Witch) and **Melody Benn** (Scarecrow) were standout performers in their roles. A big well done to **Immy Bewsey, Ava Jerry, Mollie Gibbons, Flo Smalley, Beth Leach,** and **Izzy Uys** who all performed their roles with passion and confidence.

The International Fair was an event with pupils coming together to showcase their countries and cultures with offerings of food and games. Pancake evening, secret supper ‘Apré Ski theme’ were memorable evenings for the Boarders. Our Chapel topic was communication, **Stephanie Chao** played the School out beautifully on the flute. The prep door challenge to take selfies with their inspiring teachers was judged by **Ruben**; Well done **Ava** and **Lexi**!

We celebrated Chinese New Year with Ward’s and Ivy Houses. **Violet** was part of the culinary team who whipped up some authentic Chinese delights for everyone. The Sixth Form supported **Maisie** at her BTEC ‘Wild West’ themed event complete with a bucking bronco! The Debating Team gave their best efforts in the group stages with some tricky questions. CCF and DofE were busy out on expeditions, camps and Ten Tors training days. **Flo, Molly Gibbons** and **Hattie Akerman** committed to training ahead of the Ten Tors challenge. We’ve had some strong competition for the Learning Engagement Trophy this year, whilst winning the Autumn Term we handed it over to Ivy in the Spring Term, coming second despite and improved overall effort.

The Netball teams were busy with lots of training and matches played. The Lights match was a great experience for the 1st and 2nd VII. **Ateca Smith** (our Fijian U21 Netball superstar) and **Alice** excelled with inclusion into the Severn Stars franchise for their age groups. **Violet** and her team achieved a bronze medal at National Schools Finals in Squash. I was lucky enough to go along and support **Violet** who led her team brilliantly.

The Colour Run 2024 was another huge success, with the community coming together to run or perform on the live stage or cheer.

2024 Head of House Bethany’s departing words: ‘Lampeter has always been a safe and supportive space during my time at Wycliffe. There is a lovely relationship between the girls and staff which makes the House environment feel so homely. The role of Head of House was made a lot easier thanks to **Mollie, Poppy, Ateca** and **Maisie**’s help, as well as the younger girls who were always ready to get involved in House events’.

The new Leadership Team have taken over; **Bella Shute** will be Head of House and **Immy Wright**, Deputy. **Alice Holder, Izzy Wyver-Northam** and **Eliza Vicary** are our House Prefects. **Alice Holder** crocheted lilac good luck hearts for those sitting exams, thank you!

In Sports Day, the Junior girls retain their title for the third year running whilst the Seniors finished 2nd. The tug of war introduction into legacy morning was entertaining. **Lexi, Emilie, Immy, Bella, Alexis, Jemima** and **Violet** lost to Ivy in the finals despite beating them in the earlier round robin. In the afternoon athletic events, **Jemima Tapping** scored two first places including a School record in Javelin



and Discus. **Melody Benn** was awarded the Victor D trophy for best Junior sportswomen winning the 100m; beating the score record by 3 seconds! 200m and Long Jump events and contributing to the relay. **Violet Sum** (100, 200m, Javelin) was excellent in the Seniors along with **Emilie Day** who threw a School record in Javelin. House squash was launched with the squad winning in fine form!

The real progression this year has been the ‘garden glow up’, with thanks to the PASS committee for supporting our bid. They funded new garden furniture, lighting, BBQ, projector and screen, garden games, which the girls enjoyed decorating on a

Saturday evening. Loosley invited the Boarders for Eurovision. The Boarders activities of paint a pot and paddle boarding were enjoyed. Lots of the House completed DofE expeditions, CCF Ten Tors, Gig nights and teatime concerts, Zimbe music. MAD Day (Make A Difference Day) saw the Year 9 walk 14km along the Cotswold Way in a sponsored walk!

The Cricket season has been an enjoyable one for most with lots of Lampeter representing teams! The first won 3 of their matches, the U15s have return on many occasions in high spirits following great performances and wins. The U14s have enjoyed and made progress too.

The Athletic events in the afternoon were fuelled by ice pops in the warm sunshine! Lots of pupils ‘stepped up’ and challenged themselves to earn points for the House. The Juniors won and the Seniors were 9 points behind Collingwood.

The Legacy format of Sports Day morning gives everyone the opportunity to sign up to sports that they have never tried or that they would like to try. The House were out competing in Touch

Rugby, Fencing, Shooting, Squash, Rowing, Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis, Tug of War, Football and Tennis.

The House Chapel was the first task for the new Leadership Team on the theme of ‘all God’s creatures’, they focused on the animals of the world that are endangered and what can be done to protect them with an undertone of caring for each other and everything.

Annie Fang Li was the inaugural winner of “The Jason Murphy Photography Prize”, a photography trophy in memory of staff member **Jason Murphy**, with her picture of a lake in Tibet, China, called, Yamzhog Yumco. Chinese: 羊卓雍错



LOOSLEY HALLS

The 2023-24 academic year saw a significant refurbishment of House 2 and 3, with new carpets and colour schemes giving a much fresher and modern feel to the Boarding areas. The addition of a new gazebo in the quad, complete with heaters, lighting, and sockets, has been a huge success allowing year-round use of the outside space for a variety of activities ranging from House events to Year 13s revising for final exams.

A particular focus this year was increasing Loosley’s engagement in the wider School community, both by getting Loosley ‘out there’ and welcoming the rest of the School into Loosley. This started brilliantly with the first ‘Teatime Concert on Tour’ event in September which was so successful that other Houses have since followed suit! We also regularly welcomed other Houses to join us for Saturday night activities



including Hay’end, Ivy, and Lampeter joining us for a Eurovision celebration in the Summer Term.

House activities have continued to be a focal point for Loosley. During the week Tutors have run a range of activities including a hotly contested conkers competition, a T-shirt tie-dye activity, and a range of baking events. Likewise, Saturday evenings have seen a range of activities including pumpkin carving, a film and face mask night, bingo, and a St Patrick’s Day themed celebration.

House Song saw Loosley’s strongest entry for many years with our rendition of *Waterloo*. **Masha**, as Head of House, led Loosley superbly and the credit really must go to her for such a brilliant performance. This year also saw multiple pupils involved in the creative arts, with **Lisa** and **Vincent** regularly performing in Teatime Concerts whilst the School production of *The Wizard of Oz* gave us all a chance to see **Dasha** in action. Our House Quiz team faced some



tough opposition and some availability issues, but it was great to see such a range of pupils prepared to give it a go, with at times some surprising knowledge shown, resulting in a final round victory against Hay’end.

On the sporting front, being prepared to ‘give it a go’ was again an apt description for our performance in House competitions. The boys did claim the House Squash title, whilst **Mateo** and **Xavi** came second in House Tennis. However, most pleasing was the level of enthusiasm and willingness to represent the House, displaying the precious commodity of ‘House Spirit’. This was particularly evident on Sports Day where several pupils put themselves forwards for extra events to ensure we were represented, including in torturous 800m and 1500m races on a baking hot day. We might not have won, but we could not be prouder of the way Loosley pupils conducted themselves and represented the House.

A special mention to **Masha** as Head of House. Her organisation, willingness to get involved, and maintaining of exceptionally high standards helped drive the House forwards. Our newly appointed Heads of House, **Jollie** and **Rollo**, have big shoes to fill!

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ROBINSON

This year has seen a lot of positive change in Robinson, with almost 50% of pupils new to the House this year, along with a new Housemaster.

However, as we look back, it very much seems as if everyone has always been a part of Robinson. With a new year also came a new look! The updated crest was developed and created together with many members of the House, but led by Head of House **Logan F**, and Deputy Head of House **Hugo W**. The addition of the wolf represents the strong bond and superb teamwork between the members of Robinson.

The Autumn Term started well, and it was fantastic to see the House busy

and brimming with life. In September the pupil leadership team got straight to work on House Song, with regular rehearsals of *Viva La Vida* by Coldplay. After weeks of preparation, the House gave a tuneful rendition that they can be proud of, and whilst we didn't take the win, the competition provided an important opportunity for members of the House to bond and get to know one another.

House Rugby was a great display of determination and spirit, with a Junior Team

(captained by **Jack P**) playing some superb Rugby despite strong opposition. The Seniors (captained by Head of House **Logan F**) really impressed. With 'rolling subs' enabling the team to keep a quick pace throughout their matches, they worked together to win every match and secure the victory!

As the term progressed, rehearsals for House Music began in earnest and in the final performance **Harry B** and **Alex L-K** particularly impressed in the ensemble piece, with the entire House then

combining with Lampeter to sing *I Just Can't Wait To Be King*. We then enjoyed our Christmas Dinner, joining with Lampeter House. It was a lovely event and provided an opportunity to celebrate a successful term and thank our fantastic team of staff and in particular our superb **Matrons, Jo** and **Julie**, who offer unwavering commitment to Robinson.

In the Spring Term, we enjoyed the opening night of *The Wizard of Oz*, where **Austin-Paul W** and **Jacob C** impressed hugely. The term also saw a highly competitive House Football tournament and some major Squash success as **Viggo H**, **Eishin A** and **Henry S** formed part of winning Wycliffe teams at the National School's Championships. Later in the term, we enjoyed celebrating International Week. As well as the whole School events, we drew a 'spotlight' on a country each day that members of the House have a connection to. The term concluded with a focus on charity as, together with Lampeter House, our Easter egg raffle and non-uniform day raised over £1,100 for Blood Cancer UK!

The Summer Term is always a busy time as our exam year groups work steadily on their GCSEs and A Levels. However, it is also a time of long bright days and warm(er) weather, providing greater opportunities to come together as a community. Sports Day was a display of 'can do attitude', with outstanding contribution across the House. Robinson took victory in the inaugural House 'Tug of War' competition, following up on excellent performances in the legacy events. In the afternoon, we started strong, with **Harry A** winning the 800m and setting a new School record in the process. One of the highlights of the day was seeing the whole House come together to participate in the tradition of running the final lap of the 800m in memory of **Jordi O'Toole**. As the events concluded and results were tallied, we were delighted to come away with a Junior Sports Day win. A win in House Cricket followed as well as



a close second place finish in the inaugural House Squash competition. Finally, **Kamran W** performed extremely well in House Tennis, taking the Senior Individual win.

The term was rounded off by Make a Difference Day, which provided an important opportunity to give back to our local community and by the House Summer BBQ, where the wood-fired pizzas and hog roast were incredibly popular.

As the year comes to an end, it is important to recognise the pupil leadership team for their work. Under Head of House **Logan F**, they worked hard to ensure the smooth running of events and duties. Equally, we are very grateful to the outstanding team of Staff in Robinson, notably **Mr Urquhart**, who finished his tenure as Resident Assistant at Easter, and **Mr Ford**, who has stepped into the role in a superb and highly effective manner. We wish everyone leaving the House this year the very best of luck.



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WARD'S

Another year has come and gone, and the boys of Ward's House have much to reflect on and be proud of.

We began the year by coming together in our preparations for the annual House Song competition, which was as fiercely competitive as ever, and served its purpose in uniting a group of boys into a single House community. Throughout the year, the strength of that community was apparent as members of the House repeatedly stepped up to represent the House, and each other, in a variety of contests and activities. This saw us retain the Inter-House Quiz trophy (again!) as well as the Senior Sports Day trophy, but also bring back the Senior Football Trophy during the second term. Once again, the Couch to 5K group persevered through the wind and rain of deepest darkest January as they prepared for the second Wycliffe Colour Run. A particular highlight this year,

however, came at the end of the first term, when Ward's House hosted the Christmas Teatime Concert, which marked the first performance by the Ward's Chamber Choir, who performed a trio of Christmas Carols. Once more, we have enjoyed being led by an outstanding group of Senior Boys. Led by **Billy** as Head of House, ably supported by **Eden** and **Rhynell** as his deputies, as well as **Toby**, **Ramzi** and Head



of School **Jonty** as his Prefects, the team have exemplified our Ward's House values throughout the year. As this School year comes to a close, we also say a sad goodbye to our long-serving **Matron Murray** and thank her for all the care and kindness she has shown, and all the labels she has sewn in (!), for all of the Ward's boys during her time here. We wish all those leaving us this year the very best of luck for the future, safe in the knowledge they will be 'Always Going ForWards'.



Head of House – Billy Kerslake

This year marked the final year in Ward's for both myself and **Dr Smith**. We kicked off the year with the House Song competition, where the boys came together to perform *Chasing the Sun*. Although we didn't clinch the win, it was the perfect way for the new boys in the House to bond and experience teamwork like a family.

Just like the year before, we were able to take the House Quiz trophy back to the cabinet, where the boys in the team were able to beat Haywardsfield again in the final. This was not our only victory as on Sports Day we were able to win Legacy Sports Day in the morning where we won the Volleyball, Badminton, Squash and Table Tennis, as well as the Athletics in the afternoon.

Over the past five years, Ward's House has transformed from one that was rarely victorious to one that has come away with numerous achievements. We've won the House Quiz four times, the House Song competition twice, and Sports Day twice. Additionally, we've secured victories in various Inter-House sports competitions, including Football and Rugby.

This success is largely due to **Dr Smith** for what he has done for the boys and the House. He has significantly shaped the House, preparing it for **Mr. Hiron** to continue this legacy. This last year has shown me that being in Ward's has made me who I am to this day and will always be proud to be called a Ward's boy.



MUSIC AND DRAMA DINNER

This year, the Music and Drama department celebrated the fantastic Performing Arts events of the academic year and the wonderful *The Wizard of Oz* production.

This was a chance for pupils to get together to reminisce and acknowledge the hard work and commitment of individuals this past year.

The evening started with green and yellow drinks in Wycliffe Hall. The pupils all looked incredibly smart and sophisticated as they had their photos taken against the backdrop and scenery from *The Wizard of Oz*.

Inside, Wycliffe Hall had been transformed into the Land of Oz, with the Catering Team having put the finishing touches to the wonderful table settings – gold cutlery and giant lollipops in the vases of flowers.

During the courses, **Mr Hart** kept everyone amused by giving out awards for those in the school production (Best Actor going to **Grace Gosling**, Most Committed to **Emily Thomas** and Most



Professional to **Melody Benn**) and **Mrs Russell** made some heartfelt speeches about the Year 13s in Music that are leaving this year.

It was then over to **Mrs Russell** and **Mrs Scott** to say some difficult goodbyes to members of the two Departments. After a fantastic year of covering **Mrs Scott's** maternity, **Mr Hart** is off to pastures new with memories of yellow brick roads and overfull costume cupboards. We are so grateful for his enthusiasm and creativity over the past year and we hope he will come back to see our next show! Also, to **Rosie Mason**, our inspiring LAMDA Teacher who is leaving us after four years of incredible one-to-one teaching with our pupils. We wish her all the luck in her next endeavours. We are sad to lose **Mr Bucher**, our Drum Teacher, and **Mr Rees**, our Brass Teacher. They have both worked at Wycliffe for many years and have taught hundreds of pupils between them. We wish them all the best and thank them for all that they have contributed to Wycliffe Music over the years.

The night ended with an impromptu karaoke session (only at a Performing Arts Dinner!). Overall, it was a fantastic event and both Departments are already making plans for next year.

Pupils' view

We were greeted by a warm welcome from **Mr Hart** and **Mrs Scott**. We could immediately notice the detail and hard work that the Catering staff and VOX (the choir) had put into it. We were provided with *The Wizard of Oz* themed green drinks and later presented with a scrumptious starter of onion bhajis and then a build-your-own burger.

After the dinner, the fun and photos continued, and we devoured ice cream from an ice cream van. We also played some outdoor games to finish the evening on a high! Thank you to all the staff and pupils that helped to make the event happen.

Imogen Bewsey and **Noma McBurney** (Year 10)

MUSIC

Our musicians have been very fortunate to work with a number of professional musicians through the course of the academic year.

Learning from the professionals

Providing these kinds of opportunities is something that we pride ourselves on, a way to help to nurture potential in our young musicians.

In October, we held a fantastic Orchestra Day, 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 opportunity of playing as part of an orchestra. They should be incredibly proud of what they achieved and how hard they worked to be able to put together such a strong performance of *The Planets* for friends and family. It was a super day, enjoyed by all, and we look forward to hosting similar music days for Wycliffe and

visiting musicians to work together in the future. Our musicians have had the opportunity to work with the incredible choral specialist **Ben England BEM** a number of times over the years and we were honoured that he gave up his time to adjudicate this year's House

Song and House Music Competitions, sharing his wisdom with the whole School. In addition to this, he ran a brilliant choral workshop in November to help our Chapel Choir prepare for the Christmas Carol Services.





March saw us run a new event: TWS ‘Come and Sing Day’. The doors of Sibly Hall were open to all OWs and Honorary OWs for a fun and relaxed morning to Come and Sing pop hits with the Senior School Choir and the inspirational **Sophie Winter** from Some Voices. We were thrilled to welcome back a number of OWs, with this being the first time some had returned to Wycliffe for almost forty years. We hope to run more events in conjunction with TWS in the future.

VOCES8 are one of the UK’s leading cappella octets who 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, in conjunction with singers from the Gloucestershire Youth Choir. Our choristers had a wonderful time and learned so much from the VOCES8 singers, who sang to them and taught them some new warm-ups. It brought back feelings of

Wycliffe pride for OW **Sam Dressel** who used to sing with VOCES8 as a Tenor.

Currently, we have a number of pianists working towards top grades. To nurture them specifically, we organised another 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 top tips, 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.

Zimbe!
We were thrilled to be able to have an exciting collaboration between Wycliffe Prep School Choir, Wycliffe Senior School Choir and the Wycliffe Choral Society to

put together a spectacular performance of Alexander L'Estrange's *Zimbe!* in the Wycliffe Chapel.

Melody's off to Music College!
Melody Cheung (Year 13, Loosley Halls), is a Grade Eight-level harpist and pianist. She is one of our Sixth Form Music Scholars and she is studying A Level Music. She hopes to pursue a career in music so we are thrilled that she has received a full set of offers from all of the music conservatoires that she has applied to. This is a huge achievement and testament to how **Melody** has worked tirelessly through admirable commitment to her instrumental studies. Melody is looking forward to studying Harp at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in London in September.

ROUND SQUARE

Our Round Square and wider school pupils have had another incredibly busy year.

We would like to say a special thanks to **Mr Gregory** for initiating the drive to create a Round Square community within Wycliffe College and for all his support. We would also like to wish our Year 13's **Jenrola, Maisie** and **Lucy** the very best of luck for their next chapter.

Some of our highlights:

Round Square International Conference 2023 – Nairobi, Kenya – New Africa
Attendees: **Izzi Rant, Fami Adesina, Madison Charnley-Heaton, Bella Shute, Kate Cox, Mr Stone** and **Mrs Knight**

When we arrived at the Runda Campus, we experience a warm Kenyan Karibu (welcome). We were given our colourful delegate bags and passes, with a wide variety of activities on offer, including camel rides, milking cows, horse rides, henna, bead-work

activities, caricaturists and hair braiders. The campus had such an exciting buzz, with cultural dancing and music on show. We finished the day off with a musical performance from Brookhouse alumni – **Eric Wainaina**.

After a restful first night at Qwertu Hostel, 1,200 delegates from 160 schools from across the Round Square community made their way to Bomas of Kenya for the opening ceremony. We were welcomed by Brookhouse pupils in cultural dress, lining the drive bearing the flags of attending schools. We were super excited and proud to see our purple Wycliffe flag, we rushed up for a photo! Guest of honour, **Margaret Kenyatta**, opened the ceremony, amidst vibrant musical and dance performances. The auditorium was filled with songs from Brookhouse choir, including solos from former Brookhouse pupils **Brianna** and **Nikita Kering**.

Pupils shared the story of **Wangari Maathai** (the first Kenyan and African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize), and **Maaathai's** story of The Hummingbird was brought to life by children from Prep years who shared a captivating performance with audience participation. Mr Stone continued this theme of every little step contributes to a bigger impact during his assembly at the Prep School. During the Opening Ceremony, a welcome address was given by Round Square Chairman/ Brookhouse Head of School, **John O'Connor**, and Round Square Chief Executive, **Rachael Westgarth**, including a standing wave in tribute to Kurt Hahn. Again, another proud moment for us was when 'Wycliffe College' was announced and we stood up to represent our School. We were inspired by this year's recipient of the Kurt Hahn Prize winner, **Vihaan Agarwal**. The Opening event ended with a performance that introduced



us to the lively world of the Kenyan Matatu (public bus). At this moment there was an electric feeling in the conference centre, our pupils were well and truly taken in by the energy and excitement.

On the Democracy Day, we heard from guest panellists, keynote speakers, and participated in Baraza discussions before our pupils headed off to their homestay for a taste of Kenyan hospitality. On the Adventure Day, we ventured into Nairobi’s National Park for a mini safari and overnight camp; and on the Service Day we worked at Brookhouse’s community partner schools in the Nairobi area, refurbishing classrooms, gardening, and playing sports with the children. The Service Day made the most impact on us, we were moved by the joy and cheer that the young children showed, we entered classes with roughly 50 pupils with teachers switching between multiple lessons.

To quote **Madison**, *“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”*.

The Conference ended with an inspirational Keynote address by Paralympic Athlete, **Henry Wanyoike**, followed by a Closing Ceremony, which included pupil performances, a tribute to Round Square’s late president, King Constantine. The evening finished with a spectacular live performance from Kenyan chart-toppers *Sauti Sol*. This was another highlight for our Wycliffe pupils. Before we headed back to the airport, we even managed to squeeze in a visit to the Nairobi Giraffe Sanctuary!

During the entire conference there was a strong running theme, Ubuntu: I am, because we are. We returned with a huge feeling of gratitude and a burning desire to continue making a difference no matter

how small. To quote **Madison** again, *“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”*.

Mr Stone and **Mrs Knight** were so proud of the Wycliffe pupils that participated in this life-changing experience, they conducted themselves so well and totally embraced all the activities.

International Week and Fair 2024

Round Square pupils and staff members were led by our leadership team, **Kate Cox**, **Bella Shute**, **Abigail Opaleye** and **Aoife Wright**.

There was a real focus to make International Week exciting and engaging whilst bringing the whole School community together. The team planned and executed several activities including a Tutor time quiz, a rather cryptic campus flags treasure hunt, themed lunches in Wycliffe Hall and as always, the much-anticipated International Fair.

The winning tutor groups were **Mrs Livreau-Burgess**, **Mrs Wisbey** and **Mr Urquhart**. Incredibly **Amelia Flaxman** and **Alex Beloborodov** scoped up four out of five of the flag hunt prizes, leaving **Mr Scott** to take one.

The highlight of the week for the whole School community was the fair, it was an opportunity to celebrate the diversity in cultures that we have at our School. Bringing us all together, fostering mutual respect, understanding and support.

We believe we are so fortunate to be in a very diverse community, and through this event we celebrated the many different nationalities of pupils and staff and learned so much from one another.

The fair aligns with one of our key school visions - to embrace our futures as global citizens. It is an important milestone, bringing pupils together who might not know anything about the lives and cultures

of those around them. Providing a platform for those from overseas to showcase the best of their nationalities.

Pupils and staff members spent many weeks planning their stands in small groups, making interesting displays, conjuring up exciting games, showing off traditional clothing and purchasing delicious food and drinks which represent their cultures. There is so much pride and joy.

As always there was a vote for the best stand. This year we received 170 votes in total, and the results were - 3rd place jointly awarded to India and Brazil, 2nd place awarded to France with 1st place awarded to an awesome Nigeria team!

Since the event began in 2011, we have celebrated around 50 nations, this year we had 23 amazing stands! During the event there was an electric atmosphere with a great deal of buzz! We had music, laughter and smiles all round. We have vowed to make it bigger and better next year!

Soon after our International Week celebrations, **Jessica Hobbs** in Year 9 embarked on her super adventure! She left for her 6-week Round Square Exchange with a family in Buderim, Queensland, Australia. For Wycliffe College, this was our first ever Round Square Exchange. These exchanges provide an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop international understanding, self-confidence, and a range of interpersonal skills through studying at another school and staying with a host family.

Jessica attended Matthew Flinders Anglican College during her stay, they have since written to us to share that they found her to be an “extremely well-mannered and well-meaning young person - an excellent representative of her school and family. Our netball girls loved having her as part of their squad”. To quote **Jessica**, *“I’ve enjoyed this trip so much and it’s a memory I will cherish forever”*.



CCF SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp for the CCF was busy and exciting.

The event started at the training area in Yoxter, Somerset, with a 48-hour field exercise. The Cadets conducted section and platoon attacks and an ambush at dusk. On Tuesday night, we moved to Tilshead Army Cadet Force Training Centre on Salisbury Plain; many pupils saw Stone Henge for the first time.

From Tilshead, we had activities run by the Army Engagement Team and the regional Cadet Training Team. All Cadets passed the 2* cadet GP shoot with **Lucia Alvares Calvo** in Year 9 winning the award for the best shot of the week from all four schools present.

Gabe Parker was awarded best Year 9 recruit, and **Eliza Vicary** (Year 12) was the most Improved Cadet at camp. A special mention must go to **CSgt Rollo Llewelyn** (Year 12) and **CSgt Henry Bishop** (Year 12) for their leadership and assistance with the many Year 9s present.

BISLEY SHOOTING COMPETITION

The National Schools' Shooting Competition was held at Bisley, Surrey, between 14th and 18th July.

The event started with a zeroing shoot at Imjin Barracks in Innsworth before travelling to the National Rifle Association in Surrey.

Monday was a practice day, with the Cadets firing at 300, 500, and 600 yards. **Max Kirsch** came 32nd in the Monday aggregate, which was an excellent start.

During the evening, we competed in the 1km shoot and the Gallery Rifle. The team of **Edward Chrystal, Henry Bishop, Phoebe Harris** and **Rory Scott** came 3rd in the gallery rifle with moving targets. The team of **Iris Parker, Jaden Bartlett, Max Kirsch** and **Henry Bishop** came 4th in the 1km.

Tuesday and Wednesday saw more shoots at 300, 500 and 600 yards. All Cadets made improvements, with multiple medals being won by **Max Kirsch, Edward Chrystal, Jaden Bartlett** and **Charlie Ashman**.

On Tuesday evening, we competed in the clay competition, and **Max Kirsch** came 1st and **Charlie Ashman** 3rd.

On Wednesday evening, we competed in the McQueen, a sniper-style shoot at 300 yards. **Max Kirsch** came 1st with a maximum score of 50, 10, and **Edward Chrystal** came 2nd with a score of 50, 9.

Thursday was Ashburton Day, and all the large schools competed in the Ashburton

VIII. Wycliffe, one of the smaller schools, competed in the Ashburton IVs. It was a fantastic result, with Wycliffe coming 2nd, Well done to **Edward Chrystal, Max Kirsch, Jaden Bartlett**, and **Charlie Ashman**.

The CCF would like to thank the Parents' Association for their generous donation, which paid for the evening competition entries and our team polo shirts.

Capt Woodham, Lt Garley, and **Major Archer** would also like to thank the OWs, **SSgt Tom Coles, Brendan Ind**, and **Freddie Shetliffe**, for their support.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

As a summary of our incredibly packed expedition programme, we have organised four-day walks, one night walk, two first aid evening courses, six expeditions and one Bronze level training morning this academic year.

- Highlights of the year include:
- The beautiful Dorset coast on our first-ever expedition for Bronze participants to Swanage and the end point of Corfe Castle.
 - Many pupils volunteered at the Prep School. Thanks to **Mrs Larkin** and **Mr Irvin** for their work in organising this and the Wycliffe Transport Team.
 - We were navigating Selsey Common at night in December.
 - The popular litter collecting activity on Friday lunchtimes (run by **Mrs Stevens-Mikesch** and **Mrs Philps**).
 - **Miss Elliott** and **Mrs Larkin** visited Buckingham Palace in May to see former Wycliffe pupils, in particular **Albert Fan**, achieve Gold awards in the presence of the new patron, **HRH Prince Edward**.
 - Hosting the DofE regional Manager's Meeting at Wycliffe College in February.
 - **Mrs Chadwick's** shed volunteers who support her in running an incredibly tight ship with our stores and supplies: many thanks for this tireless and efficient work by Mrs Chadwick.



- **Lucy Tucker** became a DofE ‘Young Leader’ and spoke to all new Year 12 pupils at Sixth Form Experience Day in September.
 - **Isabella Wyver-Northern** supports training new Bronze level pupils on Monday lunchtimes.
- **Gordon Snape’s** continued incredible motivation for participants on expeditions.
 - Seeing England qualify from the group stages of the European Cup on Gordon’s iPad at the Gold Campsite.
- Having a great team of staff who support the Monday and Tuesday weekly DofE meetings.
 - Reading the evidence submitted by a Year 9 participant who has volunteered by sending very empathetic and personalised letters to sick children in hospital.



How do expeditions benefit participants, and what do they mean to them?

Here is what our survey said from the recent Silver/Gold expedition in South Wales:

‘I achieved my Silver Award. It feels very rewarding.’

‘I have got mentally stronger.’

‘I’ve improved my friendships with my peer group.’

‘I got a sense of accomplishment, improved my teamwork and independence skills, and made deeper connections with teammates.’

‘I developed good teamwork skills, the ability to motivate myself and reconnect with nature away from phones.’

‘I enjoyed getting close to my friends in the group.’

‘I enjoyed getting together with everyone in the evenings.’

‘I feel very accomplished and proud of myself and all of my group.’

‘We kept walking even when our feet, backs or anything else was in pain.’

‘I learned how to work as a team and be kind and supportive.’

‘I learned how to use food wisely.’

‘Going up Pen y Fan was hard but really satisfying after reaching the top.’

‘Getting lost or taking a wrong turn, then trying to navigate a path back to where you need to be, bonds you as a team.’

‘The end of each day, especially day four, was hard, but the team was very motivating, and our morale-boosting planned activities were very helpful.’

‘I learned communication skills.’

‘I improved my navigation, map work and team working skills.’

‘I learned leadership and discipline and pacing yourself when walking.’

We look forward to more of the same next year: more accomplishments and engagement. As ever, huge thanks to all the volunteers and staff who gave up their time to help in different ways.

FUTURES FAIR

Pupils can only aspire to what they have heard about.

The Futures Fair 2024 showcased a huge range of possibilities; apprenticeships, degree courses (in the UK and beyond), job roles, gap year and company options, different career journeys.

Pupils selected three options from this carousel. They had the option to attend live or virtual talks or to speak to live exhibitors.

We are especially grateful to the number of Old Wycliffians who took part. It is wonderful for our pupils to hear their career stories.

Pupils were fascinated to learn about polysaccharides, the array of language degrees available, the applications of 3D printing, that international relations is widely applicable.

The most useful aspects included that a language can be learned alongside another university subject, the realization that university is not the only route, the future is not set, things can change, information on driving lessons and gap year options.

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.

ASPIRE

Year 12s took part in our annual Aspire project. This is the culmination of careers activities across the College from Years 9-12.

Pupils think about their career identity, explore future options, and promote their USP in an application and interview. Finally, in Year 12, they research a job

role, sector or company to which they aspire and consider themselves suited and then present to an external judge. For some this activity is a decisive factor

in their career decision-making. Our thanks to the Old Wycliffians, parents and non-teaching staff who judged the presentations.

The pupils who prepared and gave the best presentation were:-
Eloise Bartram, Edward Broadley, Angus Davenport, Annie Fang, Toby Grant, Alice Holder, Adi Ligairi, Kayti Miles, Blake Mosimann, Georgia Sarmiento McNeil, Eliza Vicary and Jollie Wong.

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ATHLETICS

This season started with the District Trials to qualify for the County Championships. Wycliffe performed well, with 11 pupils qualifying for the county team in 13 events.

The County Championships were once again held at Gloucester Athletics track and there were some great performances with the pick of them being **Jaden Bartlett** winning the Senior Shot Putt event but just missing out on the regional qualifying distance.

The final Athletics event of the season was the District Championships at the Prince of Wales Stadium, top performances on the day were from **Joe Leach** winning the 100m and 2nd in the Long Jump, **Melody Benn** won the 100m and 200m, **Hattie**

Ackerman was 2nd in the 300m, **Josie Drury** was 2nd in the Discus and the Year 10 Boys' Relay was second just a hundredth of a second from 1st place. This set us up well for an exciting Sports Day in the penultimate week of term.



BASKETBALL

This year the Basketball programme was a success, putting out multiple teams in different age groups and having its best school record with 16 wins and one loss under **Coach Antonio** who is now in his 3rd year at Wycliffe.

A huge part of the success this season was due to the number of players who took part in the lunchtime one-to-one and small group training sessions. These sessions are for players who want to improve on their fundamentals, advance their skills and for some, be introduced to the sport.

The interest in the programme is spreading throughout the UK and internationally, as this year we had several players show interest and visit the School from around the UK, Nigeria, Germany, and Asia. With Basketball recruiting visits to Madrid, hosting Basketball tournaments with over ten clubs on campus, hosting Basketball Holiday Camps, and now collaborating

with Bath Basketball, a local club bringing Junior National Basketball League U18s to Wycliffe. The start of the 2024/25 season will now also give players who wish to study and play at a prestigious school in the UK the opportunity to play in Basketball England's elite pathway Competitive Club League.

The season finished with Junior and Senior Girls taking part in a 3v3 House Basketball Tournament for Sports Legacy Day. It is always nice to see the sport introduced to pupils who don't normally play. The girls showed great enthusiasm competing and having fun. This shows there is room for growth within the women's game at Wycliffe.

District Basketball Tournament
For the past two years Wycliffe has hosted the District Basketball Tournament. This is an opportunity for players in Years 5 to 11 to participate in a round robin school tournament within the region. Wycliffe has had some success with the U16 team in the past finishing 3rd, but this year Wycliffe put out four teams. U13, U14, U15 and U16. Wycliffe finished 1st in every category except U14 but still managed to finish top three in the tournament. This is a huge achievement for the programme as it shows the development of the players and progress they are making in their development.



Senior Basketball

Senior Basketball at Wycliffe has taken another leap forward this year putting out a 1st Team and now with numbers continuing to increase a B Team has been formed having their first friendly this past November against King Edward’s School Bath, winning 56-38.

The 1st Team had a strong core of returning players with Year 11 **Logan Llewellyn** being named Captain and **Milton Yau** being named Vice Captain. There were a few new additions arriving from Hong Kong, Germany, Austria and France. **Gabe Navarro** is arriving this season, joining Year 11. He has represented Wales’ U16 Boys’ National Team where he was named Captain for the Four Nations Squad in Dublin. **Gabe** also took part in the Fil-Euro Nation Select Tournament in Manila where he was awarded the Players’ Award for 16U Boys.

The 1st Team played ten fixtures and had an outstanding record of 9-1 only losing to Sir Thomas Rich’s by two points at the final buzzer.

U16 Basketball

U16 Boys’ were strong this season winning every game. Another player who recently joined Wycliffe was **Finn Kelly**, Year 9 who right away became part of the 1st Team due to his effort and determination. A huge part of the U16 programme is focused on player development. U16 Boys currently train three times weekly during lunch time. These sessions focus on developing their fundamentals and then being able to apply the skills they have learnt into their team and game trainings. Over the season we have seen huge progress in players such as **Conrad, Darron, Blake** and **Victor** who have come through the Prep School and now developing into promising players.

Ending the season heading into the Summer Term, we held our first in House Summer League. The league ran over five



weeks and was a mix of squad players from Years 9 to 13. Four teams were formed, and it was **Jason Tang’s** team who finished as Summer League champions and lifting the trophy. Most players from Junior Basketball taking the step to Senior School Basketball find it difficult to adjust and this league is perfect for players to play alongside their peers and getting adjusted to the pace and physicality whilst having fun and playing for bragging rights.



BOYS’ CRICKET

1st Team Cricket

With nets available from September a solid core of players trained twice a week in preparation for the Summer Term and moving to the new facility on the Berryfield. When the weather relented it was great to start with a win against Sir Thomas Rich’s in the National T20 Competition. However, our run in the competition came to an abrupt halt against a strong Monmouth side. Captain **Miles Menon** was leading wicket taker and **Toby Grant, Bobby Britto** and **Fred Collinson** led the batting stats. **Fred** (Gloucestershire) and **Bobby** (Worcestershire) represented their respective county U18 teams. Our record of six wins from 12 games played was a great return from an enthusiastic squad. The last of them an unlikely one at Bristol Grammar defending a total of 127. This showed real character and how far we have come as a group. We look forward to next year.

U15A Cricket

The U15 season was, much like a well-intentioned soufflé, promised much but often deflated at the crucial moment.



Improvement was the watchword, as players supported one another with remarkable team spirit.

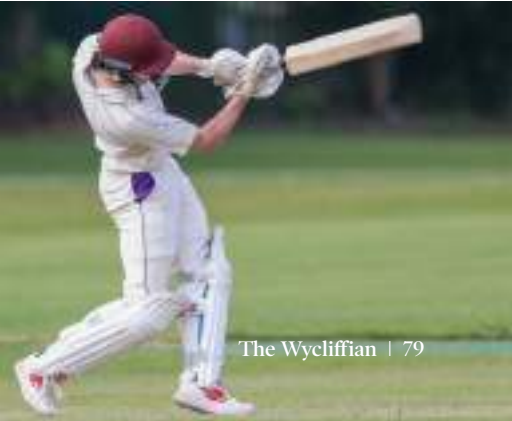
Highlights were a hat-trick for captain **Archie Larkman**, 93 not out for **Sam Hart** and four wickets for **Albie Spiers** in a tight game to nearly steal victory. Yet, as is often the way in these quaint sporting endeavours, the sum of these dazzling parts never quite coalesced into the whole.

And let us not forget the remarkable tally of twenty players who donned the School colours over the season, each bringing their unique contribution that, while perhaps not headline-worthy, was integral to the game. It was, in the end, a season of gentle progress and hearty fellowship.

U14A Cricket

The U14s have a tough Cricket season this year against some very strong opposition with a positive being that the U14s can take away from this year is how much

progress has been made by the non-cricket specialists and how they have stepped up their knowledge, engagement, and skills throughout the term. The team has gone from relying on several players to be able to do everything to a wide spread of players taking on bowling and batting duties with many starting to show glimpses of good potential ready for next year. Each game has got closer and closer in terms of the result with the game against Llandaff being the tightest thanks to an impressive partnership of 121 from **Henry Surridge** and **George Dummer** but it wasn’t enough. The team will come back stronger next year and fight once again with these strong opponents.



GIRLS' CRICKET

1st Team Cricket

A weather-affected start to the Summer Term saw four games cancelled; however, this did not dampen the spirits of the 1st Team, turning up to training every week so they were ready for the weather to improve.

It was another historic year for the Girls' 1st Team, as they recorded two convincing wins against Monkton Combe and Westonbirt. The team this year was led brilliantly by **Tilly Coles** and **Aoife Wright**, both supporting the team on the pitch and off it. The team had a tough start against Collegiate in the T20 Cup; however, they worked hard to develop their confidence and skill with the help of **Miss Williams**. The highlight was the win against Monkton Combe where more than one historic event took place. **Tilly** electing to bowl first, the team worked hard in the field, bowling well to restrict the opposition to 158. **Eva Cosway** and **Bella Shute** took the challenge into their own hands, creating a strong partnership of 138 runs, putting the team in a very strong position and helping them create history and win the game. **Bella Shute** scored 48, and **Eva Cosway** made history as well with the first ever Girl's 1st Team half century, finishing on 63 not out. Well done all!

U15A/U14A

A great season for the Girls' U15A Team, which saw us combine the best of Year 9 and 10 into one squad. Training well throughout the season they grew in both skill and tactical knowledge. Highlight fixtures were convincing wins against BGS (7 wickets), Westonbirt (142 runs) and Monkton Combe (9 wickets). Our final game of the season was also a nail biter (1 wicket loss) to a tidy Hereford side. Notable performances for **Melody Benn**,



proving herself as an opening batter with 48 not out, and several multiple wicket hauls (4+) in a single game for **Millie Downey**, **Josie Drury**, **Katie Woodhouse**, **Emma Barrable** and **Hollie Harvie-Pullin**.

U15/U14B

There is plenty of potential in this group of girls and they have shown this on the match vs Bristol Grammar School playing well and working hard in the field.

“The girls were resilient throughout, showed great character in each game and were a pleasure to coach.”

The girls have developed throughout this term especially in their confidence playing hard ball. The final match against Westonbirt was a tough game with Westonbirt far more experienced but nevertheless the whole team kept working hard for each other throughout the match and can be pleased with their effort and energy.

U15C/14C

With the team being made up of a mix of Year 9 and 10 players with a mix of Cricket ability, the girls all stuck together throughout all training and matches. Some notable performances include **Tilly Strefford** getting a maiden over and a wicket against Westonbirt, **Chelsey**

Atherton-Smith for her consistent bowling and wicket taking and **Mary Okunaiya** for her improvement over the term. Throughout the season, the girls applied themselves well in training and gained confidence in their bowling; however, we were occasionally unable to translate that into games to ensure we did not give away too many wides, allowing for the opposition to gain runs. Our batting also improved hugely with much better communication between the wickets to secure more single runs and apply pressure on the fielding team.

Despite the results not always going our way, the girls were resilient throughout, showed great character in each game and were a pleasure to coach. Well done all.



FENCING

We have had another good season with three Wycliffe athletes qualifying for the British Youth Championship Finals through the South-West regional events.

Notable performances and medals came from **James Kay**, **Gareth Chu** and **Bade Martins**. **Bade** competed in his National Under 17 Championships and was placed 2nd. There was also success at county and regional level at both Junior and Senior level.

The Public Schools' Championships saw seven Wycliffe fencers take part. Four of our athletes were competing for the first time and gained a great deal of experience. Our future now lies with our up-and-coming Junior fencers who will be joined by two Year 8 fencers next year.



FOOTBALL

1st XI Football

The 1st Team had trained very well throughout the Autumn Term and put us in such a position that we thought we could genuinely go every game unbeaten throughout the Spring Term. The plan started well with the convincing victories over Clifton High, Cheltenham College, and Clifton College. The 1st Team then hit a bump in the road in the form of Dauntsey’s.

Despite creating more opportunities and being more creative than our opposition, we were unable to create real chances and moments of indecision cost us the game, then we were unable to put together a convincing set of results in our next away games. This was another season where we relied on the talent in Year 11. Wycliffe continues to benefit from having players who can move the ball quickly and play with great intensity. We will always give the larger boys’ colleges a good run for their money.

2nd XI Football

The Under 18B Team started the Term well, and with a strong core to choose from, it seemed like the team had the potential to finish the season with more wins than losses; however, the positive results didn’t always materialise, but the performances often did, and the team was probably only one consistent goal-scorer away from a good overall record.

Both **Codie Beachus** and **Kiva Madhvani** scored hat-tricks in their first and only appearances for the team, but were deservedly promoted to/or back to the A’s.

The team had a good defensive base with **Leo Simonetti Whitford**, a fabulous shot stopper, in goal and a strong centre back pairing of **Joe Downey** and **Charlie Hart**. The midfield was a fusion of the combative and technical, often featuring the trio of **Max Kirsch**, **Sacha Cooper** and **Sara Cuiñas Fernandez**. Sara was often the

catalyst for everything the team did well as an attacking force, and was always in the running for player of the match.

The highlight of the term was probably the match at home versus Dauntsey’s. A game that kept up its intensity from the first minute to the last. Both teams attempting to play good attacking football throughout and only opposed by some equally impressive defending and goalkeeping. The final result could have gone either way, but the B Team deserved a win through sheer application alone.

Valuable contributions, throughout the term were also provided by the following players - **Joshua Foulkes**, **Xander Gray**, **Toby Gaulton**, **Luca Webb**, **Farid Abu-Mughaisib**, **Archie West**, **Chuks Okafor**, **Javier Rausell Manzanares**, **Adam Searle**, **Lucas Nielsen**, **Olly Norris**, **Tyrone Mo**, **Arseniy Merkulov**, **Bas Balletta**, **Mateo Wesser Arias**.

3rd XI Football

The 3rd team A.K.A ‘The People’s Team’, had a complete revamp of players from the season before with only two players still standing following the last campaign. This meant that the team was young and inexperienced at this harder and more physical challenge style of football played. This showed with many games being close and well contested until after half time when the speed, strength and endurance of the opposition began to show with ‘The People’s Team’ often leaking goals in the last quarter of the match. A public announcement should be made for the drive, determination and character shown by captain **Aiden Kitching** who led by example each game and never gave up and encouraged the team no matter what the scoreline.

UI5A Football

Having won just three matches from eight the previous season (as Under 14s), then losing two of their most influential players (who returned to Spain), this year was always going to be a challenge of the Under 15 team. It was a challenge that the boys certainly embraced, despite having to play some fixtures with a weakened squad due to

clashes with other school events, injury, and other unforeseen circumstances.

The core of the Squad remained the same throughout the seven matches of the season, in which they recorded four wins. Nevertheless, to turn a 38-win percentage in Year 9, to a 57-win percentage in Year 10 was pleasing, given the difficulties in putting a credible side on the pitch for some matches.

The four players at the back remained largely unchanged, **Josh Denholm** exhibited fine determination throughout, **Toby West** and **Austin Webster** worked hard at centre back to provide good cover for the goalkeeper **Sam Hart**. **Sam** was unbeaten from the spot having had to repel three penalties in the seven matches, but also showed his expertise in this position in many other ways. **Victor Emwanta** had the greatest transformation over the season as he discovered the right back position suited his skill set. After a shaky start he became a secure and reliable member of the team with some excellent performances that were rewarded with the Most Improved Player Award.



In midfield **Jamie Whitbread** was the discovery of the season, having not played the previous season, he became a great defensive cover, for our forward pressing Captain **Luka Dicken**.

Joe Davison proved his worth, scoring more goals from midfield than any other player in the team. The two wingers, **Oli Jewkes** and **Pablo Roncal Ardanza** contributed well supplying chances and scoring a few goals along the way. Up front **Lucas Smith** worked tirelessly to shut down the defenders and convert chances, with a memorable goal scored against Clifton College.

The team displayed real determination to achieve a winning season. Despite losing Luka to injury for the last three matches, the team rallied to be competitive and successful. **Stanley Weston** came in from Year 9 to cover for the injured **Toby West** and played exceptionally well, and **Jack Picket** played his first game of the season to show that he is not just a rugby player! **Joe Davison** scored both goals in a hard fought, memorable win against King’s Worcester, where each player refused to give an inch to the opposition and put in the performance of season.



Two Under 15 players were selected to play for the Under 16s in the annual fixture against Maidenhill School, for the Stonehouse Cup. **Toby** put in a secure performance at the back to help the team keep a clean sheet and win the cup. However, it was the performance of **Oli Jewkes** that was the most eye catching, scoring one goal from distance and setting up three other goals for his teammates as Wycliffe ran out worthy winners and won the Cup for the first time in four years. This performance, together with his consistency over the season meant he was rewarded with the ‘Player of the Season’ award.

The final game of the season saw **Joe Leach** make a goal scoring debut for Wycliffe. His pace together with **Jack Pickets** power that terrorised the defence of Monmouth. The determination of the team to end the season with a win was clear from the start. A score line of 4 – 0 was reward for this attitude and the positivity they had put in over the course of the season.

U15B Football
As the season comes to a close, the U15B Team can take pride in their efforts and the valuable lessons learned along the way. Despite the challenges faced, each match provided opportunities for growth and development. The experiences gained this season will serve as a foundation for the team’s continued improvement in the future. The end of the season marks not the end of the journey, but rather a stepping stone towards greater achievements. The U15B Team’s resilience, determination, and commitment to improvement are commendable, and they should be proud of their efforts on and off the field. As they look ahead to the future, they do so with optimism and determination, knowing that with continued hard work and dedication, success will surely follow.

U14A Football
The U14A Team started the term battling well and frustrating stronger opponents.

A narrow home loss against Clifton High 2 – 3 and a heavy away defeat at Clifton galvanised the squad who continued to improve their skills and work ethic in matches. Finishing with a strong display against a strong Monmouth School XI.

Captain **Stanley Western** led the team from the front. **Yago Varela De Zabala** worked tirelessly in midfield and goalkeeper **Nico Lopez Naranjo** was man of the match on several occasions, pulling off numerous heroic saves.



U14B Football
The U14B Team lost two and drew one of the games played. They struggled to play as a team during the first two games and leaked plenty of goals. Standout performance was in our final game of the term against King’s Worcester. With the score 3 – 3 at full time. Managers decided a penalty shoot-out would decide the winner. Wycliffe winning 5 – 2.

HOCKEY

1st Team
There have been huge changes this year within the 1XI Hockey with only five players remaining from the squad that played last year. Many new faces joined the squad with much to be learnt to help build the squad and build our identity of how we want to play this term. This new and unfamiliar squad started the term with tough fixtures against strong teams in the form of Monkton Combe and Hereford Cathedral, but the girls started to understand each other more and how they wanted to play, and performances started to improve and score lines became closer. A heavy defeat to Collegiate in a Friday Night Lights game left the girls deflated but they bounced back with a very strong display against Cheltenham College which ended in a 2-2 draw and an unfortunate loss to Cheltenham Ladies’ College in another Friday Night Lights game 3-4.

Results are not the device to measure this team’s term on, but performance and collaboration. With such a huge turnaround of players and coaching staff this team and group of girls have come together as one and worked tirelessly to become better individually and for the team and every single one should be proud of that.

Honourable mentions must go to **Beth Leach, Madison Charnley-Heaton, Poppy Beaumont** and **Maddy Small** as departing Year 13s who have helped build this squad and an extra special mention to **Laila Howse**, who has driven this team forward both on and off the pitch with great character and leadership.

2nd Team
The majority of the 2nd XI squad came from Years 11 and 12 and whilst the team may have struggled at times, particularly

against larger schools, the girls deserve real credit for the positive, enthusiastic and cheery way they approached training sessions and matches, and for the improved structure and discipline with which they played towards the end of the season. As individuals developed their level of skill and fitness, confidence grew amongst the squad, and towards the end of the season the team were playing with more self-belief and intensity. In terms of organisation, communication, effort and teamwork, **Aoife Wright** made an excellent captain, whilst **Eloise Bartram** and **Katherine Cox** (as goalkeeper) were outstanding in defence, regularly receiving ‘Player(s) of the Match’ awards. There were narrow defeats to Malvern, Dean Close and Monkton Combe at the beginning of the season, whilst there was a draw against Rougemont School towards the end. The highlight of the season was the away win



against Christ College, Brecon, where the team played with real confidence, purpose and effort. With the majority of the squad returning next year, the future looks bright!

U15A Team

The U15As (captained by **Lily Coulton** and vice-captain **Molly-May Gibbons**) have played with great team spirit and determination. They have had some tough fixtures and results have not gone their way, but this team have never given up and always gave 100% until the final whistle. They have had plenty of practice working on their defensive units with defending short corners becoming a specialism for this team and the success rate of these was second to none. **Emily Gaulton** had a superb season in goal, growing in confidence from last year and really keeping the U15s in the game on many occasions. Although this team played 9, won three and lost 6, the defeats were marginal with 2-0 being the largest goal difference all season. This again shows the

U14A Team

A good first season of 11-a-side Hockey for the U14s. The team started the term with a well fought 1-1 draw to Dean Close U14B Team, from there the team worked hard during games to develop their principles or using the width of the pitch and getting the ball out of congestion to space throughout the pitch. Two convincing wins against Hereford Cathedral School and Christ College were results of the team’s hard work during training. A tough end to the season against King’s Gloucester does not taint the progress of the team over the term. I hope the team enjoyed the season and continue to develop their individual skills in preparation for next year.

Junior B Team

The Junior development Hockey Team commenced their season with a challenging match against Cheltenham College, resulting in a loss. This initial setback, however, served as a valuable learning experience for the team, who were

playing together for the first time. As the season unfolded, the girls exhibited remarkable growth, both individually and collectively. Despite the early defeat, the team gradually found their rhythm, and embraced the challenges, viewing each match as an opportunity to refine their skills and gel as a cohesive unit. Their perseverance proved fruitful in the latter part of the season, marked by two impressive victories. The team’s journey from the opening loss to concluding with a 3-1 win showcased their resilience and determination. As the final whistle blew, concluding the season on a high note, the Junior Development Hockey Team could reflect on their journey with pride. From an initial stumble to finishing with two commendable victories, the girls not only developed their hockey skills but also forged a strong bond as a team that will put them in good stead for next season.

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excellent teamwork as the whole team stepped up and played their part. Many results could have gone in their favour but often luck was just not on their side. Towards the end of the season, and by far the best game of the season, saw a 2-0 victory over Collegiate. Finally dominating in some attacking play and utilising goal scoring opportunities a win was nothing more than this team deserved. **Lily Coulton** played her last fixture for Wycliffe, and she will be sorely missed. Well done for all the hard work that has been put into training, you have been a pleasure to coach, and I look forward to seeing you move into the Senior Teams next year.



NETBALL

The Netball term was busy this year with Wycliffe fielding four Senior squads and six across the Junior age range.

It was fantastic to see so many girls involved in competitive fixtures across the school and year groups. Bring on the 2025 season!

1st VII

Played: 12 Won: 8 Drew: 1 Lost: 4
A highly successful season for the 1st VII netball squad which started in September as the Sisters in Sport Competition got

underway. Once again, we had a good run in this national competition, beating local Netball Academy Hartpury College Bs 40-29 and only losing narrowly in the fourth round to Ratcliffe College (previous runners up in the competition!).

We also had great preparation for the netball term, facing off against the Wycliffe

supported Severn Stars PDP athletes. An evening of high intensity match play which built our confidence levels up and no doubt helped towards our unbeaten run in the new year; convincing performances against CLC, Cheltenham College, King’s and QEH. Our first stumble was against Sir Thomas Rich’s (draw) and then Malvern College (1 goal defeat) but the loss of both

influential captain **Ateca Smith** (injury) and tenacious defender **Eva Cosway** (illness), meant playing up opportunities for Year 10s **Millie Downey** and **Josie Dury** who didn’t disappoint and will be a welcome addition to the Seniors next year.

We ended the season on a high with more convincing wins against Denmark Road and Westonbirt. The Friday Night Lights spectacular was also a night to remember away at CLC. A full team performance, managing court time (injuries) and a loud home support was always going to be tough but the girls represented the purple dress with pride and unwavering determination and although hugely disappointed to not come away with the win, the true victory was their attitude and performance. They could not have given more.

Special mention to our deadly shooting pairing of **Alice Holder** (Vice-Captain) and **Emilie Day** who between them put up over 650 shots with over 85% accuracy. A season closing goal difference of +130 is not to be underestimated. A MASSIVE THANK YOU to departing Year 13 **Ateca Smith** and **Laila Howse** who leave the squad in a strong place ahead of 2024/25.

2nd VII

Played: 10 Won: 3 Drew: 0 Lost: 7
Throughout the season, the 2nd VII Netball Team displayed commendable effort, participating in a total of ten matches. They secured victories in three matches while facing defeats in seven encounters. Notable victories include triumphs over formidable opponents such as King’s School Gloucester (23-17), Cathedral School Llandaff (20-13), and Collegiate (26-13). These wins underscored the team’s capability to rise to challenges and perform under pressure.

The team exhibited strong camaraderie and team spirit, fostering a positive attitude towards training and matches. Under the leadership of Captain **Maddie**

Small, the team remained cohesive and focused throughout the season. One of the team’s notable strengths lay in their exceptional defensive prowess, both across the court and within the circle. Their ability to turnover the opponent’s attacks showcased their defensive resilience and strategic acumen. However, the team faced challenges in converting opportunities into successful shots, highlighting a need for refinement in attacking strategies and conversion to goal. Despite this, the team’s commitment to continuous improvement and their positive attitude bodes well for future seasons. As the coach, it was a pleasure to work with and guide the 2nd VII Netball Team throughout the season. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and receptiveness to feedback were commendable traits that

contributed to an enjoyable season. Thank you to the departing Year 13s **Maddie Small**, **Beth Leach** and **Jenrola Oyewumi**.

3rd VII

Played: 9 Won: 3 Drew: 0 Lost: 6
Throughout the season, the girls demonstrated commendable performances, particularly in the centre court. They effectively controlled the game’s pace and maintained strong possession in this crucial area of play.

One of the most impressive aspects of our team’s performance was their cohesive teamwork. The girls collaborated seamlessly on the court, demonstrating excellent communication and support for each other. This unity significantly contributed to our successes and should be celebrated.



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As the season progressed, there was development among the players. They showed dedication to refining their skills, adapting to different game scenarios, and implementing strategic plays. This growth is a testament to their hard work and commitment to improvement.

It has been an absolute pleasure coaching this team throughout the season. Witnessing the girls’ progress and enthusiasm for the sport has been truly rewarding. I am confident that with continued dedication and effort, we will achieve even greater success in the future.

I wish the best to the Year 13 girls who are leaving us at the end of the year **Lucy Tucker**, **Fami Adesina**, **Ella Frazer** and **Mollie Tapping**.

4th VII

Played: 8 Won: 3 Drew: 0 Lost: 5
After a challenging start to the season against a very strong CLC team, the team would have been forgiven for having dampened spirits. However, they showed determination and a willingness to learn from mistakes, leading to a win in the next game against QEH.

It was brilliant that so many girls were keen to play Netball again this year and so we enjoyed having a big squad, although this did sometimes mean that the team spent the first quarter of games getting to know each other’s playing styles! Having said this, the teamwork displayed each week was fantastic with some excellent Netball played, especially in defence, allowing us to

have lots of possession throughout games. Unfortunately, this possession was not always converted to goals, but our shooters made excellent progress as the season went on, growing in confidence and accuracy. Special mention must go to **Izzy Carrick** who was awarded Players’ Player on numerous occasions and helped us keep a strong D at both ends - both shooting and defending.

Thank you and goodbye to several Year 13 girls who were representing Wycliffe on the Netball court for the last time this term - **Grace Gosling**, **Izzi Rant** and **Masie Tomlinson**. It has been lovely to work with such a great group of girls who have shown commitment to the development of their Netball skills.

UI5A VII

Played: 12 Won: 7 Drew: 0 Lost: 5
This season’s results were split between the first half of the season and the second. The first half saw them lose four games taking only one victory during this period. However, the losses proved good for post-game analysis and understanding of what they needed to work on. This was turned into a positive enabling them to improve on a range of skills and strategies at their sessions.

The Squad showed great determination and a willingness to learn and gradually the improvement from centre pass to goal and defensive set up began to pay dividends. Defensively, they worked hard on tracking tight one to one to gain interceptions and dictated the space forcing the opposing

team to make errors. Through court play we saw great court balance and combined with shooters using good angles and playing the triangle around the circle edge, their consistency of shot improved hugely leading to some good victories. They went on to win five games with four consecutive wins to finish off their season on a high.

This Squad implemented new strategies, worked hard throughout and showed great resilience and enthusiasm.

UI5B VII

Played: 9, Won: 2 Drew: 0 Lost: 7
The Team faced some very tough opposition from the outset of the season, facing a strong CLC side in the very first match. With lots of new players - it was always going to take some time for the team to settle into some good play and after the initial defeats, they started to find their rhythm and were soon making some good linking play, which contributed to the convincing wins against Malvern and Westonbirt. The team remained motivated and optimistic throughout and were always willing to apply what they had learned during training to their match play.

The girls should be commended for their willingness to play out of position on several occasions and a special mention to all those who stepped up to play GA or GS when needed.

UI5C VII

Played: 5 Won: 0 Drew: 0 Lost: 5
The results reflect some very one-sided games but many of these girls were new

to netball and applied themselves well throughout the term. This was a mixed team of Year 9 and 10 players culminating in an ever-changing squad which made it trickier to build the through court bonds. The through court play was fairly even at times throughout the season and Wycliffe worked hard to turn over the ball but this was usually followed by a little bit of panic resulting in a lot of unforced errors and some slightly inconsistent shooting. Lots to continue to work on ready for next year.

U14A VII

Played: 11 Won: 1 Drew: 1 Lost: 9
The U14As had a hard season playing against some very tough competition. Many of the team worked hard in training and the lunchtime club developing skills and tactics throughout the term which could then be seen in matches. With a few changes of players and positions and a few negative attitudes during the season this team never quite felt totally settled and as one which made it tricky to gain confidence and trust within each other on the court. Too many unforced errors saw scorelines run away with us despite some outstanding pieces of play. A few fighting comebacks gave the team some closer results, but they always left it a little late so found themselves on the wrong side of the score board. **Jessica Hobbs** captained the team confidently and led from the front with great support from **Holly Harvie-Pullin**, **Katie Woodhouse** and **Ayesha Menon**.

U14B VII

Played: 7 Won: 0 Drew: 0 Lost: 7
The U14Bs had a difficult season. They faced some tough competition and struggled to find a win. That being said, they did not lack resilience, every week they would try to develop their skills in training and implement them into a game situation.

Towards the end of the season, the team started to show an understanding of how to work as a team to take the ball through court form the defence through to the



attack. Difficulties came when feeding the shooting circle and consistency in the shooting which limited a chance to score goals which inevitably resulted in defeats.

U14C VII
Played: four Won: 1 Drew: 0 Lost: 3
The team is made up of those who have played some Netball before and those completely new to it. Throughout training and playing matches all players tried to improve their own game, techniques and gain a real understanding of all the rules

including where they can and cannot go on the court. A close fought match with Bredon School at the beginning of the term was a well-deserved win with lots of mid-court play adapting to new positions and defensive circle work.

The other matches were played against teams with more depth in their squads and match practice, but the girls continued to play and improve their understanding of the game. Well done and good luck for next year's season.

ROWING

Wycliffe Rowing has had another busy year, with lots of success throughout the Head and Regatta seasons.

With the awful weather this winter there were several races that had to be cancelled, like our own small boats head. However, there were still some highlights including, 1st, 2nd and 3rd finishes for the girls' crews and two wins for the boys at both the Scullers and Pairs Head, the 'A' Quad raced at Schools Head and took the win by 37 seconds as well as beating the course record, then only two days later both 'A' and 'B' Quads attended The Scullery Head, with both crews winning their respective events.

The summer season started well for Wycliffe at The Scullery Regatta with the WJ18 Quad coming home with a bronze. Since then, the season has gone from strength to strength with the squad

heading to National Schools in May and bringing home two golds and a bronze for **Max Fullman** (Yr 10) who was racing up in the U18 category. The following weekend both girls' quads raced at the Metropolitan Regatta finishing 1st and 2nd in the junior category, with the 'A' Quad also winning the senior women's event too. Moving on to the end of June, the girls headed to Henley Women's Regatta which resulted in Wycliffe bringing home the Di Ellis and Bea Langridge Trophies for Junior Singles and Quads respectively.

In the last week of term, both girls' quads will be competing in Henley Royal Regatta, which is arguably the most prestigious regatta event in the world.

As well as racing for Wycliffe this term, several members of the squad have represented the U19 GB team at Munich International Regatta and the Junior European Championships. They will then go on to the final stage of trials in early summer with the hope of being selected for the Coupe de la Jeunesse or Junior Worlds teams.





RUGBY

U18

The 1st XV had a positive season overall despite the results not going their way. **Billy Kerslake** was named as School Captain, and **Billy** featured for Scotland u18s at the end of the season which was credit to his natural ability and signals a promising future.

Logan Fitzpatrick, who was elected Vice-Captain did a great job of stepping in when **Billy** was unwell, leading by excellent example off-pitch, being the standout performer in every match we played, covering several positions to support the team in any way he could, resulting in **Logan** being the deserved recipient of the Senior Rugby Award at the end of the Academic Year.

The annual trip to Merchiston Castle was one of the highlights of the season. The players visited Murry Field, home of Scottish Rugby for a stadium tour taking in the history of the iconic stadium.

The 1st XV started strongly in their opening game, but came up against Edinburgh Reivers, who were well drilled. The following matches were better matched and after what was a very demanding weekend, they beat Ayr Rugby Club, 26-7 to finish on a high.

The final game of the season was the perfect way to sign off. After struggling with injuries all term, the team was as strong as it could be, **Billy Kerslake** led the team out at Cardiff Arms Park in the

annual Friday Night Lights against Llandaff Cathedral School.

The teams were well matched, both finishing some fantastic opportunities in attack.

In the final five minutes Wycliffe were camped on their own line. The Wycliffe defence forced a mistake, the ref blew the final whistle, signalling the end of the match with Wycliffe claimed the victory 24-17.

With some players moving on, the team will look very different next year, a strong season by the Under 16s hopefully means the team will be in a good shape for the 2024/25 season.



all-round performance and some excellent tries being scored we finished 49-5.

U15

An enthusiastic squad had an enjoyable season. The highlight was our progress to the 4th round of the National Bowl competition. Our best performance being a 27 - 24 win in Round 3 against Cokethorpe School. Demonstrating what could be achieved when they played to the best of their ability. Captain **Toby West** led from the front, showing his versatility playing in the forwards and backs. **Finn Jervis** and **Sonny Ashbee** gave us forward momentum with their strong carries. **Jack Pickett** showed potential at fly half and was well supported by the elusive running of **Luca Dicken** and most improved player **Lucas Smith**. No doubt many players in this group will be looking forward to next year.

U16

This was an excellent season for the U16 Team, and it was a real pleasure to coach them. Although there were some very strong personalities in the squad, overall, the boys worked well together for the greater good of the team. The season started well with a tough fixture against Malvern College, this showed that the boys were prepared to dig deep and put their bodies on the line in defence and work hard in attack to make the most of opportunities. With a 15 - 12 win it was the start we had hoped for. Next up was a 2nd XV game against an older and bigger King's Gloucester side. We were well in the game at half time with a fantastic try from **Ollie Thomas**, but the power of the King's side took its toll in the second half and we eventually lost 12 - 25.

battle that went right down to the wire with us coming away with a one-point victory 27-26 thanks to some heroic defence from the whole team. The game against Downside was interesting to say the least, but a strong performance in the first half saw us winning 21 - 0 but unfortunately the game was abandoned early in the second half. With the Llandaff game cancelled due to frozen pitches, our last game was a local derby against Maidenhill School. It was a great way to finish the season with an

U14

The U14 boys started the season with a tough pre-season match vs Malvern College. New players joining the boys who were at the Prep School last year have given this team new strength and made a positive impact. Despite the first half term results not going our way the boys continued to work hard and grow. The hard work resulted in their first win just before



half term against Westonbirt. At the half time break, the boys were 10-24 down, but their resilience and hard worked paid off in a dominant second half they came back to win 27-24. The second half of the season was hampered by the bad weather meaning



that Llandaff and our rematch with Westonbirt had to be called off. Our game against Prior Park was a tough, physical match to come back to after half term but the following week the boys bounced back to comprehensively beat Downside



with excellent team play in both attack and defence. Well done to all the boys, whilst there is plenty of work to do to improve the boys can be proud of the progress they have made this year.



was not enough and we lost 35-17. We performed better in the last two group games with convincing wins, but we just lost out on a semi-final place on points difference.

Next was the National Schools Rosslyn Park Sevens, a wonderful tournament that is steeped in history. The boys were ready for the challenge on the biggest of stages and they did not let us down. A great

first game against Ysgol Caer Elen saw a victory 27-12 and gave the boys some real confidence. Our second game was on the main pitch and was live streamed against a strong Fulham Boys school. We played some excellent sevens, moving the ball wide and using the space well to win 35-19. This led to a winner takes all final group match against St Paul’s School. Two well matched teams went at each other hard, and it was nip and tuck all the way. Unfortunately, a couple of calls did not go our way and we eventually lost 22-24 and so did not qualify through the group. The boys were a real credit to themselves and the College both on and off the pitch and I am sure they will be keen to go back as U18s next year.

“The team played some great rugby, showing great fight and determination to keep battling to the end.”

RUGBY SEVENS

U18s Sevens

Wycliffe got off to a quick start beating Thomas Hardy School 17-5, with some great interplay in the middle of the field Wycliffe kept hold of the ball for long periods of time finally cracking the Thomas Hardy defence. We controlled the rest of the game never letting the opposition get back into the match.

The second game we met a strong Stamford team, after taking the lead 21 – 19, at the half, Stanford then started to control the game scoring a handful of tries in the last couple of minutes stealing the win, the final score didn’t reflect how competitive the match had been.

After a long day, and after taking a few knocks, we played Oratory School and never got started, after a poor start and making some unforced errors, Oratory pulled away and we couldn’t get back into the swing of things.

Despite not finishing off how we would have liked, the team played some great rugby, showing great fight and determination to keep battling to the end.

U16 Sevens

Unfortunately, the Wycliffe Sevens tournament was cancelled this year which meant we went into the County Sevens a little short of match practice. This showed



in our first game where Collegiate were too quick thinking for us, and we were down at half time, a fight back in the second half

SHOOTING

Wycliffe had representation at the South-West Air Pistol Championships. Our Senior team of **Jason Mok, Jaden Bartlett, Anakin Lam, Ethan Chan** and **Esme Davenport** took their place in a field of 27 athletes from schools all over the region. They shot well in the qualifying stage, where each athlete had 20 shots, with the top eight being promoted to a final head-to-head shoot off. Wycliffe had two athletes qualify. **Jason** shot 167 from a possible 200 and **Esme** just behind with 165.

After the first elimination, **Jason** was placed 8th. **Esme** shot well and was finally placed 5th. An exceptional result in her first event.

Our team score secured us a silver medal and qualification to the National Finals.

The team of **Esme Davenport, Jason Mok** and **Jaden Bartlett** travelled to the Midlands for the finals. **Esme** shot exceptionally well and was promoted to the final eight. She would finish eighth, which was a

fantastic result in her first full year of competition.

Throughout the year, our pistol shooters have been competing in the national Postal Competition sponsored by Eley. After two stages, **Esme Davenport** and **Anakin Lam** have qualified for the head-to-head finals in October.

Overall, another great year for the Wycliffe Pistol Team.

SQUASH

The National Schools event ran throughout the first two terms, with both our U16 boys’ and girls’ teams, alongside the Boys’ U18 team progressing to the finals day.



The Girls (**Violet Sum, Emilie Leblond, Katerina Komarova, Chloe Newton and Josie Drury**) finished 3rd, with some fantastic performances on the day and many of the matches going the full distance. The Boys’ Under 16 Team (**Viggo Hendricks, Owen Hendricks, Eishin Arita, Seamus Parker, Oliver Jewkes and Henry Surridge**) eased into the final where they met Epsom College, who had two England Number 1s and it proved to be a fantastic match, which Wycliffe prevailed in. All the matches were tight and it was brilliant to see the team come together, the standout result being **Viggo** beating the English champion to clinch the title.

The Boys’ Under 18 Team (**Ryan Gwidzima, Viggo Hendricks, Owen Hendricks, Harry Bloomfield, Alexander Beloborodov, Julian Scerri and Sacha Cooper**), proved to be too strong in depth for everyone else and were comfortable winners after two terms of hard work, avenging their loss to Millfield last year to win the title.

Internationally, we started the year off as we meant to go on with Owen winning the Welsh, securing a Wycliffe shutout on the podium, with **Viggo** and **Julian** finishing 2nd

losing to the player, he would later beat to secure the National Schools title. From our International contingent, **Julian** became the Malta junior National champion, **Eishin** finished 3rd in the U15 Japan nationals and **Emilie** 3rd in the U13 French nationals.

Throughout the year we have competed in many events as a squad and the standouts from these are, **Ryan** wining the Chichester Open, beating higher ranked opponents to do so and **Emilie** winning the Sussex U13 open. **Eishin** also reached his first final, underlining his improvements made throughout the year. This really is the tip of the iceberg though, in what has been a fantastic year in terms of tournament play and results.

We also had our first Inter House competition this year, with each House putting out four girls or boys which proved to be a huge success with Lampeter winning the girls’ event and Loosley the boys’. We are already looking forward to bringing this forward next year and progressing it.

Good luck to our captain, **Alexander Beloborodov** and our Sportsman of the Year **Sacha Cooper**, for the future and thank you to both for all their hard work and commitment throughout their time at Wycliffe.



TENNIS

Junior Boys’ Tennis

This year, the Junior Boys Tennis squad has seen significant growth, with many new players joining the team. The introduction of Short Red Tennis and Pickleball in the sports hall during the Winter and Spring Terms has been instrumental in this surge of interest. These activities have allowed the players to develop their skills in a fun and engaging way, facilitating a smoother transition to the full game of Tennis.

Our players have had ample opportunities to showcase their talents in various competitions, particularly in the local LTA Schools League, where they competed in both singles and doubles matches. In addition to these competitive outings, we maintained our regular schedule of friendly fixtures.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly our final match against Rednock, where our team secured an impressive victory, winning 10 sets to 1. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our players throughout the season.



Senior Boys’ Tennis

The Senior squad has experienced significant growth and an influx of talent this year, with the addition of new Year 12 and DY Spanish pupils enhancing the team’s overall performance.

In the LTA National competition, the Glanville Cup, we were drawn against Brimsham Green School in the first round. While we performed well in two of the singles matches, Brimsham’s strong doubles tactics ultimately led them to advance to the next round.

Our friendly fixture schedule faced challenges due to the ever-changing weather this season, leading to several disruptions. However, a positive outcome is that these fixtures have been rescheduled for early September, ensuring that we make the most of every playing opportunity.

The highlight of the season was the House Tennis events, where we witnessed good-natured, yet highly competitive matches, showcasing the players’ skills and sportsmanship.

Senior Girls’ Tennis

This year, Girls’ Tennis has shifted to a more recreational format with a primary focus on participation. This inclusive approach allows all Senior girls, regardless of their skill level, to choose Tennis as their games option and enjoy playing three times a week. This format has encouraged more girls to participate and enjoy the sport.





LEGACY SPORTS DAY 2024

After a wet Summer Term, the sun was finally out and once again the College Campus was awash with House colours for Legacy Sports Day.

For those new to Legacy Sports Day it is a chance for pupils to take part in a range of sports that they might not usually get to play and whilst the focus on the morning events is fun there were certainly some competitive matches going on. The highlight of the morning was watching the girls' Rugby and Football being played on the new pitch in the heart of the School.

Following many requests at School Council and directly to the games office this year there was a new event... Tug Of War! What better place to hold the event than in the morning break between events and what better area than the Pavilion pitch. The crowds flocked to the fences to cheer on their House. There was a boys' and girls' event and each House had to put one pupil from each year into their team. On the calls

of 'Pick up the rope' the teams prepared themselves, the judge then called 'Take the strain' and the rope went tight before the final call of 'PULL!' After a gruelling ten rounds for the boys and ten rounds for the girls the final winners were Ivy Grove for the girls and Robinson for the boys.

Following lunch the School descended on the Berryfield for the traditional Athletics part of sports day where every point counted and true grit was on display under the midday sun. Whilst the Athletics part of the day is a chance for the fastest, strongest and fittest to aim for wins and possibly School records there is also a huge team element where pupils gave their all for their House even if they weren't the best at an event just to make sure they scored for the House. As we have seen over the

years, Houses can be split by just a couple of points and the same was true again this year. The top performances on the track came from **Melody Benn** in Year 10 with three wins and three school records, **Georgia Sarmiento McNeil** with wins in the Senior 100m and 200m, **Joe Leach** for the Junior boys with a win and School record in the 100m and **Max Stokes** (Senior) and **Holly Harvie-Pullin** (Junior) both winning the 800m and 1500m for the respective age groups. In the field there were impressive performances from **Joe Davidson** (Junior) winning both Long Jump and Shot, **Jemima Tapping** winning the Junior High Jump and Discus, **Conal Navruz** winning the Senior Javelin by 12 metres and **Max Stokes** had a great competition in the High Jump beating the School record set last year by his older brother.

Individual award (top points scored)	Victor and Victrix Ludorum
Junior Girls	Melody Benn 1st in 100m (New school record) 1st in 200m (New school record) 1st in Long Jump (New school record)
Junior Boys	Joe Davidson 1st Long jump 1st Shot Put 6th 100m
Senior Girls	Georgia Sarmiento McNeil 1st 100m 1st 200m 1st High Jump
Senior Boys	Max Stokes 1st 800m 1st 1500m 1st High Jump (New School record beating the previous record set by his brother)

House Champions		
Junior Girls	1st	Lampeter (129 points)
	2nd	Collingwood (122 points)
	3rd	Haywardsend (83 points)
	4th	Ivy Grove (76 points)
Junior Boys	1st	Robinson (112 points)
	2nd	Haywardsfield (111 points)
	3rd	Collingwood (100 points)
	4th	Ward's (84 points)
Senior Girls	1st	Collingwood (139 points)
	2nd	Lampeter (130 points)
	3rd	Ivy Grove (124 points)
	4th	Loosley (112 points)
	5th	Haywardsend (50 points)
Senior Boys	1st	Ward's (143 points)
	2nd	Haywardsfield (142 points)
	3rd	Robinson (126 points)
	4th	Collingwood (122 points)
	5th	Loosley (83 points)

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SPORTS AWARD DINNERS

The Junior and Senior Sports Award Dinners were held back-to-back on 21st and 22nd June and were a chance to celebrate the successes from a year of sport.

The pupils dressed to impress and looked the part as they arrived for their welcome drinks and canapes before taking their seats. By popular pupil request both evenings were a BBQ meal followed by a

surprise from the Catering Team of a pick and mix desert that went down very well with both staff and pupils. Following the meal there was a speech from **Mr Taylor** looking back at the highlights from the

year from each team celebrating success in School as well as what the pupils had achieved outside School. This year for both the Junior and Senior Dinner the ‘Most Improved Sportsman and Sportswoman’



was replaced with a new award recognising ‘Coaches’ Player’. This award was selected in a discussion with all sports coaches across all sports to recognise special talent, commitment and effort in a player who could be from any of the Senior teams.

This year was especially difficult for the P.E. and Games department to choose winners as all the nominees were of such high quality and all the pupils can be incredibly proud of what they have achieved this year. The evening closed with thanks to staff who are leaving Wycliffe this year and we say goodbye to **Miss Isherwood**, who as a Rugby specialist has coached across the Prep and Senior School but also supported in games afternoons and various sports this year.



The final thanks and farewell was to **Mr Gregory** who after nine years at Wycliffe leaves sports in a very strong position in terms of recruitment and facilities. With the addition of the new Rugby/Football pitch on the main site there is now 1st Team Girls’ Hockey, Netball and Cricket on site and now both 1st Team Boys’ Rugby and Football, whilst Cricket has a new purpose built home on the Berryfield where it can flourish and grow. We are very grateful for all he has contributed to Wycliffe sport and wish both he and **Mrs Gregory** all the best at Ipswich School.





NEW MEMBERS OF THE WYCLIFFIAN SOCIETY

Year 8 Leavers

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| Thomas Blackwell | Daryna Salenko |
| Rylie Gerry | Shahbod Zarif |
| Darcey Jones | |

Year 9 Leavers

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| Lucia Alvarez Calvo | Daron Ogon Asu |
| Daniel Aragones | Gabriel Parker |
| Alexis Dokpesi | Elizabeth Rowlands |
| James Frere | Vanessa Todorova |
| Nicolas Lopez Naranjo | Evaristo Yago Varela De Zabla |

Year 10 Leavers

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| Maria Ortega |
| Eduardo Risueno Rodriguez |
| Pablo Roncal Ardanza |

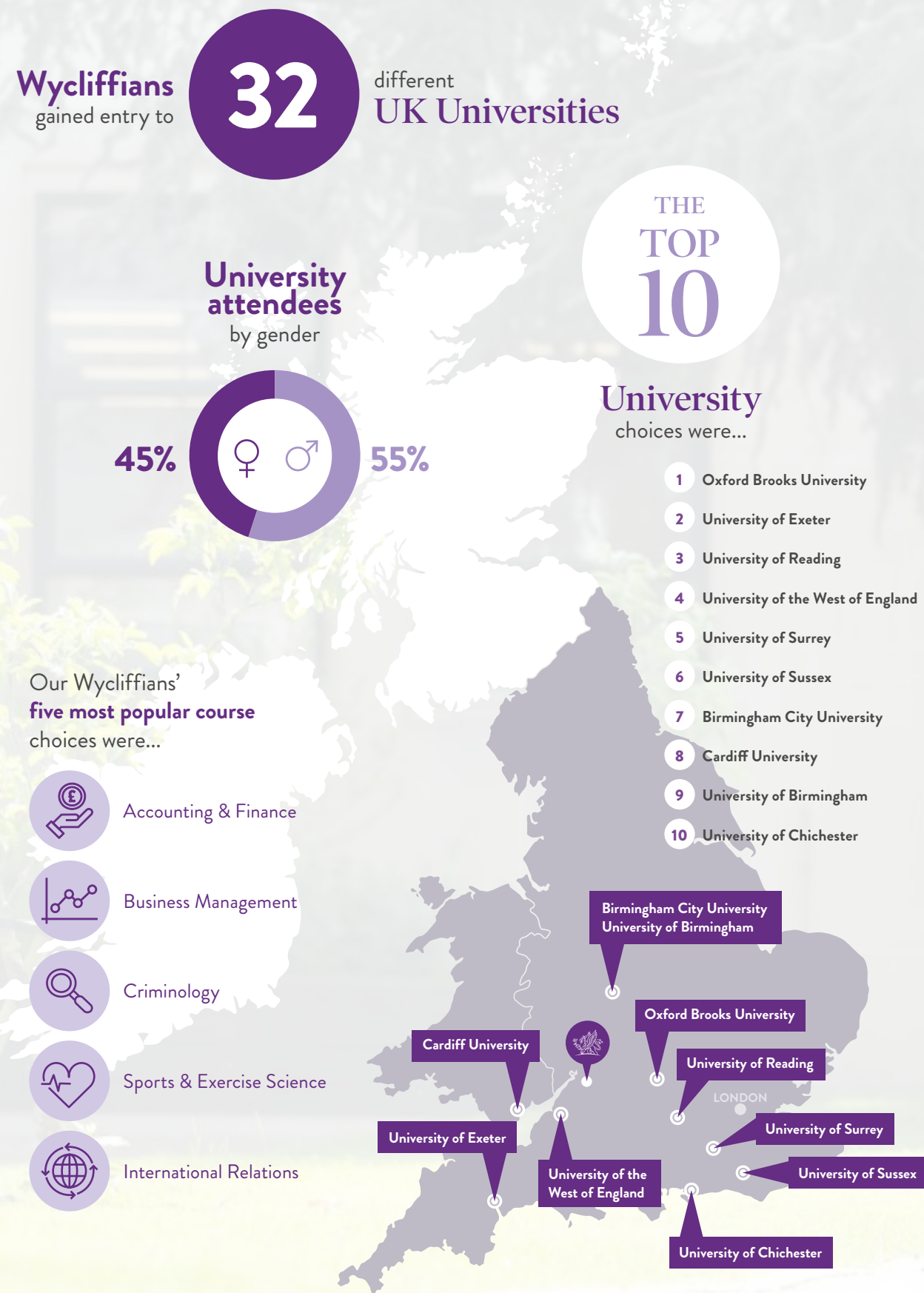
Year 11 Leavers

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| Charlie Ashman | Shiran Liu (David) |
| Codie Beachus | Thomas Lockie |
| Lucy Bond | Xuanyi Lu |
| Sam Burrell | Quinn Miller |
| Tsz Kit Cai | Toby Mowatt |
| Martha Clarke | Daisy Muna |
| Kacey Connolly | Jeremiah Namadzunda |
| Jamie Davis | Javier Rausell Manzanares |
| Lucia De LA Herran Estevas | Oliver Timmins |
| Ruby DickensonIsaac Eyre | Cameron Tompkins |
| Joshua Foulkes | Isabell Uys |
| Anthony Goodwin | Mateo Wesser Arias |
| Safi Hill | Adrian Yuen |
| Charlotte King | Qianhao Zhao |
| Aleksandra Krisjansone | |

Year 12 Leavers

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| Jamie Bruce |
| Jiasmin Li |
| Yuqi Zhang |

YEAR 13 DESTINATIONS



Awad Adeleke	Lancaster University	Business Management
Adebare Adeniyi	Oxford Brookes University	Architecture
Oluwafamimora Opemipo Adesina	University of Manchester	Law with Criminology
Farouq Ajide	Aston University	Business and Management
Mia Baker	Oxford Brookes University	Criminology
Matthew Christopher Bartlett	Oxford Brookes University	Accounting and Finance
Hermione Popocatepetl Beaumont	Nottingham Trent University	Business Management and Human Resources
Alexander Beloborodov	University of Birmingham	Biomed foundation Year
Oliver Blanchfield	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Henry Oliver Broadley	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Chun Yat Chan	University of Exeter	Finance: Investment Banking
Madison Rose Charnley-Heaton	University of Chichester	Screen Acting and Film Production
Hoi Shun Cheung	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Archie Edward Conway	University of Westminster, London	Fine Art Mixed Media with Foundation
Joseph Freddie James Downey	University Academy 92 (UA92)	Accounting and Business Management
Eloise Stella Etherington	University of Cambridge	Natural Sciences
George Fielder	Oxford Brookes University	Business and Marketing Management
Amelia Jaye Flaxman	University of Birmingham	Human Neuroscience
Toby Benjamin Gaulton	University of Exeter	Business and Management with Industrial Experience
Oliver James Lockhart Grant	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Sophia Athanassia Josephina Grasl	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Violet Madeline Zofia Holbrow Brooksbank	Oxford Brookes University	Urban Design, Planning and Development
Laila Jane Howse	University of Birmingham	Criminology
Jonty Piers Jones	University of Exeter	Marine Biology
André Frederic Kamel	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Sing Lon Kan	Bristol, University of the West of England	Accounting and Finance
William PeterKerslake	Brunel University London	Sport, Health and Exercise Sciences with Business Studies
Aidan Kitching	University of Warwick	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Mariia Koberman	Birmingham City University	Film Making
Yui Hang Lam	University of Portsmouth	Architecture
Bethany Audrey Rosemary Wynne Leach	Swansea University	Biology with a Year in Applied Research

Yik Hin Li	University of Greenwich	Business with Marketing
Mia Isabel Julie Lowes	Oxford Brookes University	Sport and Exercise Science
Ramzi Martin	Oxford Brookes University	Accounting and Finance
Arseniy Merkulov	University of Reading	Business and Management with a Year Abroad
Pia Evelyn Middleton	Norland	Early Childhood Education and Care
Tsz Hin Mok	University of Exeter	Marketing and Management
Emmanuel Museka	University of Surrey	Business Management with Marketing
Chukwuemeka Okafor	University of Kent	Business and Management with a Foundation Year
Isabella Amabel Owens	University of Leicester	International Relations
Jenrola Oyewumi	University of Manchester	Psychology
Natasha Phillips	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Isabela Andrade Rant	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
George Thomas Rowlands	Cardiff University	Accounting and Finance
Rhynell Rusere	University of Sussex	Creative Writing
Finn Russell	Cardiff University	International Relations and Politics
Pak Yin Sham	University of East Anglia UEA	Marketing and Management
Madeline Grace Small	Bristol, University of the West of England	Film Making
Ateca Carole Kalo'Afutoga Lalabalavu Smith	Birmingham City University	Sport and Exercise Science
Pak Dik So	University of Sussex	Physics with Astrophysics
Montgomery Stokes	University of Reading	International Business and Management
Mollie Georgia Tapping	University of Southampton	Economics
Maisie-Jayne Tomlinson	Bath Spa University	Business and Management (Festivals and Events) - Professional Placement Year
Lucy Beth Tucker	Oxford Brookes University	Paramedic Science
Luca Webb	Cardiff University	Criminology
Hugo Maria Casimir Weixelbaumer	University of Sussex	Product Design
Oliver White	Manchester Metropolitan University	Software Engineering with Foundation Year
Hywel Arthur Farrow Wilton	University of Chichester	Acting
Yuet Kan Wong	University of Surrey	Sociology
Evie Wright	University of Surrey	Psychology
Wai Shun Yau	University of Worcester	Sports Coaching

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