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EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME LAUNCHES

by Miss Haynes, Head

We were delighted to welcome Professor Lord Winston to John Lyon at the end of the Summer Term to talk to our boys, launch our Excellence Programme and open the 1876 Reading Room.

Lord Winston spoke passionately to a packed hall of boys and their families about the increasingly complex ethical dilemmas scientists and medics face as well as the need to understand the value of humanity in order to become a good scientist. The benefits of cutting edge advances in medical science such as xenotransplantation, the process whereby organs are grown on genetically modified animals for subsequent transplantation into humans, were discussed, as were modern inventions such as the laser

that has multiple purposes despite initially being thought to have little practical application. The evening ended with a Q and A session led by the Deputy Head Boy, with pupils asking Professor Lord Winston some insightful questions about the nature of human consciousness and informed consent.

The Excellence Programme, developed by John Lyon teachers Dr Florence Weinberg and Mrs Maria Trafford, is a new approach to enrichment for able and keen learners. It embodies all the very best qualities to which a student can strive, supported by inspirational and dynamic teaching and co-curricular activities designed to help pupils develop 'intelligence' as a core part of their character. "We want pupils to see learning

as a journey," stated Mrs Trafford "and to provide a programme that has a love of reading at its heart." Dr Weinberg added that "It opens up opportunities for a broad range of pupils allowing those who may not get the top results, but demonstrate enthusiasm and motivation, to be nurtured to produce excellent results."

Located in the Red House, the 1876 Reading Room has been designed for exclusive use of boys on the Excellence Programme for reading and further study. The décor of the room is in keeping with the heritage of the Red House and the School and provides access to a variety of books, publications and research for furthering knowledge in a peaceful space. ■

INTRODUCING THE NEW HEAD BOY TEAM

THOMAS SALTER, THE HEAD BOY FOR 2017-2018, TELLS US HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. QALAM TREVELYAN, OWEN MARSHALL, SAMI PATEL AND CHARLIE THOMSON WERE APPOINTED DEPUTIES.



My first duty as Head Boy came in the form of an introductory speech for Professor Lord Winston, at the launch of John Lyon's new Excellence Programme. Standing up in front of parents and teachers, and staring out into the vast room of anticipative faces, I really understood, in that brief glimpse of the audience, what the School is all about: community.

There is a strong sense of togetherness that I have always associated with John Lyon. Right from the outset of being accepted in to the School at the age of 11, I could see that unity is something the School justifiably prides itself on, and this sense of community, and friendliness,

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will be key features to develop in my role as Head Boy for the coming year. We have already decided as a team to allocate form prefects to the new Year 7 classes, and I feel that this initial decision has shown that my prefect team and I are extremely keen on helping boys to flourish in the younger years. This will hopefully allow boys to confide in prefects when they have anything to talk about. The older prefects were of great importance to me as a new boy in the School, and this is something I want to replicate in my final year.

Having been given an impressive Head Boy team, I know that we are capable of great things. With Charlie Thomson's sporting capability, Sami Patel's events-planning, Qalam Trevelyan's oratory skills and Owen Marshall's organisation, I know that the boys and I are arranging school activities for next year that will benefit the whole school community.

As for the actual process of Head Boy candidacy, I'd advise students to try to go for Head Boy if they genuinely

believe they have the potential to fulfil the role. The application process does require a confidence in yourself and your own abilities, and there is a specific intensity to the interviews that should be expected. However, the signs of a possible candidate will immediately be clear to your interviewers, and these signs consisting mainly of steeliness and drive, will give you a great chance in being announced as a prefect, or even more. An assurance in yourself is always key, and I hope that after my year as Head Boy pupils will be able to approach school with the same confidence and spirit that I, and my team, displayed in our interviews.

Therefore, above all, confidence is something that I want to instil in the boys this year. They should never be afraid of giving their opinion, or attempting to achieve excellence in a certain field, and I can guarantee that my team and I will also be there for the pupils whenever they need us. ■

CHARITY UPDATE

SENIOR TEACHER, MRS PLUMMER, UPDATES US ON THIS YEAR'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITY.

We have supported a wide range of charities this year. We started with a *Jeans for Genes* day that supported genetic research. The Sixth Form Outdoor Film Night supported *Shelter* and as the cold night air closed in it was easy to empathise with London's rough-sleepers, in response hundreds brought in unwanted coats for *Wrap up London*. The support for *Macmillan Coffee Morning* was, once again, outstanding.

Every boy in the School had the opportunity to choose the charities we support; as a School we nominated *Liter of Light*, *RNIB Sunshine House School*, *Kingfisher Swimming for the Disabled* and *Harrow Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre*. The number of votes cast for each of these decided the proportion of the funds raised that will be given to that

charity. A number of events over the course of the year brought in money for these, including *Take Me Out* and a non-uniform day. The total amount of money raised for these charities is in excess of £4,500.00

We have an ongoing commitment to support *Harrow Foodbank* throughout the year, however, your response to our appeal to bring in donations to help alleviate the 'holiday hunger' experienced by many Harrow families was outstanding. You sent donations of more than 538 kilos of food to *Harrow Foodbank* from that event alone. Well done everyone. ■

COMMONWEALTH SERVICE

PUPILS AND STAFF WERE INVITED TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY TO CELEBRATE THE COMMONWEALTH. ADAM ZOROMBA, YEAR 10, TELLS US MORE.

The service was a joyous occasion with a focus on inter-faith unity with the sunny weather being ideal for the pageantry of the occasion.

The service was attended by Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the royal family along with international athletes such as Jessica Ennis-Hill, well-known politicians and a host of other celebrities. Young people from schools as well as those from youth outreach programmes were invited.

The event was broadcast live by the BBC and we were able to see ourselves

on the screens in the Abbey as the programme was transmitted across the Commonwealth.

The occasion was certainly one to remember and we were privileged to be part of something so important and memorable. The whole day was a stimulating experience and one I shall cherish. ■



SPEECH DAY AND PRIZE GIVING

A ROUSING EVENING TO CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT

We were delighted to welcome both our Chairman of Governors, Mr Giles Goodfellow, QC MA LLM and Guest of Honour, Admiral Sir George Zambellas GCB DSC DL FRAeS, a John Lyon's Foundation Governor, to Speech Day.

The Admiral spoke with humour

about following your dreams. He gained just one prize, for metalwork whilst at school but his passion for engineering saw him become a helicopter pilot and ultimately the First Sea Lord. He gave an inspirational speech that the hundreds of boys and their families present thoroughly enjoyed. Prize winners collected their commendations. The Head Boy gave a Vote of Thanks and the Motet Choir sang the School song, Stet Fortuna Domus for the first time. ■



HARROW FAMILY FIFTH FORM CONFERENCE

IMAD RAJPUT & ASHER WEISZ, YEAR 11, TELL US MORE



Ten Year 11 boys were selected to attend the Harrow Family Fifth Form Conference, six days of thought-provoking and enjoyable activities with a focus on understanding and enhancing leadership skills. We joined our counterparts from Bangkok, Beijing, Hong Kong and Harrow School for the fourth annual conference. Entitled 'Informed Leadership for the Future', the conference delivered a stimulating programme of talks, visits and events. Guest speakers this year included Mr Richard Winter, partner at PwC, Mr Andrew Ashe, CEO of onebillion, Brigadier Michael McGovern, the Deputy Commander London District and the UK's military representative to the EU and Dr Colin Stokes who founded the charity the Prostate Project. Each and every one of the speakers provided us with a unique view of their roles as leaders and experience in their occupations. The conference included workshops; building our perspective on leadership.

We visited UCL to learn more about university and daily life from students themselves. The next day, we attended a prestigious cricket match at Lord's, Harrow vs Eton, where Harrow sealed a victory of five wickets, followed by an enjoyable trip to the West End show 'School of Rock', a riveting performance that we thoroughly enjoyed. After a night of talks and lectures, the next day we headed to Oxford for a day of exploration: we found the time very valuable and visited various colleges including Balliol, Magdalen and Oriel. As part of the conference experience, we stayed in a boarding house on the Hill where we soon developed firm friendships with the resident and visiting Harrovians, concluding the week with an elegant dinner, a perfect end to a week of riveting and enriching times, we left with unforgettable memories, new friends and excellent opportunities to learn about the finer points of real leadership. ■



JUNIOR MUSIC DAY

MR JONES, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

On Friday 28th April we welcomed more than 200 pupils from local primary and prep schools to join us for a day of musical learning and fun. The main purpose of the event is to learn how to make music in large ensembles, something that smaller schools may find hard to do, and the day concludes with a concert. After greeting all of our visitors in the Boyd Campbell Hall, we divided into three groups – orchestra, choir and percussion ensemble – and spent most of the morning in separate rehearsals.

The orchestra, conducted by Mr Furniss, performed striking arrangements of the Harry Potter music and Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks.

The choir, directed by Mr Jones with help from Royal Academy of Music student Katie Morel-Orchard, sang two-part arrangements of Londonderry Air and Mack the Knife. Finally the percussion ensemble, directed by our visiting music tutor, Mr Peter Huntington, performed an African drumming piece on djembes and then Going Up, a piece he had composed for Boomwhackers, brightly-coloured plastic percussion instruments that are perfect for younger musicians to learn on.

The final performance took place in front of a packed Boyd Campbell Hall with many visiting parents and staff in attendance. The standard was remarkably high. I am delighted with how much we achieved in just one day with such budding musical talent and that we could extend a warm John Lyon welcome to so many families. ■

ENSEMBLES CONCERT

SAM SINGLETON, MUSIC PREFECT, REPORTS

The Ensembles Concert started the Summer Term's musical offering with fantastic attendance from parents and families.

In usual fashion, the Flute Choir began proceedings, performing a memorable rendition of the Wallace and Gromit Theme, a piece that brought back many memories from the audience's youth. This was followed by the Brass Ensemble playing Joplin's Elite Syncopations, which was exactly that – an up-beat piece compact with syncopations, which was performed masterfully, as ever by the quintet.

Contrasting the highly melodic based work from the Brass group was the Percussion Ensemble, featuring a fun, interactive performance that both the boys and the audience found thoroughly entertaining. Next to take the stage was the school Rock Band performing the 1991 hit Under the Bridge by Red Hot Chili Peppers. Lead vocals were provided by Sam Singleton (Upper Sixth), with virtuosic guitar accompaniment from Dhru Patel (Upper Sixth). Arjun Patel

(Upper Sixth) on the drums made the outro of the piece highly climactic with his confident use of fills, leaving the audience delighted.

One of the most memorable moments was the performance of Joshua Chukwudum's (Upper Sixth) A-Level composition. Miss Bloor was able to express Joshua's highly emotive melody on the cello beautifully, even managing to bring tears to the Head of Sixth Form, not an everyday occurrence. The Classical Guitar Ensemble have worked hard this year, they performed Andrew Forrest's work near perfectly, with dynamics being used throughout to create tension. In John Lyon tradition, the Rhythm & Blues Group closed out the show, this time performing the Stevie Wonder classic Superstition, as well as the more modern Treasure by Bruno Mars. As ever, lead vocals were provided confidently from Harsh Hingorani (Year 8) and Sebastian Langdon (Lower Sixth). Overall, this was a fantastic concert and many thanks must go to everyone involved. ■



MOTET CHOIR AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

by Harsh Hingorani, Year 8.

We went to Southwark Cathedral on one of the hottest days of the year and were greeted by the aroma of the many food stalls in neighbouring Borough Market.

We practised for a few hours in one of the side rooms. After much fine tuning, the choir moved into the Cathedral and took its place in the stalls. Here we performed a run-through of our pieces in order to experience the acoustics of the Cathedral.

The service was attended by a small congregation who are used to a high standard of choral singing. This was a chance for us to show how good the John Lyon Motet Choir is.

We began with some responses, and then went on to perform the 'mammoth' psalm, so called due to its extreme number of verses. This was followed by the canticles by Purcell. Another set of responses followed that. We then went into our anthem, which had a powerful punch that surprised the congregation, and we finished with a very famous Welsh hymn.

To be able to perform at the Cathedral was an amazing experience. ■





NATIONAL THEATRE CONNECTIONS

DANIEL WONG (YEAR 9)

Early in the Summer Term, a group of students from Year 8 through to the Upper Sixth took part in the National Theatre Connections; an annual nationwide festival of new plays for schools and youth theatres that gives young people the chance to experience professional theatre-making.

The Connections scheme commissions ten brand new plays each year, which are then put on by over 260 youth companies across the UK – over 10,000 young people are involved in what is “the biggest youth theatre festival on the planet”. The School’s play of choice was Alistair McDowall’s *Zero for the Young Dudes!*

Just like a professional production, there was a rigorous audition process before a cast of 24 actors, along with three backstage and two lighting and sound operators, was announced. The production was to culminate with two performances in the School’s Boyd Campbell Hall and a professional performance at the Arts Depot in North Finchley.

Zero for the Young Dudes! explores a dystopian future within a prisoner of war camp with children at war with adults. We were given the freedom to experiment and added subplots to the script, forming relationships between certain characters, which was

simultaneously easy and challenging as there were no set characters. The number of actors in each scene also influenced the artistic vision of the play as it developed over time, from the initial rehearsals in January right up to the first performance at the end of March.

The two nights on 23rd and 24th March in the Boyd Campbell Hall were a success. The performances at School allowed us to garner feedback and allowed us to tweak elements of the production before the Arts Depot performance. The Arts Depot was a completely different atmosphere altogether – the studio space was smaller and more intimate; the audience

was closer and the performance space itself much smaller. Prior to the performance, we rehearsed in a separate rehearsal room tucked away from the rest of the venue, trying our best to relax for the evening’s show. Before we knew it, at 6pm, we were warming up and settling down to watch another company’s performance, which was riveting, and thoroughly enjoyable. After a short interval, we swapped places and everyone sat, enthralled and mesmerised, as we perfectly executed our rendition of *Zero for the Young Dudes!* ■



SOUTH PACIFIC COMES TO THE RYAN THEATRE

We are pleased to announce that *South Pacific* will be our major musical for the Autumn term.

Following on from last year’s hugely successful *Guys and Dolls*, the Ryan Theatre will once again be home to our professional-scale performances on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December 2017.

South Pacific, by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein, focuses on a love story between an American nurse and a French plantation owner, all against the backdrop of the Second World War. With famous numbers including “Some Enchanted Evening”, “There Is Nothing Like A Dame” and “Happy Talk”, this is sure to be a fabulous show for all.

Auditions have already taken place and there has been immense interest from girls from local schools and beyond, all wanting to be part of the John Lyon musical experience.

Tickets will be released in the Autumn Term and are likely to sell out quickly. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to the performances of *South Pacific* at the Ryan Theatre in December. ■



ART: BOTANICALS AND PORTRAITS

A JOINT SHOWCASE BETWEEN YEAR 7 AND YEAR 10 PUPILS. MISS HOPE, HEAD OF ART, TELLS US MORE.

In Year 7 we have been exploring colour and developing the boys' technical and practical skills through research and exploration. The boys have been learning how colour can be used to express moods and emotions.

The Year 7s visited Kew Gardens to explore the plant collection and used this as the inspiration for their footwear design. They visited the Marianne North gallery at Kew Gardens and produced a copy of a painting by her, helping to develop their observational skills and ability to represent colour and form.

Daniel Cordas (OL), a professional footwear artist, was the inspiration for the project. We explored his collection alongside our studies at Kew Gardens and the boys designed their footwear onto plain white shoes. The winners were Miraaj Rahman in first place, Karam Meteb in second and Arturo Patane came third.

The Year 10 Exhibition celebrated the work completed for their GCSE coursework. The theme for the project was 'Portraiture & Identity', focusing on the exploration of technical skills and a variety of media.

One group commenced the year exploring the work of Alberto Giacometti and worked with the artist Jane McAdam Freud. The boys were ambitious with their sculptures and produced large and varied pieces which demonstrated their developing practical skills. Printmaking was the focus of the second group, exploring the work of Edvard Munch and Rembrandt through etching and linocut. This led into silk screen printing and studying Andy Warhol's 'Mick Jagger' prints resulting in all boys producing a series of self-portraits. ■

MARC ABRAHAM, TV VET & OL RETURNS TO SCHOOL

'MARC THE VET' IS A PRACTISING VETERINARY SURGEON, AUTHOR, ANIMAL WELFARE CAMPAIGNER AND OLD LYONIAN.

Following his time at The John Lyon School, Mr Marc Abraham qualified from Edinburgh University and has since worked in small animal, mixed, and emergency practice, as well as volunteering overseas for animal rescue projects in Mumbai, Ukraine, the Amazon, Thailand and China.

He has been awarded Daily Mirror/RSPCA 'Vet of the Year' and began his TV career on The Paul O'Grady Show subsequently appearing on a raft of TV Shows including BBC Breakfast, ITV's

This Morning and Crufts. Marc campaigns for animal welfare issues including microchipping, rescue pet adoption, responsible breeding, and against puppy farming.

Mr Abraham's talk to boys was engaging and thought-provoking the boys listened with evident interest.

The whole school community benefits from Old Lyonians who take the time to share their knowledge and passion with current pupils. Mr Abraham spoke

passionately about the importance of fighting for what you believe in, it's a credit to Marc that the issue of puppy farming was debated in the House of Commons due to his efforts. ■



UCAS, SIXTH FORM NEWS & THE UNIVERSITY FAIR

MISS JAMES, HEAD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

This year's UCAS cycle has been another successful one for John Lyon's Sixth Formers, with half of them receiving offers from all of the universities to which they applied. Just over half of all applications were to Russell Group universities and 76% of the universities that the boys have chosen as their firm choice are Russell Group. Both of our candidates applying to read Medicine were successful. We have also supported some applications for Degree Apprenticeships and overseas universities, alongside applications for former students who are currently on

their gap years. We wish the boys every success in their A-Levels and hope that they will be able to attend the university of their choosing. June's Lower Sixth Enrichment Week gave students the opportunity to attend presentations from representatives of the University of East Anglia and City & Guilds about choosing appropriate universities and courses, and what is involved in an apprenticeship. They also began to work on their personal statements with their form tutors. Students will use their upcoming summer holiday for work-experience and visits to

universities, in preparation for submitting their UCAS applications next term.

Preparations for our annual University Fair in November are also underway, with 30 representatives from UK universities, overseas universities and school leaver programmes already confirmed. This will be an excellent opportunity for our Year 11 and Sixth Form students to meet and discuss their options with a range of different people. The University Fair will be held in the Boyd Campbell Hall on Friday 17th November 2017. ■



LONDON ZOO



YEAR 7 STUDENTS SPENT A DAY AT THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY. HEAD OF BIOLOGY, MR ULAKANATHAN, DESCRIBES THE VISIT.

A visit to ZSL London Zoo in Regent's Park was an excellent treat to mark the end of school examinations for Year 7 pupils.

As part of the programme for the day, the boys attended an interactive educational session held within the relatively new Asian Lion exhibit. Here the focus was on food webs, exploring how animals within an ecosystem are dependent on one another. This brought to life a topic the boys have been studying in school and provided

an opportunity to see how animals are adapted to their environments. The Year 7s also had the opportunity to use an iPad app to build their own food webs based on real-life conservation case studies of Indian wildlife in which ZSL are involved.

Around the Zoo, boys regarded both large and small animals with equal fascination, from the big cats and African game species, to leaf cutting ants and the incredibly beautiful Atlas moth in the butterfly tunnel. ■

STEAM: ROCKET CAR CHALLENGE

DR WEINBERG

Twelve Year 7 pupils took part in the Bloodhound Rocket Car Challenge. This competition was part of the Bloodhound Education Programme, one of the world's largest STEAM initiatives. The Project's primary aim is to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. All Year 7 pupils were invited to apply for the twelve available places, and were chosen based on their interest and motivation.

Pupils were set the task of designing and making aerodynamic model cars from foam. The cars were then modified by teams from the Army who added a rocket to all of the models. Thanks to our excellent designs, two of our teams, four boys in total, qualified for the Regional Final held at RAF Halton. Our four finalists, James Otaruoh, Youki Marr, Lucas Saliba and Kishan Patel, were given the opportunity to design two new rocket cars and to compete again.



Participating in this competition was an incredible experience for the boys, who had not taken part in a national competition before. It was fun and educational, giving the boys a taster of what engineering is, and the impact of careful design on performance. ■

FIRST PLACE IN THE SALTERS' INSTITUTE FESTIVALS OF CHEMISTRY

HARSH HINGORANI (YEAR 8)

The day began in a laboratory that easily accommodated 150 people. There were thirty schools present on the day, all of which brought their best Chemistry students.

Our first challenge was a murder mystery, which we had to solve. This consisted of chromatography, two code breaking activities and testing for precipitates. We had around two hours to completely accomplish this and find the murderer.

The afternoon began with a harder challenge; we were given a scenario where the Art department had their

supply of paint stolen and, with GCSEs on the near horizon, there was no time to order new paints so our task was to create them. We had to make six different water-based coloured paints. All we were given was a universal indicator, hydrochloric acid and an alkaline. We annotated our formulas so that they could be tested by the judges.

While the judges were deliberating the results, all the schools were treated to a Chemistry show. Experiments included dry ice in water, liquid nitrogen on the carpet and a rather fun experiment; Elephant's Toothpaste. It is so called because when the reaction occurs, a very

big, long cylindrical solid starts oozing out which looks like giant toothpaste. After the show the results for both the competitions were announced.

Unfortunately, we didn't win the murder mystery challenge, and we certainly didn't think we were going to win the art challenge, until they announced John Lyon as the winners! We didn't think we would come first out of thirty schools in the hardest challenge. This was the first time that the School has won first prize in this challenge. We were all very excited about this and received certificates, prizes and a special molecule model for our Chemistry department. ■



ENGINEERING: FARADAY CHALLENGE

DR WEINBERG

Twelve Year 8 pupils took part in the Faraday Challenge Day at Park High School in Stanmore. The event was organised by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). Faraday Challenge Days are STEM events devised to give students the opportunity to research, design and create prototype solutions to engineering problems. This year pupils were asked to design and build a prototype for two devices that

could improve the performance of a yacht and the well-being of sailors. To build the devices, pupils were given micro:bits that they had to code. Pupils were given a limited budget and time to design their devices, to give them a taste of the real life constraints of engineering projects. Boys shared the tasks of planning, coding,

building and presenting. This was a unique opportunity for the boys to participate in a project from start to finish. ■





AMERICAN LITERATURE DAY

ASHER WEISZ, YEAR 11, REPORTS

Year 11 boys with an interest in studying English or History at A-Level were joined by pupils from Burnham Grammar School to take part in a day of lectures about American literature, a key component of the A-Level course.

The day began with a rapid and memorable summary of American history from the Founding Fathers to Reconstruction, from Deputy Head and Teacher of History, Mr Pepperman, setting the scene for the literary sessions that followed on.

Mr Peel, Head of English, gave a masterful lecture on the works of Kate Chopin, interweaving his interpretation of her writing with knowledge of the conservative environment of Louisiana that was the backdrop for her novels. We then had a lively hour of American drama from Teacher of English, Miss Davies, followed by a talk about The

Great American Novel from Teacher of English, Mrs Trafford. The day concluded with presentations from Lower Sixth students and a Q & A session on the course itself.

The day was very enjoyable. We all took away a new perspective on our studies for the years ahead. ■



GENERAL ELECTION 2017

DR CLEWS, HEAD OF POLITICS, REPORTS IN

Mr Armstrong, Head of Sixth Form organised a Hustings that was well attended by candidates for the Liberal Democrats, UKIP and Labour alongside the current serving MP Gareth Thomas representing Labour. Unfortunately the Conservative candidate was not able to attend.

Members of the public, staff and students were present. There were a number of interesting questions asked, ranging from national issues regarding Brexit and the impact on the borders of Northern Ireland and attitudes to a second Scottish independence referendum to questions about local policing and retail.



In addition, we held a mock election on Election Day in early June. Students represented the four main political parties, created posters to promote their ideas and gave talks at the Year 7 and 8 assemblies to promote their party's policies. Voting took place in the New Memorial Dining Room at break time and lunchtime with the boys returning a Labour majority. ■

AUTHOR VISIT: IAN WHYBROW

MRS HALSEY, LIBRARIAN, RECALLS THE EVENTS

Award-winning author, former Head of English and Head of Sixth Form, Mr Ian Whybrow visited us in April. The Gordon Surtees Library hosted visiting pupils from Buckingham Prep, Quainton Hall, Roxeth Primary School and St George's Catholic Primary School, alongside our pupils.

The prolific writer of humorous stories, including the well known 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' series, delighted the audience with amusing accounts of the real-life events that inspired his stories, describing how much he enjoyed



being read to as a child, knowing that his parents were enjoying it too.

Mr Whybrow believes that the acid test of a good book is that there is something in it for everyone to enjoy and, consequently, writes with adults as well as children in mind.

To conclude his visit, he carried out a book signing, which was greeted with evident enthusiasm by the boys and our visitors. ■

DEBATING

By Aryan Agarwal, Year 7

Year 7 Debating is, in my opinion, one of the most intellectually challenging clubs. Debating in simple terms is formal argumentation. Each week we are given new motions by Teacher of English, Mr Iveson and we are then sent away and given a week to prepare for the debate using resources from the internet and newspapers.

But, for us debaters there was a rare end of term treat. Instead of debating against ourselves or going out for the Junior Debating League, we had visitors invited by Mr Peel!

Avanti House brought at least twelve debaters to face John Lyon's eight for a Year 7 and 8 parliamentary debate. The challenging motions were: 'This house believes celebrities who commit crimes should be given greater punishments than others' and 'This house would stop exploring space'.

Avanti House's debaters were very strong: three of their pairs made it through to the final round to face our best pair: Jack and Harsh. Three of the losing John Lyon pairs (who, to be fair, were novices) and one Avanti House team debated against each other. Yusuf and I won in this room.

In the winners' debate, Jack and Harsh had to face very fierce competition - especially from a pair of Avanti House girls - but did not crumble under the pressure and came out victorious.

John Lyon won but Avanti House had put up a very good fight. We look forward to many more such debates with local schools next year. ■



SPORTS DAY AND ATHLETICS

DIRECTOR OF SPORT, MR PARADISE REPORTS IN

The John Lyon School Sports Day in early July returned to Harrow School's Athletics Track for a day of inter-House competition. Old Lyonian, Mr. Doug Milsom presented the trophies following a day of endeavour and effort.

Impressive team performances at the Harrow Championships saw the Year 7 squad being crowned Borough Champions, with the Junior squad finishing third and the Colts narrowly missing out to Harrow School in second place. Tobi Ladipo became a double Borough Champion by winning both the Year 7 shot put and discus, whilst Oliver Castell impressed by winning the high jump. In total the School recorded 19 top three finishes at the Harrow Championships.

Both the Junior and Inter Boys' teams performed incredibly well at National Track and Field Cup to place sixth overall in the County stage of the competition whilst also recording

victories over Merchant Taylors' School. Kornel Jacyna ran incredibly well in the 80m hurdles (14.3 seconds) to top score for our Junior team, and was supported by fine performances by Kylron Pierre in the 100m (13.3s) and Cory Costigan in the javelin (22.25m) and 800m (2m.41.9s). The Inter Boys' team also witnessed a host of fine performances. Tom Ribeiro-Saliba and Folu Saka both showed their multi event strengths with Tom running close to the School record over 300m (41.1s) and throwing over 20m with the discus. ■

COUNTY CUP CHAMPIONS



MR PARKER, SENIOR TEACHER, REPORTS IN

The Under 15s XI played St Benedict's School in the Final of the Middlesex County Cup in early July. The team have been impressive from the start, the majority of runs were shared between Rohan Luthra, Dhanesh Jegatheesan and Rahul Patel, with five half centuries between them. Congratulations boys. ■

HEAD BOY'S CENTURY

JASH GANDHI BLASTS MAIDEN CENTURY AS 1ST XI TIE WITH ST BENEDICT'S.

Jash Gandhi made 105 off just 88 balls for the 1st XI as John Lyon played out a thrilling tie with St Benedict's School. There was excellent support from Abhay Hirani and Alex Mirzai-the second and third wicket partnerships were worth 90 and 105 respectively. Congratulations Jash, a fitting way to end your year as Head Boy. ■



TENNIS



Tennis has continued to grow in games lessons and we have seen a very healthy increase in the number of boys participating in the game. Next year, Tennis for Years 7 and 8 will be offered from the first week of Summer Term.

There has also been an increased number of boys attending after school practices, which has helped develop the competitive/representative teams and allowed boys to find appropriate match play.

Boys who have attended regular practices and have consistently worked hard to improve their game are Shae Pinkney-Blake, Vikram Midha and Taranvir Bansal.

Highlights for the season: Seniors Darshan Shah and Sebastian Langdon winning both their singles and doubles matches against Merchant Taylors' top pairing.

Strong team performances from the U13s against St John's against Merchant Taylors' School at U14s. ■

LYONIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

MRS MICHELLE GASCOINE TELLS US ABOUT HER FINAL EVENT AS ALUMNI RELATIONS MANAGER BEFORE HANDING OVER THE BATON TO MRS SUZANNAH CHIRNSIDE.

The 105th Old Lyonian Annual Dinner showcased the excellent facilities of the Lyonian Pavilion, the new home of the Old Lyonian Football Club.

The President, Mr Joe Kerridge, the Head, Miss Katherine Haynes and the Chairman of Governors, Mr Giles Goodfellow were joined by former teachers and Old Lyonians for a St George's Day Supper.

Old Lyonians and guests gathered in late afternoon sunshine, catching up with old friends.

Guests of the President included the Head Boy, Jash Gandhi, and his Deputies Atif Fazil, Mehul Gorasia, Jack McCabe and Tyler Stanley Owusu who have all supported the Lyonian Office at events throughout this academic year. Mr Adam Jones and Mr Adam Ling were recognised for their support of OL sporting activities, particularly Football and Cricket.

Old Lyonians no longer with us are remembered during a minute's silence. This year included the



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news of the death of Mr Michael Bogdanov (OL 1951-58), world renowned theatre director and founder of The English Shakespeare Company, as well as Mr Doug Snoad (OL 1942-48) a regular at the dinners, who sadly passed away just two days before this year's event.

Miss Haynes gave the Toast to the Association, including an update on School activities and Mr Kerridge gave the Response.

It has become a tradition to hold a table quiz, which always results in some taxing of the brain and a rousing rendition of "Forty Years On" rounded off the formal part of the evening leaving guests to catch up with friends.

The 106th Dinner will be held on Friday 27th April 2018. ■



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School Open Day
Saturday 23rd September
9.30am - 12.30pm

Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 11th October
5.30pm - 7.00pm

School Open Evening
Tuesday 15th May 2018
5pm - 7.00pm

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