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Amy Magee



Editorial

The greatest pleasure I derive from compiling the school magazine is looking back on the previous academic year and being amazed by the number and variety of events that have taken place as well as the many achievements of the pupils and staff. The school calendar, as vital as it is, merely contains a bland list of termly dates; in the weekly staff Common Room meetings teachers simply announce that they are going to run a trip or they report back briefly on an event. But, it is not until the full report and photographs are submitted to the *Herefordian* that we can all share in these marvelous experiences.

There are so many highlights: Cantabile's fantastic achievements, the superb art work from all year groups, overcoming the privations of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, sporting achievements and the many trips. If I had to give a prize it would be to Mr Taylor for his versification and the Movember Team for their successful fundraising. Dr Rhodes' Physics trip to CERN, which looked out-of-this-world, comes a close second with his unscientific use of 'stair rods' to describe the weather.

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks to Mrs Sue Connop for her considerable contribution to the *Herefordian* magazine over the years. Without fail, every year she has produced reports covering a variety of sports: netball, equestrian events, athletics, Hull Cup and Sports Day. Her writing is an editor's dream: lively and engaging and always peppered with smashed records and 'PBs'. Her record keeping is exemplary: a past pupil's name may appear in her reports many years after they have left as a current pupil breaks their previous record. When Mrs Connop eventually retires from teaching she may wish to take up a new career as a sports journalist!

Clare Adamson
Editor

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Headmaster's Address

Speech Day July 2014

Our President Mr Dean, Mr Maguire, Chairman, Governors, Ladies and Gentlemen, and pupils of Hereford Cathedral School.

We have enjoyed a hugely successful year, one in which we can all look back with a sense of pride and achievement. Last year, I quoted from the draft version of the *Good Schools Guide,* and the final version has now been published and is to be found on our new website. I trust you will agree, that the *Good Schools Guide* appears to capture the very essence of what we are, and what we seek to achieve as a caring, nurturing and forward thinking school. I also hope you feel that the website is a significant improvement on what existed before, and that it too captures something of the spirit of HCS. I am grateful to those parents who have provided useful feedback on the website, and work has already started on responding to your comments to make the site even more effective as a means of information and inspiration.

Talking of which, there was plenty of both 'information and inspiration' in the school's Inspection Report. The overall judgement of 'Outstanding' is not used for independent schools, but is instead replaced by the term 'Excellent', which as you will all know by now, was the grade that we achieved in every aspect of the inspection.

However, as 'excellent' as we may have been judged to be, that certainly does not mean we are 'perfect'.

Neither are we complacent, as there is always more that can be done!

Good schools excel, at what they do, in a consistent manner and their achievements do not happen by chance, but rather as the result of highly reflective, carefully planned strategies. I read recently that 'at its beating heart the excellent school is a place where people care more than others think wise, risk more than others think safe, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think is possible.' We are not perfect, but we seek to achieve 'excellence as a standard' and it is imperative therefore that there is an inner belief and commitment to realising excellence. I am blessed to work with a Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team that do have that inner belief and commitment and who do have high expectations. So, I should like to thank them for their support, for caring about this school and its pupils, and for being prepared to take risks and for indulging in dreams and aspirations.

I should like to thank the staff, both teaching and support, for all that they do in helping this school to provide not only an 'excellent' but an 'outstanding' all round education. Thanks too, to the Dean and Chapter, OH Trustees, OH Club and PTA for their work in supporting our school. Thank you,



Headmaster Paul Smith with Speech Day Guest of Honour John Maguire.

and farewell, to our Year 13, who include the School Monitors led by our two Deputy Heads of School, Alfie and Matt, and our Head of School, Serena.

I wish all those pupils leaving today the best of luck in their future careers and thank them for their contributions during their time at school. We shall miss them, and hope that they will keep in contact.

However, I wish to highlight five particular Upper Sixth students who have experienced a particular challenge over the last two years:

namely, studying for A levels in a language that is not their own. This year our 'pioneer' Chinese students, Kevin, May, Jason, Jane and Eric leave us. They have done remarkably well, integrated into our community, enriched it by their presence and been a great credit to themselves and their families. I am delighted that cousins of Kevin, and May's mother and relatives have come to be with us today, and in a departure from normal practice I should like Kevin, this year's Withers Elective winner, to come up and say a few words of welcome to our Chinese visitors.

[Kevin speaks in Chinese....]

Thank you Kevin, and unless he was ad-libbing or seeking his revenge on yours truly for suggesting he come up here, I believe he said:

On behalf of all at Hereford Cathedral School welcome to this Speech Day and thank you for supporting Chinese students studying at our school. For those of you visiting the United Kingdom we wish you a very pleasant stay and safe return journey to China.

We also say farewell to a number of staff and details of their time at HCS are included in the Speech Day programme. Of those mentioned, who are with us today, we say goodbye and good luck to Mr Pillai, Mrs Page, Miss Sage and Mrs Connop and thank you for all you have given to the School in your time with us.

I would like to personally thank Mr Tim Wheeler, our Head of Hereford Cathedral Junior School for all the support that he has given to me over the last six years. Tim joined us just in time to welcome an ISI inspection. It did not faze him, I think he has forgiven us, and he leaves safe in the knowledge that the Junior School has just received an excellent inspection report. One only has to compare the two reports, which mark his time with us, to know that he has achieved what all Heads want, which is to make a 'positive difference'. Our senior school cannot function effectively without the proactive support of a junior school head, and with Tim at the helm we have made huge inroads in taking our 'whole school' forwards. Thank you Tim for all you have done for the junior school and we wish you, Margaret, Jared and Jonas all the best as you take up the Headship of Stockport Grammar Junior School.

Looking back to this time last year, I mentioned that the future would bring a new school shop, and I am delighted that Clubsport has enabled us to achieve this goal in such a resounding fashion (pun intended!).

The new Nursery has also opened: bright, vibrant and wonderfully resourced,

it is proving to be a marvellous addition to our facilities and provides an excellent starting point for children embarking on an education at Hereford Cathedral School. Well done to all involved with its development, and particularly to Mr Wheeler, Mrs Lord and Mrs Windows who have helped the Governing Body realise a vision.

Our aspirations for the development of the Sports Pavillion have taken longer to realise than we would have hoped. However, we aim to start and complete the majority of the work over this summer holidays and, with fingers firmly crossed for no additional hold ups, we should have a refreshed and improved facility at Wyeside next term.

So, looking forwards, and putting to one side the more general challenges of curriculum reform, Mr Gove initiatives and the ill-informed commentary about social mobility, what are the priorities for HCS over the coming year? We are in a fortunate position to have received an Inspection report with no major recommendations. This means that our aims for future development can solely focus on those areas that the Senior Leadership Team and Governors judge will best equip the school to achieve excellence as a standard.

There will be a focus on sport over the coming year with a particular emphasis on continuity between the junior and senior sections of the school. The level and type of coaching in the earlier years of the senior school, together with improving our facilities and developing links such as that which has recently been established with the Worcester Warriors Rugby Club are all key areas for development. To assist in developing sport, the Senior Leadership team will seek to appoint an Assistant Head with a specific focus on sport across the whole school. In investing in sport, the Governors recognise the need to ensure that we are providing as broad a range of opportunities as possible as well as stretching and challenging pupils at all levels. We already provide excellent extra-curricular activities, but as I said earlier, this does not mean we cannot improve, or set our sights higher.

Music will continue to be at the heart of this school and I am delighted that through Mr Evans' outstanding leadership HCS has been awarded funding from Herefordshire Music services to continue its outreach work with state maintained schools. We will now be the sole provider of major musical works for young people across Herefordshire – good news for the school and good news for music in the county.

This coming year also sees the start of pupils from Whitecross School joining our CCF. We hope that fifteen pupils from Whitecross School will be able to take advantage of the expertise and resources that we have to offer. This represents the culmination of a partnership, which over the last year has seen four members of staff from Whitecross School attending CCF on Friday afternoons. As a result of this partnership our CCF will gain from increased staffing levels whilst Whitecross pupils will gain from an opportunity that is not readily available to them.

This Year Cantabile reached the finals of the BBC Songs of Praise 'Choir of the Year' Competition.

Our Junior and Senior Quiz teams reached the National finals, and there are other examples of how HCS is competing with the very best schools in the country at a national level. This is marvellous, however, I believe that we should also be looking beyond our own nation and considering how we can best prepare pupils for an increasingly globalised economy and work place. Pupils in today's Year 7 may be as likely, when they are twenty-five, to be dealing with people from Shanghai or Mumbai as they will from Worcester or Gloucester. The world is becoming easier to travel and countries more interconnected. Five of our girls are currently attending St Catherine's School in Sydney, and we look forward to welcoming five pupils from St Catherine's School next September. We already have well established links with Phillips Exeter Academy in America, and with other schools in Europe and Japan. It is our duty to equip our pupils with the skills and cultural experience to deal with the challenges and opportunities of a multi-cultural world. We have much to offer international students and they too, as we have seen earlier today, have much to offer us.

Following the success of the introduction of Chinese students to the sixth form, we will investigate the idea of broadening the range of countries from which we recruit international sixth form students. This will include exploring the options for opening an international boarding house: early days, and it may not be financially feasible, but I believe there is definitely the scope and educational rationale for further investigation.

So, exciting times, with possibilities to dream more than others think is possible!

In the meantime, I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable summer break.

Thank you.

Guest of Honour

Mr John Maguire, OH 1980-1987



John enjoyed a very busy school life: 1st XV rugby full colours, Head of Somerset House, Under Officer in the CCF, Chairman of the Venture Scout Unit, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, School Monitor, plus a few school plays (one a very pretentious adaptation of Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness) and the odd bit of study thrown in.

After school he gained a Short Service Limited Commission in the Royal Engineers, went to Sandhurst and served with the Royal Marines in Norway. John then started studying Economics at Portsmouth which he subsequently abandoned before travelling and then working for the French ski manufacturer Salomon for four winters in the Alps and Australia.

Back home, John volunteered at Radio Wyvern (now Heart), starting at the bottom. He vacuumed the carpets, wrote the daily quiz, and read the sports bulletins before being approached by Beacon FM in Wolverhampton.

Six months later, in 1994, John joined the BBC at Radio Cornwall, becoming News Editor and winning a Gold Radio Academy Award. In 1997 he moved into television news in Plymouth, winning a Royal Television Award, before moving to Bristol in 2002 where he achieved another RTS. In 2010 John moved into national news and he notes wryly that "the awards have dried up since!" TV news has taken him to Afghanistan, Oman, Egypt, Sierra Leone and South Africa.

John currently reports for BBC Breakfast, the One O'Clock News, the BBC News Channel, Radio 4 and Radio 5. If you're up early on weekends, you may see him surfing the sofa on BBC Breakfast on BBC One.

John is married and has two wonderful daughters - neither of whom wants to be a BBC TV reporter; according to John, they want "proper jobs".

Head of School

First of all, I would like to thank Mr Maguire for taking the time to return to us today and sharing with us his many memories and experiences.



Alfie Oliver-Davies, Lydia Stratford, Head of School Serena Linley-Adams, Sophie Edwards, Matthew Welch.

Mr Dean, my Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen and fellow pupils: I have had many conversations with friends and family about how to prepare this speech. My desperate pleas were answered by 'don't make it too boring' or 'make it as short as possible'. But the points most often raised were actually threats concerning overuse of the word OPPORTUNITY, and I understand that some parents here today have even placed bets on how many times I will mention it. However it is true, Hereford Cathedral School offers a plethora of opportunities.

When I first arrived here in year six of the junior school, I was an extremely shy, conscientious girl, with studying and doing well in my school work continually at the front of my mind. I can now say with complete confidence, while the latter two are hopefully still true, or at least were true until I finished my exams a couple of weeks ago, that HCS has helped me and many others come out of their shells. Pupils here develop well-rounded personalities and a confidence you can see all around you. There is no way that I would have been able to stand here today without shaking from head to toe talking to you all without the help of every single teacher, pupil and support staff. And there are a few in particular who I would like to thank.

As most of you know, I absolutely love my singing. It is a great passion of mine, one I will carry on for the rest of my life. It has been part of my daily routine here for seven years, and this pleasure has been down to the brilliant music teachers. At the end of one particular concert in the Cathedral earlier this year our Headmaster stood up to say a few words, and he went about it extremely well. In fact he congratulated himself on making the right appointment for Director of Music. And I am so glad that he did make that appointment. Mr Evans started here the same year as myself and has given me and my fellow pupils endless….here we go…OPPORTUNITIES, and I am so very grateful. My singing teacher Mrs Williamson most of you will know, or will have heard of. Yes, she can be an extremely scary person; she is hard working and highly driven, and I think a lot of her has rubbed off on me….maybe that's the reason I was chosen as Head of School in the first place. But I am eternally grateful to her too for the ….and again….OPPORTUNITIES she has given me and the many other young singers she teaches!

I know that my more athletic friends think exactly the same thing about the sports teachers.

However HCS doesn't merely provide what you would consider routine extra-curricular activities. It provides a huge range of activities that add another dimension to learning. Through the school I have met some inspirational people outside of the teaching staff who have influenced my outlook on life. For example the Cantilupe society was lucky enough to hear from Mr Ashley Green, a survivor of cancer found in the roof of his mouth, as he described his emotional journey. Those of us who went to the Hay Festival in Segovia attended a talk by an Israeli author who spoke about life in the military in the Middle East, and despite my ignorance of the goings on there, her passion for what she believed in really made me rethink my priorities. And who could forget the wonderful Mr Gareth Malone on BBC *Songs of Praise* this year? However

he's still not forgiven for our frustrating second place….Cantabile girls' choir will return stronger than before. These experiences, and others like going to Nepal and doing work experience with chronically ill people, have taught me something special: to never take life for granted and to stand up for what you believe in and not be afraid of saying so.

There are inspirational people within the pupil body too. My year group has been extremely lucky to welcome several Chinese students. They are miles from home and have had to deal with a completely different culture, yet they fit in perfectly here. I am delighted that one of them has been awarded the Withers Elective prize and this should be recognised as a huge achievement both for him and for the school.

Now there are countless others that I would love to thank: Mr Terry, Mr Blyth, Mr Stanley, Mrs Fortey, the Headmaster, the Governors and last but by no means least, my fellow monitors, heads of house and my two deputies, Matt and Alfie. They have been brilliant this year, and I know I would have gone mad without them! Having been a little sceptical at the beginning of the year about having to work alongside two boys, I quickly realised how wrong I had been. Being the same height, if not slightly taller than both of them helps. But honestly, they have been so supportive, so I thank them.

It is now my duty to hand over the baton to Lydia and her deputies Sophie and Will. It is generally a requirement of the job that the next head of school and deputies will still be studying at HCS during their year of duty. However, yesterday the Headmaster did not telephone Sophie *Edwards* from the lower sixth, but mistakenly called Sophie Hammond of the upper sixth to offer her the role instead. Of course Sophie Hammond actually leaves today and is, like me, off to study Medicine at University. Despite the Headmaster's obvious confusion about WHO the three new senior monitors are, I am sure that they will be a dream team, and will do their job extremely well! I look forward to hearing how HCS will go from strength to strength. Thank you.

Serena Linley-Adams

HCS Art

Serena Linley-Adams



Staff News

Moving on & Retirements

Mr Alcock

Mr Ryan Alcock joined the School as a rowing coach in September 2012 and this last year has been Head Coach. He came to us as an experienced rower, with various medals to his name, and an experienced coach of both school and university crews. He has worked hard at ensuring our rowers have competed in a comprehensive range of Heads and Regattas. We wish him well as he embarks on a further degree at Oxford Brookes University.

Mrs Connop



Mrs Suzanne Connop has been at HCS since 1984 and in that time she has been a Geography teacher, Games teacher, Games coach and parent of two HCS pupils: Mark and Sarah. She was appointed as a part-time Geography teacher, but her expertise in a wide range of sport did not go unnoticed, (Mrs Connop represented Welsh Universities in 800m, 3000m, cross country and horse riding), and she was soon deployed supporting girls' games. Her proficiency and talent have extended beyond HCS and she has been a key player in the organisation of sport throughout Herefordshire County and District. Key responsibilities for HCS have included: organiser of Netball, Cross Country and Athletics fixtures; the running of U15, U16, and Second VII Netball teams; and the running of boys' and girls' teams for both Athletics and Cross Country. More recently, Mrs Connop has overseen the School successfully competing in various equestrian events. Mrs Connop also organised major school sporting events such as the Hull Cup and Sports Day and her boundless energy is evident as she literally runs from one event to the next. That she has managed to do all this for Hereford Cathedral School whilst also being Head of Geography at Lucton School is truly remarkable. We thank Mrs Connop for her dedicated service to the School and wish her all the best as she leaves us to take up a larger teaching commitment at Lucton School.

Mr Griffith



Mr Jim Griffith was initially appointed as a part-time teacher of Mathematics on a one year contract in September 2012. He came to us having recently retired following a highly successful career as Head of Mathematics and Advanced Skills Teacher at the Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School. Although only teaching a few lessons a week we have valued his support and hard work and wish him well in his retirement.

Mr Jones



Mr Paul Jones joined the School as ICT Technician in 2004 and has given sterling support to numerous staff over the years. His patient and amiable nature meant that he was well qualified to deal with the frustrations and 'silly' questions of those less au fait with the technicalities of networks, computers and software! He has tremendous rapport with pupils and has a reputation for being firm but fair.

We wish him well in his new role as Head of ICT at Crosfields School in Reading.

Mr Moon



Mr Norman Moon was employed as Director of Finance and Resources from September 2011 until December 2013. Mr Moon was a hardworking, conscientious, and valued member of the Senior Leadership Team. During his relatively short time with us he introduced an apprenticeship scheme, new arrangements for school travel and perhaps most significantly he helped the School successfully acquire new facilities for our Nursery.

Mrs Page



Mrs Frances Page (née Sweetman), was appointed to the School in 2008 as a newly qualified teacher of Spanish and French. She has been an enthusiastic, professional and highly motivated teacher as well as being a popular form tutor. Mrs Page has helped out with school exchanges and various trips and activities, including a successful cultural exchange with Seikyo Guayen School in Japan.

Mrs Page leaves to be Head of Spanish at Caldicot School.

Mr Pillai



Mr Krishnan Pillai joined the Physics Department in September 2013 on a one year contract. He came to us from Dean Close School and quickly settled in, charming us with his winning smile and delicious curries. Mr Pillai has willingly supported the extra-curricular life of the School and been supportive as a Form Tutor. We thank him and wish him all the best as he takes up a Physics post at Rossall School.

Mrs Roberts



Mrs Elinor Roberts joined the School in 1998 as IT Technician and retired as ICT Systems Manager in May this year. In the rapidly changing world of ICT, Mrs Roberts has ensured that the school has kept pace with new developments. However, Mrs Roberts' contribution to the School has not been restricted to ICT, and we are grateful to her for her support of Scouts, Duke of Edinburgh Award and various other trips and activities.

Miss Sage



Miss Emma Sage joined the School in 1999 as a newly qualified teacher. She has taught Latin, Classical Civilisation, Greek and some RS. As Head of Department (2010), she has done an outstanding job in maintaining high academic standards. She has run the Junior Classics Society, has supported the production of numerous Classics plays and organised a wide variety of Classics trips in the UK and abroad. Miss Sage has been a tutor and has been an active contributor to extra-curricular activities including Netball, section leader of the RAF and supporting numerous Art and Ski trips.

Miss Sage is moving on to take up a post at Blundell's School.

Ms Thorogood

Ms Sue Thorogood has been associated with the School since 2005 and has provided confidential advice and counselling support for many pupils, parents and staff. Always discreet and completely professional, Ms Thorogood has exercised her responsibilities and care with great sensitivity and wisdom.

We wish her well as she moves to Hereford Sixth Form College.

Mr Wheeler



Mr Tim Wheeler joined us in September 2008 as Head of Junior School. He came to us from Bilton Grange School where he was both Director of Studies and Head of Classics. He has also been an educational consultant and has experience of senior school teaching; he taught for ten years at Norwich School where he was Head of Sixth Form Studies and was also a Boarding Housemaster. Mr Wheeler is an all-round sportsman, a thespian, a true educationalist and a committed Christian.

We wish him well as Head of Stockport Grammar Junior School.

Staff News

New Staff



Mrs Di Boardman
School Receptionist



Mr Phil Hyde
Geography Department



Mrs Claire Jones
PA to the Director of Finance and Resources



Mr Rob Pizii
Director of Finance and Resources

Welcome

The following pupils joined the school in 2013-2014

Year 7

Akil ABADEN
Lucy AUSTIN
Ruby BARBER
Fleur BERRY-JONES
Alexander BLAKE
William CALDWELL MARTIN
William CATLEY
Lydia CLIFTON
Charles COCKBURN
Joshua COLLIN
Tristan COTTON
Michael D'AVANZO
Charley DALLOW
Harry DARWALL-SMITH
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Charlie MIFFLIN
Harvey NEWALL
James OAKLEY
Charlotte ORGEE
Felix PALIN
Daisy PHILLIPS
Gabriel PREECE
May PRICE
Mia PRICE
Haydn PRYCE
Georgia RAWLINGS
Charlotte REES
Harriet REESE
April RIVERS
James ROGERS
Holly SEWELL
Kinjell SINGH
James SMITH
Jonathan SNELL
Georgina SOCKETT
William SYKES
George TARPLEE
Jacques TEALE
James THOMAS
Luke TULACZ
Ciera WHEELER
Michal WISNIEWSKI

Year 8

Genevieve BUNCE
Charlotte CORNER
Sophie HUNT
Lucy ROBY-WELFORD
Charles TOBEY
Eva WEBB

Year 9

Patrick AMPHLETT
William AYLEN
Kalata BARRATT
Robert DISNEY
Rhydian DOWNING
Lucinda GARDINER
Pippa HIGGS
Katie JOHN
Rachel PRICE
Hugo TOPPIN

Year 10

Enya ASHLEY-MORGAN
Alex LYNCH
Bradley MARSHALL
Hope PUGH

Sixth Form

Millie ASHLEY-MORGAN
Helen DAVIES
Cian LYNCH
Zijing MENG
Molly PHILLIPS
Guozhen QIN
Elizabeth ROGERS
Eleanor SMITH
Thomas SNELL
Barnaby VAN STRAATEN
Shuyuan WANG
Huajie ZENG
Yihan ZHU

Organist's Report and Cathedral Choir



We began singing a year ago with nineteen boys on the books, but seven of these were probationers, so for some time, there were only twelve boys singing in the stalls.

Because of demographics, we had an empty Year 8, which meant that a heavy responsibility had to be shouldered throughout the year by our four Year 7 choristers, and I want to say at the outset that they rose to this challenge superbly.

This was just as well, because our first major event of last year was a BBC live broadcast of Choral Evensong at the end of only the second week of term, on Wednesday 18 September. This is a slot which few of my colleagues particularly wish to be offered, but I decided to take it on because I thought the choir could only benefit from the experience.

The music was Grieg's wonderful miniature Ave maris stella, Sumsion in G and Brahms' sublime *Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen* from the *Requiem*. Hitherto we had always sung this in English, How lovely are thy dwellings, but I thought this would be a good moment to make the conversion. The barn-storming organ voluntary was Peter Dyke's own arrangement of the finale of Dvořák's *New World Symphony,* so there was a European flavour to the service.

A few days later we had a foundation visit to Welsh Newton, where the church is possibly the smallest that the choir has ever sung in, and it was quite a squeeze to get everyone in. As usual our hosts were very appreciative of the choir's singing and we in turn were very appreciative of the fine tea that was laid on.

Just before half-term the microphones returned to the cathedral, this time for Radio 4's Sunday Worship. As well as a balance test the previous day, this necessitated the entire choir singing by not long after 7 am in order

to be fully warmed up for the red light at 8.10 am. The boys had to be there even earlier, filling the cathedral with glorious sounds at 6.45 am. Is this a record? The service was well received, as was the September broadcast, and I received a lot of complimentary letters, emails and texts about both of them, including, by sheer co-incidence, from two founder-members of the King's Singers.

After this service the choir was cooked a wonderful breakfast by the congregational catering committee and then we returned to sing the Eucharist half an hour later than usual.



Bells of Washington Cathedral

Only two days later we had our pre-tour concert and then on the Thursday before half-term we set off on our fifth US tour. This great experience took in Washington DC; Albany NY; West Hartford CT; and Sewanee and Nashville, both in Tennessee. Audiences were enthusiastic about our performances throughout the trip. Everyone will have had their own highlights, but among these were Evensong at Washington National Cathedral, and our visit to the British Ambassador's residence; our joint Evensong with the wonderful choir at All Saints Cathedral Albany who have been to sing here and who plan another visit next year; our Four Choirs Festival with a Halloween theme at West Hartford, and the wonderful campus at the University of the South in Sewanee where the fall colours were particularly fine.



British Ambassador's residence

On our return, after only a couple of days to get over jetlag, we were back into our normal routine and on Remembrance Day sang the traditional Requiem at the 10 am Eucharist, with the music of Duruflé which was very well known by then as we had taken it on tour with us.

Our Advent carol service was repeated once again at the Guards' Chapel in London, where the guest of honour was The Princess Royal, who stayed to chat to the choir for some minutes after the service. We also enjoyed a tour of Westminster Hall, courtesy of the Clerk to the House of Commons, former Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust chairman Sir Robert Rogers (now Lord Lisvane), who has been in the headlines more recently because of the row over the appointment of his successor.



The Princess Royal meets the choir

Next up was the Boy Bishop ceremony and this year the mitre was worn by Orlando Timmerman. After a well-deserved break after the end of term the choir returned for the Christmas services which demonstrated the remarkable resilience and stamina of the choir, particularly the boys, after a term like that.

Early on in the spring term we had our biennial performance of the *Christmas Oratorio*. Believe it our not, two of our senior boys went down with a bug the week before, but the rest of the boys, particularly the remaining two seniors, pulled together in a remarkable way.

In no time at all it was Ash Wednesday and time for the annual dusting down of the top Cs for Allegri's *Miserere*. You can often hear boys trying these out surreptitiously when they think no-one's listening, but truth to tell, a top C is rather hard to hide. This year the two intrepid high-wire artists were Harry Darwall-

Smith and William Mason and the equally demanding but less spectacular 2nd treble part was sung by Michael D'Avanzo and Jacques Teale. Well done to all of them.

Later on in Lent at a Sunday morning Eucharist, all ex-choristers still at HCS were invited to join with the cathedral choir for the first time, in order to perform the Mass by Widor (he of the famous Toccata for organ). This piece is scored for two choirs, one of which is a standard four-part choir, which was the cathedral choir, and the other is for a chorus of baritones, which was the ex-choristers. It was originally written to be sung by a large group of seminarians (men training for the priesthood) who attended the church in Paris (St Sulpice, which features in the film *The Da Vinci Code*) where Widor was organist for much of his life. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces back in the stalls, and the sound of the combined forces was spectacular. We hope to make this an annual event.

This year it was the turn of St John for our Holy Week Passion and it was marvellous to see all of our probationers taking an active part in the several short chunks of this which the boys now sing from memory. The dramatic gain from doing this is extraordinary as well.

After the drama of the Holy Week and Easter services the choir had a well-earned break before returning for an extremely hard-working summer term. This included our annual orchestral eucharist, with a performance of Haydn's *Theresienmesse*, and a larger than usual list of music to learn for the Three Choirs Festival. This included the rather complex responses by Howells which we had never sung before. The day we were doing them for the first time at Matins, I was greeted at the door to No 12 by a distinguished-looking gentleman with a beard whom I thought I recognised. He shook my hand and said, 'Hello, Andrew Davis'. This was Sir Andrew Davis, the world-famous conductor, who as it happens owns a house in Hereford. He caused the colour of my face to go several shades paler when he said he was looking forward to coming to Matins. As well as being a world-famous conductor he began his musical career as organ scholar at King's College Cambridge under Sir David Willcocks so he knows a few things about church music as well as opera. Anyway, I didn't see him afterwards but I'm told he was quite complimentary as he left. He will be conducting one of the major concerts at the next Three Choirs Festival in Hereford.

Sadly the choir cricket match fell victim once again to poor weather, but rain wasn't allowed to get in the way of the choristers' annual outing, which this year was to Alton Towers. A good time was had by all, even if I can't claim to have been as ambitious in my choice of rides as some of those in my charge.

The top eight choristers had a hard-working but rewarding week at the Three Choirs, where as well as all the service music which I referred to earlier, including a live Radio 3 broadcast, they took part in the course of six days in performances of Britten's War Requiem, Bach's Mass in B minor and the world premiere of an extraordinarily complex piece by the German composer Torsten Rasch. This is surely the only place in the world where anyone could have this experience, let alone under the age of thirteen. Remarkable.

And so to this September, where it seems the reward, as they say, for a job well done is another job, because this time we were offered a broadcast at the end of the first week of term, not even the second.



New probationers

Last year we welcomed eight probationers to the choir, which I think must be something of a record:

Jim Ameghino, Jack Cadwallader, Brinsley Morrison, Ioan O'Reilly, Alexander Poë, Finlay Russell, Benjamin Seekings-Jenkinson, Monty Williams.

We said goodbye to Sidney Hughes, and also to Mr Tim Symons who retired as alto can lay clerk after 16 years.

Once again we had an excellent group of scholars: Jonny Allsopp was our organ scholar and the three choral scholars were Thomas Jordan, Charles McGlone and Gareth Thomas. We were very sorry to see them go but we welcomed in their place William Fox and Philip Morton who have settled in well.

Last September we also welcomed our new tenor can lay clerk Mr Simon Harper and this September, Mr Symons' replacement Mr Michael Ash. Mr Ash was one of our first choral scholars back in 2010 and it's thus a particular pleasure to welcome him back and a great vindication of our scheme.

Thanks as always to my colleagues, the lay clerks, our wonderful assistant director of music Peter Dyke, and our Chapter who pay the bills and make their appreciation so obvious, and also the heads, directors of music, music staff of both schools, and Matthew Gacek, our chorister tutor.

Lastly I salute the boys for their hard work. It's been a challenging year in many ways, but so much has been achieved.

Geraint Bowen
Organist & Director of Music

Music

Cantabile

Hereford Cathedral School's successful girls' choir, Cantabile have had an incredibly busy performance schedule.

There have been many highlights this year. In the autumn term, the girls sang elements of Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* at the wonderful Britten Centenary Concert held at Hereford Cathedral in November and rounded off their Christmas season beautifully singing the *Hodie* and John Rutter's *Angel's Choir* at the school Carol Service.

The spring term started with great excitement with a visit by a BBC camera crew who came to interview them as semi-finalists in the 2014 Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year competition. Cantabile was one of six school choirs at Birmingham Symphony Hall singing for a place in the final competition. They delighted the judges with *Ex Ore Innocentium*, written by Bishop W W How and composed by John Ireland and secured their place in the final along with Rochester and Highgate schools. Comments from the judges about Cantabile's performance included 'The epitome of beauty ..' (Laura Mvula), 'its my sort of thing …' (Gareth Malone), and 'as an expression of faith … you also managed to bring a dimension to it



that was very special' (Suzi Digby). They didn't win but they were delighted to receive the beautiful runners-up trophy in the final of this hard-fought choral battle which was broadcast in May. The judges said that the girls were 'a wonderful group of young singers' and displayed 'technical brilliance and magical moments'.

In the summer term, the choir was busy again preparing for the 2014 Llangollen International Eisteddfod. Their hard work was almost scuppered by a contagion of summer colds which left Jess Price, the lead soloist in *I got a Robe*, taking a hit for the team and withdrawing from her vocal solo competition to save her voice for the choir entries. The other two soloists were Rachel Roper in *O Waly Waly* and Charlotte Pawley in *A Bunch of Thyme*.

Although no choir to date has won three years in a row, Cantabile gave it their all and despite the strength of the competition won third place in the Children's Folk Choir. They gained the third highest mark across the three Children's choir classes for their renditions of *A Bunch of Thyme* and *Bobby Shaftoe*.



Cantabile at the Eisteddfod



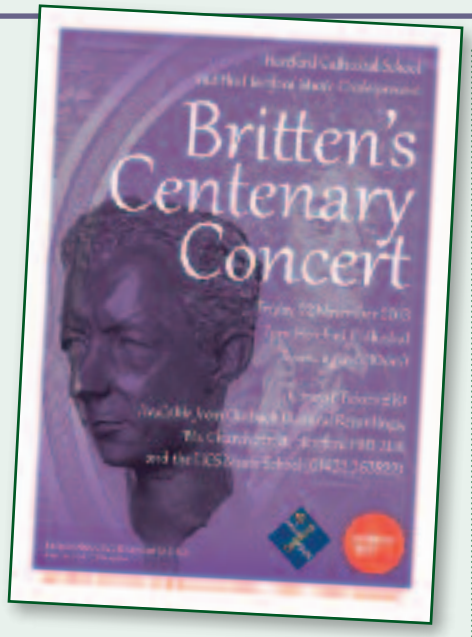
BBC crew interviewing Cantabile

HCS Singers

This has been a promising year for HCS singers which has been full of talented enthusiastic singers.

Our range of concerts started with a moving service of remembrance where HCS Singers sang *When you needed a neighbour* by Sydney Carter and arranged by Nicholas Burt. We were joined in the service by Chamber Choir, Chapel Choir, Cantabile, HCJS Choir, the Herefordshire Singing Club and various schools from around Herefordshire. Our next concert was on Friday the 22nd of November in which we celebrated Benjamin Britten in the Britten Centenary Concert. We were joined by the Herefordshire Singing Club and a group of talented musicians from HCS to sing Psalm 150. We also sang two of our own pieces – Britten's *Old Abram Brown*, a fun four-part cannon and a mysterious piece called Corpus Christi Carol which included the memorable refrain '*Lully, lulla, lullay, lullay, the falcon hath borne my make away*'.

Then with little time to prepare a new piece for the carol service, we



repeated our *Corpus Christi Carol*. Next it was our first competition in the Herefordshire Festival in which we sang *The Rose* by Amanda McBroom and *Double Trouble* from *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* by John Williams and arranged by Teena Chinn. *The Rose* began with solos from Jasper Linley–Adams, Imogen Miller, Sebastian Dixon and Joanna McKay. We came joint second (despite being the youngest choir there by far) with a very respectable 86/100 (commended). We followed it up with a brilliant performance of *The Rose* in school Chapel which was appreciated greatly.

Our final concert was evensong on Wednesday 9 July. We sang responses, Psalm 48 from the Hereford Cathedral Psalter, *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* in C minor both by Dyson and *Lead me Lord* from Wesley with solos from Jasper Linley–Adams and Sebastian Dixon.

It was great to see the group develop during the course of the year and to become better singers for the following years. For the years to come HCS Singers will become 'Colla Voce' or 'With the Voice'. Despite the change in name the choir will still be training singers from Years 7 and 8. Mr Semple is hoping to add more rehearsals to the weekly schedule with the aim of learning more repertoire and perhaps making a recording next year. There will be an opportunity to improve pupils' general music skills in the RCSMs 'Voice for Life' training scheme.

After my first year in HCS singers, I'm sure that next year, along with me, many other members will surely be involved in this vastly improving choir.

Jasper Linley–Adams 7S

Chamber Choir

Senior Chamber Choir has been very busy this year. The autumn term started with a concert in Westhide, a small village outside Hereford.

It was received well by the enthusiastic, if rather small, audience. The next concert in the busy schedule was at the cathedral, commemorating the centenary of the birth of Benjamin Britten. For this we had learnt the challenging *Hymn to St Cecilia*, a five-part work written by Britten in 1942. We also performed Howells' *Take him earth for cherishing*, another difficult work. During the rest of the year we performed at Kingsland, sang in a remembrance concert in the cathedral and sang evensong at Oriel College, Oxford.



Senior Chamber Choir

A highlight of the year for many of us was a joint charity concert with the local military wives choir, performing works such as *Sing* by Garry Barlow and *Old Father Thames*.

This year we welcomed Harry Brookes-Owen, Maurits Hasslebach, Emily Prosser and Megan Jones. We say goodbye to Serena Lindley-Adams, Anthony Mansfield, Jess Price and Oli Layton, thanking them for the valuable contribution they have made to Chamber Choir over the years.

Matt McKay

Jazz Ensemble

At the beginning of the 2012 academic year, a gap was spotted in the school's already extensive list of existing musical opportunities. This gap was for a Jazz Ensemble.

The 'Jazz Ensemble,' led by Mr Frank O'Neil, is comprised of eleven members of the upper school, and performed in a range of concerts throughout the year, contributing something a bit different to the orchestral and chamber groups our school is arguably more well known for.

With the Jazz Ensemble playing many jazz favourites, such as *I Feel Good, A String of Pearls, Satin Doll* and *Take the A Train,* to name but a few, we performed at the Christmas, summer and autumn concerts, and additionally at the newly introduced 'bands concert.'

Opportunities to play our music out of school, working on some more gig-like events, began to arise, with the band most notably being asked to perform at Lyde Arundel for a charity ball in aid of the Little Princess Trust. Here, we were helped out by Theo Jobst, OH, who stepped in to play second alto at the gig. The event was great fun, and a really great experience for the ensemble, some of whom had not performed at a function before. Additionally, all of us were thrilled to be helping out at a charity event raising money toward a charity with so much significance to the pupils of HCS.

The Jazz Ensemble also played at Speech Day 2013, and this proved a great send off for Alicia and Sam, who left upper sixth at the end of the year.

This year, Jazz Ensemble have had many great opportunities to play at more concerts and gigs, with some smaller groups also doing gigs outside of school. All of this was made possible due to the repertoire built up in Jazz Ensemble, held on Wednesdays after games.



Jazz ensemble at Lyde

Over the last two years, the Jazz Ensemble have been lucky enough to be led by the highly passionate Mr Frank O'Neil, who's genuine love for jazz music propels the jazz band forward.

As a little side note to Mr O'Neil - thank you so much for the opportunities you've provided us with over the years. Although our concentration may sometimes have been slightly, well, lacking, and although the ensemble does seem to enjoy a chat in rehearsal a little much, we hope we've made you proud and that you've had as much fun as we have.

So who's who? The band originally consisted of five saxophones, with James Mileson on first alto, Alicia Davis on second alto, Sophie Hammond and Rae Williamson on tenor, and Ella Cockerton on baritone. Richard Penney played the trombone, alongside James Evans and Anthony Mansfield on the trumpet. Cameron Law later took the place of second trumpet. The rhythm section consisted of Jo Moore on the piano, Tom Williams on drums, and Sam Powell on the double-bass, who was succeeded by Charlotte Spreckley this year.

Ella Cockerton

HCS Art

Flora Harvey



Christian Porter



Flora Harvey



LEAVERS PLAY SEPTEMBER 2013

Good Morning Bill!

by P G WOODHOUSE



Cast: Megan Arch, Alicia Davies, Elira Nenadich, Sam Powell, Tom Price, Ben Tomlinson, Joe Viner.
Directed by Lucy Zammit

The Water Babies

by Willis Hall



Cast: **Joe Allard, Maria Carlos, Florrie Churchward, Felix Clive, Ella Cockerton, Geraint Dowling, Megan Ellis, Ollie Hunt, Jo Moore, Eliza Nenadich, Matt Owens, Charlotte Pawley, Richard Penny, Imo Rogers, Laura Snow, Fred Thomas, Rory Turnbull, Chris Vincent, Will Vincent, Clare Watson.**
Technical: **Louis Breen, Tom Mackie, Katherine Miller.**
Director: **Lucy Zammit**

Classics Drama

Down Under or ... Welcome to Hell

Another riotous take on Greek mythology; for 2014, the true story of Hades, god of the Underworld, with a touch of the Antipodean.

Based on a sparkling original script by the director (tireless genius, Katherine Miller, a veteran of many Classics productions), set to music masterminded by Orpheus himself (Jo Moore, aided by Rhian Evans and Catriona Turnbull), with costumes organised by the incomparable Ellie Glover, and technical wizardry performed by Dan Hingston, it couldn't help but be a success. Add to that a couple of drama students with a taste for parody, the guidance of the practically professional Lily Morris (OH) and Archie MacLeod (OH) and the inevitable cross dressing (taken to a new level by Will Vincent and Charles Prosser, not to mention pantomime queen Penny Vaughan as the hero Theseus, mourning his lost bottom) and we start to see something decidedly Aristophanic.

The whole compered by Rory Turnbull, as the legendary Terry Bird, rehearsed in about a fortnight and completely different for five unrivalled performances thanks to the improv talents of the cast:

Lucy Bennett, Matt Boulton, Maria Carlos, Felix Clive, Cameron Condon, Megan Ellis, Rhian Evans, Cressida Gethin, Alice Glover, Ellie Glover, Rebecca Hall, Lucie Kemp, Charlie Mifflin, James Mileson, Jo Moore, Joel Moore, Patrick Morgan-Jones, Matt Owen, Charlotte Pawley, Richard Penney, Ella Phillips, Caitlin Prie, Mia Price, Charles Prosser, April Rivers, Imo Rogers, Jess Sayce, Alice Spreckley, Fred Thomas, Catriona Turnbull, Rory Turnbull, Penny Vaughan, Chris Vincent, Will Vincent, Jared Wheeler.

Photography by Isaac Barber.
















DOWN UNDER
WELCOME TO
HELL

School News

Examination Results

In Sepember 2013 the school welcomed sixty pupils to Year 7 and an additional thirty-one pupils joined the school in other years. Our increasingly popular Sixth Form has expanded and we now have 155 students in Years 12 and 13, including eleven students from China.



A level results

Another set of outstanding A level results for HCS pupils this year has ensured that the majority our Sixth Form students have secured places at their first choice university.

This year, almost a quarter of all Hereford Cathedral School A level candidates achieved an A* or A grade in every exam that they took, with 54% of candidates achieving no grade less than a B. For the fourth year running no student failed an exam, and a fifth of all A level subjects offered by the school recorded no grade less than a B. The Art and Music Departments are delighted that this is the fifth year running that their students have achieved all A*-B grades.

The school witnessed an increase in the percentage of A* grades with 19% of all grades achieved being at this highest level. In total, 48% of all grades achieved were at the A*-A grade, and over 75% of all grades achieved were B grade or above.

The AS results were also excellent with 79% of all grades achieved being A-C grade and 45% of all exams taken were awarded the top A grade.

GCSE results

The GCSE results have also been excellent, with nearly a quarter of all candidates achieving either an A* or A grade in every subject that they studied.



Anna Sweetman, Helen Bennett, Maisy Spalding, Rachael Kennedy and Emma Parry-Jones

In total 22 out of the 93 Year 11 pupils achieved all A* or A grades. Almost a third of all Hereford Cathedral School results were at the top A* grade, with 59% of all grades being at A*/A. Over 80% of all grades achieved were above a B grade.

The school's GCSE results have remained excellent in 'traditionally academically challenging' subjects such as the Sciences, English and Latin. The Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Music Departments are delighted that this is the eighth year running that their students have achieved all A*-C grades.

EPQ

Four Year 13 students gave presentations of their successful Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) research projects to an attentive audience of fellow sixth formers and staff.

The EPQ is a voluntary extra assignment undertaken independently by Year 12 and 13 students. Students are required to do all their own research on any topic of their choice and then to write a final 5000-word essay on this subject. Alongside this they keep a log-book of the research process and give a spoken presentation to a non-specialist audience. Final submissions receive an AS level grade and are a valuable addition to university applications.



Rory Turnbull, Jacob Wooderson, Alfie Oliver-Davies and Anya Breen

Rory Turnbull spoke on "God, Faith and Suffering in the Book of Psalms", a subject on which he demonstrated an astonishing depth and breadth of knowledge. Literature and Art were used to examine what we, as individuals, should do to relieve suffering for all. Alfie Oliver-Davies explored the background and differences in Hip-Hop music, a genre, which, as he made clear in his talk "The Growth of Hip-Hop Music From 1974 to the Present Day", is often misrepresented in the media. Anya Breen's fascinating investigation looked in detail at attitudes towards, and media coverage of, life in North Korea. She also looked at suggested ideas regarding intervention. Finally, Jacob Wooderson's talk on his project about the legalization of drugs demonstrated an admirable depth of research and offered some intriguing new insights into the whole process of tackling this challenging topic.

British Biology Olympiad

Over 5,000 school pupils took part in the British Biology Olympiad, a national competition organised by the Institute of Biology.



The Olympiad challenges and stimulates students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents and aims to encourage them to continue their study beyond A-level. In offering a wider syllabus than A-level, it allows students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals, certificates and other prizes.

Seven of our pupils achieved either a medal or a certificate: 'Silver Medal' for Sophie, 'Highly Commended' for Chris, Chris and Amy and 'Commended' for Jess, Serena and Caitriona.

Biology challenge

Forty-seven Year 10 pupils took part in the Biology Challenge 2014, organised by the Society of Biology.



Thomas, Ryan, Jonathan, Joe and Izzy.

Questions cover topics covered in most general biology courses but the Biology Challenge rewards those pupils whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes and taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and who are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna.

Congratulations to Thomas Binnersley, Ryan Blackman-Hodges, Jonathan Sewell, Joe Papworth and Izzy Hughes who all achieved Gold medals.

Maths News

2013-14 has been a busy and successful year!

The departing Upper Sixth have more Further Maths A Levels than any other year group in history, Mr Priday has a new chair with four levers and a pump and Jonathan Sewell (10T) was invited to a Maths Summer School run by the UK Maths Trust (a first for an HCS pupil as far as we know).

Maths challenges littered the year and a total of 16 Gold, 47 Silver and 74 Bronze Certificates were awarded to our pupils. Six pupils were lucky enough to win participation in a more difficult test: the Kangaroo or Olympiad.

Sebastian Dixon – Junior Maths Olympiad

Oliver Edwards – Pink Kangaroo

Scott Fowler-Wright – Grey Kangaroo

Jonathan Sewell – Intermediate Maths Olympiad

Kevin Chang – Senior Kangaroo

Amy Zhu – Senior Kangaroo

The end of the year saw the launch of the HCS Maths Facebook page. Its aim is to raise awareness and interest in maths providing puzzles, links to maths articles and maths related humour – yes there is some! Please feel free to visit and even like the page and continue your lifelong relationship with maths.

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Bible Competition

Twelve Year 8 pupils entered the Schools Bible Competition, a national competition run by the Bible Society and open to all schools in the UK.



Pupils were given a choice of six stories of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels, and challenged to re-write them in a creative and informative way – as if they were first hand witnesses to the event.

Eleven of our pupils received 'Work of outstanding level' whilst one pupil, Lily, achieved fourth place and was invited to attend a special prize winners' event in London.

Debating Society

In taking time to look back over the events of the past year in the Debating Society, I realise that, once again, it has been an extremely busy year for the Society with many highlights which I hope to touch upon in this report.

More than ever, I am extremely grateful for the energetic contributions and commitment of many members of the Debating Society Committee, many of whom have now moved on to University. Whilst a great many students have helped organise Society events this year, it would be remiss not to mention several members of the Upper Sixth by name whose contribution has been exceptional. This includes Rory Turnbull (Chairman) who presided over debates with good humour and a quiet authority and whose commitment and enthusiasm for debating has been second to none, Alice Glover who was an excellent Publicity Officer and Jacob

Wooderson and Charles Prosser, both of whom represented the school most effectively in different debating competitions throughout the year.

Once again, the school enjoyed success in the County Public Speaking competition with our GCSE team of Anna Sweetman (Speaker), Primrose Brechtman (Chairman) and Matt Owen (Questioner) winning the English Speaking Union's Herefordshire branch final, hosted by the school. For this round of the competition, Anna had chosen the topic *'It is OK to kill one to save many'*. As County champions we then progressed through to Birmingham for the area final hosted by the Birmingham Institute, a fine setting for the competition. Whilst we did not progress through to the national finals, this was an extremely competitive round and we were delighted, nonetheless, that HCS were the County champions for the second year running.

As well as the usual internal and external debating fixtures, the Society very much enjoyed two new events this year. We accepted an invitation to speak at the Hay-on-Wye branch of the U3A in April at what proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable and very rewarding event for all concerned. We debated the motion *'This House would leave the EU'* with four speakers from school: Rory Turnbull, Anna Sweetman, Jacob Wooderson and Charles Prosser. Following a splendid floor debate, with the members of U3A contributing vigorously to the debate, the House voted to remain within the EU. Following the debate, members of the local U3A branch were fascinated to see past minute books of the Society, some of which we had taken along with us, including one dating back to the beginning of the last century! We all very much enjoyed our visit to Hay and were very grateful to Mr and Mrs Catley for arranging the invitation. Our visit to Hay was concluded with a well deserved ice cream!

The second event, which marked an addition to the Society calendar, was a show debate held for members of the Junior Debating Society from Whitecross School held in the Library. We very much enjoyed welcoming members of their Year 7 and 8 Debating Society which continues to build the Society's links with other schools. Once again, we concluded the event with some fine refreshments – with the HCS chocolate eclairs proving to be particularly popular, as ever!

In terms of competitive debating fixtures, Jacob Wooderson and Rory Turnbull represented the school most effectively in the 'Mace' competition, winning the first round of the competition hosted by HCS when we proposed the motion *'This House believes that football team supporters' clubs should lobby against the signing of players with a history of discriminatory or violent behaviour'*.

We then travelled over to Marling School in Stroud for our second round fixture. On what was one of the worst days of the year in terms of weather, we were extremely grateful to Mr Wooderson for driving us over to Stroud, through floods in South Herefordshire. With the storm closing in during the evening it was unfortunate that we had to leave straight after our debate to return to Hereford and therefore missed seeing other schools debating. We heard the following day that we had not reached the Western Area finals, much to our disappointment.

In terms of the Cambridge Union competition, Rory Turnbull and Charles Prosser represented the school during the first round hosted by RGS Worcester, where we debated the motion *'This House believes that the British Government should pay housewives and husbandsa salary'*. Unlike the Mace competition, the second debate of the Cambridge Union competition is completely unseen with competitors only given 15 minutes preparation time. As such it provides a considerable challenge for students! Whilst we did not progress beyond this round of the competition, I was extremely grateful to Charles and Rory for representing the school so well.

The final event of the year was the House Debating competition, with the Society welcoming back Mr Graham Finch to adjudicate. The Burgoyne Cup was won by Langford House who proposed the motion *'This House believes that space exploration is a waste of time'*. With this being one of the last House events before Sports Day, the result was eagerly awaited to see whether it would make a difference to the House score board!

Overall, my sincere thanks to many members of the Society (and also to their parents!) who have contributed so much to the Society over the past year. During this year we have been reminded of the rich heritage of the Society and the role which it has played in the life of HCS. Without the continued commitment and contributions of so many students this would not be possible. For those members of the Society who have now left HCS, we wish them well in the future and we look forward to many successful years of debating to come! *Verbis non gladiis!*

MRJ

Library

For pupils to meet an author is always a memorable event and this year the Library was very pleased to welcome two well known writers.



Kevin Crossley-Holland signs books for Year 7

Kevin Crossley-Holland has written many books which have been

translated worldwide and his popular Arthur trilogy is set at Stokesay Castle. Kevin is also President of the Schools Library Association and has a particular interest in encouraging young people to read.

We are fortunate that Karen Wallace lives locally and was able to drop in for a lunchtime session with our Book Club members, when she talked about how she finds inspiration for her stories. *"Karen Wallace is a very interesting and inspiring person. I really enjoyed having her at school and the fabulous lunch. I would definitely like to read most of her books and I would enjoy talking to her again."* Lydia.

As well as inviting authors into school, Book Club members attended the special day for schools at the Hay Festival. The pupils had a fascinating day listening to three different authors, and not even the relentless cold rain could dampen their spirits:

"I loved my visit to Hay!" - Akil
"A really fun experience" - Fleur
"It was epic" - April
"We must go next year!" - Eleanor

Book Club also participated alongside other Herefordshire schools in the annual Carnegie Book Day held at the Shire Hall. This annual gathering brings together book clubs from local schools to give presentations and vote on which book they think should win the Carnegie Prize for children's literature.



Book Club members at the Shire Hall

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year was celebrated in the Sixth Form Café with this superb Chinese Dragon cake made by Rhian Evans!



The Great HCS charity bake-off

On the 3rd July many students, staff and parents entered the great HCS charity bake off, tempted by the magnificent first prize of a Lakeland voucher.



Over ten entries were judged - all showing great talent, skill and in a few cases a lot of patience. The selection featured an edible monopoly board, a ladybird and a chocolate garden! It was difficult for the judging panel, comprised of Mr Jackson, Mr Priday, Mrs Ayers-Nelson, Cafeteria Sue and Will Taylor (organiser), to come up with the top three bakes. After lunch had been eaten, crowds gathered to witness the judging and also to watch Mr Jackson auction the top three cakes to staff. It was a close call but the top cakes were entered by Myfanwy Hywel, Kezia Roby-Welford and Harriet Matthews; so congratulations to them! The top 3 cakes were auctioned off for over £30.

Over £90 was raised for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. A big 'thank you' to all the judges, supporters and auctioneer. But the biggest 'thank you' for all those talented bakers who entered.

Will Taylor 11S

Sticks and Stones

Based on the story of Isabella Dix

The sun rises and she rises too,
head held high.
And she sees them all
as she sees herself.
Alone. Lost.
Misguided.
This is what she tells herself
when they pierce her with their
pernicious taunts.

She forgives them.
They didn't mean anything.
Empty words.

Then it begins to sweep over her
like a hurricane.
Swift storms and terrific torrents.
Cornered in the classroom
nowhere to run.
And like a scarlet flag for a pack of bulls
nowhere to hide.

Now she lets her hot tears
cleanse her, for she feels only
anger
that they chose her.

We see it everyday,
ignore it.
Sticks and stones, we say.
Then it is too late
and we say
what a tragic loss
and we blame society.
But we never change.

Her silence shrieks in their ears
but they
but we
ignore it
because nothing can be wrong
if she wears a smile.

On the last day she is deaf
to their barbed jeers.
She hears nothing.
And she feels nothing.
So she seeks solace in the blunt
pressure
of a knot around her throat.

The sun sets.
Darkness falls
as she falls.
A beautiful girl with a tortured mind.

by Sandi Chahal

Ode to Movember





Last winter, whilst sat by the Common Room fire,
Messrs Taylor and Wright shared a secret desire,
They wanted to grow a magnificent 'tache,
To raise, both awareness, but also some cash,
Men's health was the issue we all should remember
So let's all rejoice in the month of Movember!

The idea was announced in a Common Room meeting
"Sign up on the list; no goatees, that's cheating!"
Mr Blyth soon backed out, not keen on the strife,
Not scared of a 'tache, but afraid of the wife,
The next to duck out was young Mr Stanley,
"My twenty five hairs wouldn't make me look manly"



Rhodes, Jones and Pillai were all keen to sign
The Physics department! – a favourite of mine,
Others soon followed to join our great team,
James Petrie, the dish of the Leadership Team,
Windsor and Howell, Jackson and Priday,
The team sheet was almost full up by Friday

OHs, technicians and HCJS
Parents joined too, bringing with them finesse,
'Twas soon time to grow and indeed we grew scared,
What shape should we grow? I felt underprepared.
I hadn't imagined the strife or the trouble,
It's tough enough coping with two days of stubble





We came to school proud, sporting our bristles,
Coolly ignoring the gasps and wolf-whistles,
Lunchtime became a bit of a trial,
Leaving sweetcorn and mayo adorning one's smile,
Tempers were frayed, we were all really missing
The respect of our friends and our partners and kissing!

The itchy phase gone and the end was in sight,
Money came in, to enormous delight,
When all was amassed we had nearly three grand,
HCS sixth best school in the whole of the land.
Looking noble and scary, old fashioned and arty,
We ended the month with a well-deserved party.

With thanks to all who participated and donated: £2,758 raised.
Mike Taylor





School Trips

Mexico Trip

In the summer holiday, A level students took part in the Biology Department's ecology expedition to Mexico.



The first week of the trip involved students camping in the Calakmul Biosphere, the largest stretch of tropical forest outside of the Amazon, and undertaking ecology surveys with experienced research scientists. Students went out overnight catching bats in mist nets, before identifying and tagging them. A similar survey saw them chasing and catching the herpetofauna of the Yucatan Peninsula and recording their findings.

They also surveyed butterflies and birds and there was even some time for Jaguar tracking and watching monkey fights. The week was topped off with a visit to the impressive Calakmul Mayan ruins; a UNESCO world heritage site, which gave panoramic views of the rainforest as far as the eye could see.

The second week saw students travelling to the small coastal town of Xpu-Ha and undertaking their PADI diving referral courses and snorkelling in the tropical waters surrounding the Yucatan Peninsula. Students were also involved in the turtle monitoring and conservation programme, taking part in sunrise and sunset turtle walks to identify tracks and spot nests and also had the unique opportunity to release baby turtles into the sea.

Design Lectures

Following the success of the D&T department Design Conference a small group of Year 11 and 12 pupils attended lectures at the Institute of Education, University of London.

The lectures were given by a variety of designers including: Graham Potts - Design Junior at Seymourpowell; Ben Wilson – 3D Industrial designer and founder of Donky Bike; Pascal Anson – Artist and designer who runs his own design consultancy.

On the second day the group had a tour of London by bus and on foot taking in the sights of Whitehall, Westminster, Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge, after which we were invited to the design studios of the world leading global design and innovation company Seymourpowell for a private tour of the studios and workshops and meeting with the Designer Graham Potts. The students discussed his work and had the opportunity to see how D&T can be used in the real world. After this, we had a brief stop at London's Design Museum in Butler's Wharf, before catching the train home.

CJH

DT Trip to London

On Monday 11 November we caught the 6:40am train from Hereford to Paddington, London.

Once we had arrived at the station we dashed off to the University of London to attend a series of five Product Design lectures – there were some interesting ideas which included getting a crowd of almost a thousand teenagers to play with balloons. Each of the lecturers gave us a good insight into what they do for a living as well as giving us inspiration and ideas for our current D &T projects. After our lectures had finished we headed off to Planet Hollywood for an amazing evening meal.



Outside Buckingham Palace

The next morning, the eight of us hopped onto a tour bus where we got to see some of the special sights of London, including Buckingham Palace. After the tour we visited Seymourpowell, a product design company. We met up with Graham Potts who kindly gave us a tour around the Seymourpowell offices and manufacturing department, as well as taking time out of his lunch break to tell us in much more detail some of the things he had worked on. He also gave us key advice on the path we should take to become successful designers ourselves. The last visit before we left London was to the Design Museum which had an extraordinary display of how design has developed over time to the point that it is at today.



D&T group at Seymourpowell with Graham Potts

Many thanks to Mr.Howells for organising the trip. We are already looking forward to the next one!

Jake Kirby

French Exchange 2014

Over the past five years we have forged such strong friendships with the Lycée Napoléon in L'Aigle, Normandy that when their English teacher moved to a smaller Collège in nearby Moulins-la-Marche, she was anxious to take us with her.

Add to this our exchange with the Collège Molière, and the French Exchange 2014 took HCS pupils from years 8 to 11 to three different schools.

In March, however, they came to us first. Many had already met on social media as soon as they were paired up on paper and this helped to break the ice when the coach arrived on St Peter's Square. In no time at all *les Normands* had been whisked away to discover the delights and curiosities of life in an English family. Their week passed in the twinkling of an eye with trips to Raglan Castle, St Fagans, Big Pit, the Roman Legion Museum and Cardiff Castle as well as some time spent at school with their *corres*. One morning the younger classes joined up with Year 5 from the Junior School and they entertained each other with a variety of games and activities.

On the Wednesday HCS and *les Normands* all boarded the bus together for the return leg to France. HCS had been booked onto the ferry as foot passengers so we duly disembarked, leaving our suitcases on board the coach. This caused alarm and consternation among the Portsmouth ferry terminal security staff so we had to scramble back on board the bus, which suited us as it was by far easiest way to board the ferry. On arrival in Caen, the driver announced that, as he had reached the limit of his driving hours, we had to pick up another driver. By this time it was quite late and we were all looking forward to reaching our destination so imagine our consternation when the new driver had to have a lesson in how to drive the bus, before taking us the long way round to L'Aigle.

We were a little bleary eyed but cheerful when we all met again in the playground the following morning. There followed a day in lessons, our pupils astonished, as ever, by the long school day and by the warmth of our welcome as well as the curiosity of the French pupils. *'Madame'* asked one, *'est-ce que les Anglais peuvent rester jusqu'à la fin de l'année?'* ('can the English stay to the end of the year?')

We spent day two in Chartres. OCB is becoming well versed in coach parking facilities in several towns in the region, more so than some of the local *chauffeurs de car.* The medieval city is delightful, mostly pedestrianised, with stairways leading down cobbled streets between ancient houses, to the riverside. We spent a pleasant day exploring and making our way around the tile maze on the floor of the cathedral.

The Brits were wonderfully well entertained over le *weekend en famille,* with trips to Paris, Center Parcs, football, horse riding, family visits. Monday was spent in school and Tuesday, being market day in L'Aigle, finished, after a treasure hunt around the town, in front of the crêpes stall. After a picnic in the park we went to visit the Haras du Pin, the National Stud where the horses were admired from close up (or as far away as possible in some cases) and the day ended in a *soirée d'adieux,* a party laid on by the families at Molière.



French exchange in Hereford

We said our goodbyes on Wednesday morning and headed to *le Fromagerie de Livarot,* where the highlight was the *dégustation* of the cheeses made on the premises. Lunch was in Caen at a Bistro run by Bruno, our new Best Friend and, after a little shopping time, we went to Le Mémorial de Caen. This museum, dedicated to the events of WWII is fascinating, if harrowing at times, but vast so it was a weary group of travellers who went to wait for the overnight ferry at Caen Ouistreham. The decision was made to swap reclining seats for cabins with beds and this had quite a reviving effect.

Some left their hearts in France; some learnt valuable lessons; everyone brought back happy memories of kind hospitality and an adventure in a foreign language.

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Exchange students in HCS Library






Salon de Thé - Taverne




Le Café


Collège
André Collet
LOIRE

Spanish Trip

At 2am on Wednesday 2 July, thirty-nine pupils and four staff set off for the Costa Brava in Spain.

After a slightly delayed flight, we eventually arrived at the hotel in time for lunch. We settled in and then went to find the language school where we had three hours of Spanish lessons. We were all quite tired but the lessons were good and we learnt a lot of Spanish. We had time for a quick swim before our evening meal then it was an early night after our long day's travelling and lessons!

The next day we had three more hours of lessons then spent the afternoon in the beautiful city of Girona. Mr Petrie gave us a brief explanation of Spanish history and then we had some time to wander through the streets and do some souvenir shopping. Another swim before tea ended our afternoon and in the evening we went to the beach, played football and paddled in the sea.

On Friday we went to language lessons again in the morning and then we had a free afternoon which we spent on the beach and at the pool. In the evening we went to the bowling alley and played mini golf which was fun.



On Saturday we went to Barcelona for the day. First we went to the Sagrada Familia Cathedral started by the Spanish architect Gaudi. It is still being built over 100 years later. It was stunning and very different to Hereford Cathedral. We then had lunch in the park before heading to Camp Nou, home to Barcelona FC. We went on the tour of the stadium which included a museum on the history of the club. We could go and sit in the stands, visit the changing rooms and the press area before finally heading out of the tunnel and onto the edge of the pitch which was amazing. The whole day was a great experience. Saturday night was spent having a swim, packing and a last visit to the beach.



It was a fantastic trip which combined learning Spanish, some culture and also some fun at the pool and beach.

English Trip to Bath

Mrs Curry's English Lang-Lit trip to Bath in December struck lucky with the weather.

The day was blessed with dazzling sunshine in an azure sky and the unusually warm temperature was augmented by the balmy steam from the hot springs of the Roman Baths.

An English trip to the Roman Baths? Well yes, but whilst there is much to learn about the Roman inhabitants of Aquae Sullis from this award-winning museum, the Sixth Form students were more concerned with honing their listening skills and appraising the museum's audio-guides.

A children's audio-guide narrated by Michael Rosen features Roman characters and their stories.

Bryson at the Baths is a fascinating audio-guide for adults. Virtually a personal tour by Bill Bryson, his witty and incisive thoughts and observations on Roman life, history, and society add an extra dimension to the artifacts on display.

The students were very impressed by the museum, and after much listening and concentration there was some down-time allowing for a quick tour of the famous Bath Christmas Market.

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Margam Park

The Year 11 geography GCSE students went to Margam Park in South Wales to complete part of the GCSE controlled assessment.

When we arrived, we were split into two groups (there was a choice to study either Rivers or Tourism) and began work very promptly. On the first day, we went through what we would be doing over the course of the trip, and even managed to get out into the field to practice our data collection techniques, which was a welcome break from the long lessons.

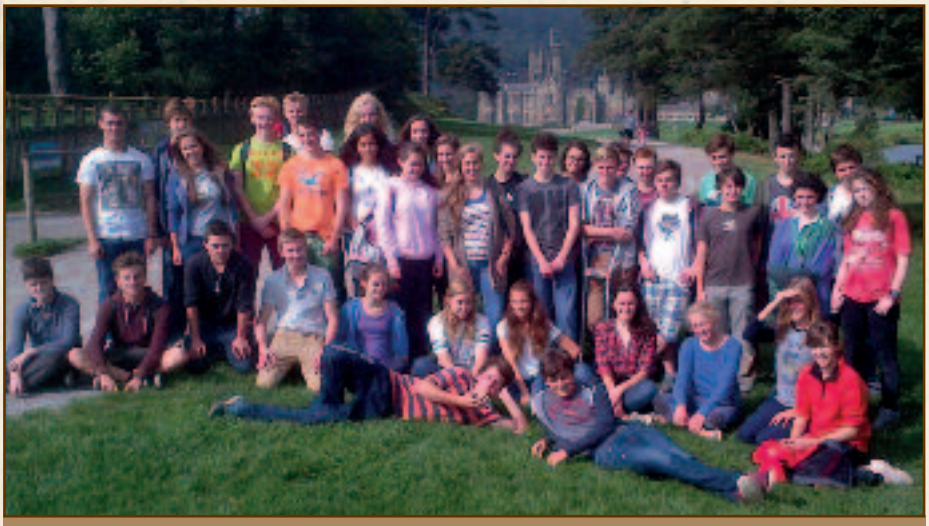
The highlight of the trip was definitely the second day. It was actually Mr Hyde's birthday, and by 10 o'clock none of us wanted to hear the song *Happy Birthday* ever again!

The day was very eventful. We were up bright and early, and the two groups set out on a coach to either Porthcawl or the River Ogmore. Luckily, between all the hard work, we did have plenty of time to have fun, and whilst the tourism group were eating fish, chips and ice cream on the beach, the rivers group were soaking each other in a water fight. Thankfully we weren't too cold, but we were grateful to get back in the warm and drink all the free hot chocolate and eat as much cake as we could.

On the last day we were very busy working on the data we had collected, so when we eventually left after a long day's work, we were happy that we'd had a productive and fun time.

Thank you to Mrs Floyd, Mrs Stevens, Mr Hyde and Mr Blyth for organising a successful and entertaining trip.

Anna Sweetman



Year 11 geographers at Margam Park





History Trip to Berlin and Krakow

***"Where are Tristan and Cameron?"* What a familiar cry this was.**

Luckily they were found and thus the History department's trip to Berlin and Krakow was still a great success. Twenty-eight students, from Years 11 to 13 joined Mr Wright, Mrs Bellis and Ms Zammit on a trip to Eastern Europe.

Visiting Krakow first we were treated to two rarities on a school trip in October: lovely weather and an upgraded hotel. Sorted. Krakow itself survived WWII intact and thus is a beautiful place to visit. The students were shown the castle and the university where Copernicus studied. The evening meal was enlivened by the arrival of Polish folk dancing and we all got up to join in (mostly after brave Mr Wright led the way…). It was a lively welcome to Poland.

The next day saw what many had come for on this trip: the visit to Auschwitz. Words cannot describe the feeling of dread when seeing the gas chamber in Auschwitz 1, or the feeling of despair when shown the huge bundle of hair that came from some of the last victims: this was real. Birkenau, the extermination camp down the road was even more harrowing. Huge and reasonably quiet, this was where the Jews and other victims of the Nazis were systematically exterminated: about one million people in total. Seeing the railway line and the infamous guard tower brought it home, as did the stories of what happened to those women who were pregnant or the twin children. We left chastened.

Berlin was busier and wetter. After a strange film on Saturday night (I think Harrison Ford should retire now), we visited several sites. Checkpoint Charlie was very well received and there was the buying of many hats here. As night drew in and the wind howled the Stasi Prison reminded us all that torture and death continued in Germany after the Communists took over. Further visits to the Olympic Stadium and the Jewish Museum capped a whistle-stop but interesting visit.

The trip was a great success and whether it was the bright lights of Krakow, the near brush with fame in Berlin (sorry girls, just missed Chris Hemsworth), or the thought-provoking visits to places of sadness such as Auschwitz and the prison, all who went came back with great memories.

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Visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau



Visit to the Olympic Stadium



HCS Art



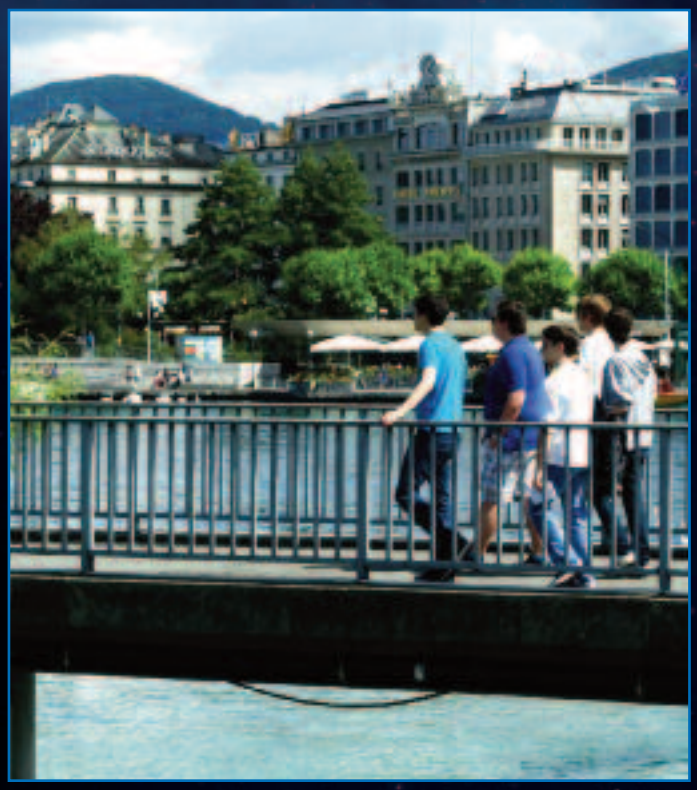
Trip to CERN

Twenty-two students from Years 11, 12 and 13 were taken to CERN in Geneva by Dr Jones, Dr Rhodes and Mrs Burdett.



DAY 1

The party departed from Hereford at 5am on Sunday 29 June. The outward journey from Gatwick went without a hitch and by lunchtime we were unpacking our bags in the Ibis hotel in Geneva. With the sun shining brightly overhead, we wasted no time and headed down into the city via ultra-efficient Swiss public transport. The students were spilt into four teams and given a series of questions about the city that they had to find answers to using a map and a set of directions.



The groups headed off eagerly; the promise of a prize of Swiss chocolate spurring them on as they visited one landmark after another: Rousseau Island, Cathedrale de St. Pierre *(below)*, Parc de Bastions....





We reconvened at the jetty leading to the famous Jet d'Eau (a 140m fountain on the edge of Lake Geneva) where several students received a refreshing drenching under the Jet (most of them voluntarily). Ironically, those of us who looked on smugly at the drenched few were soon to have the smiles wiped off our faces when the heavens opened whilst we crossed Lake Geneva by water taxi and found ourselves beneath black storm clouds issuing horizontal bolts of lightning and rain of the 'stair-rod' variety.

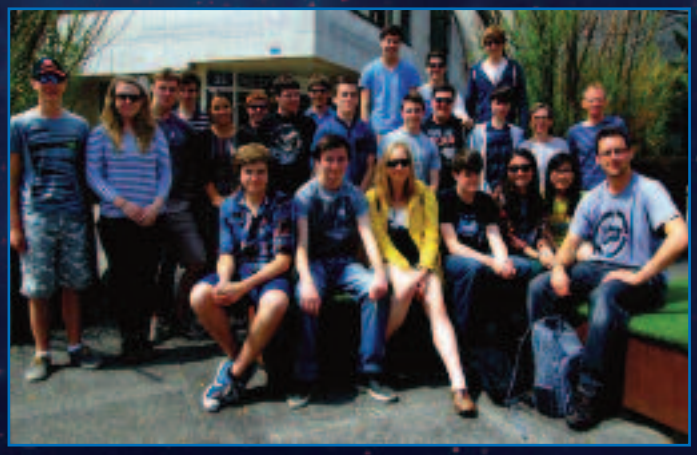




DAY 2



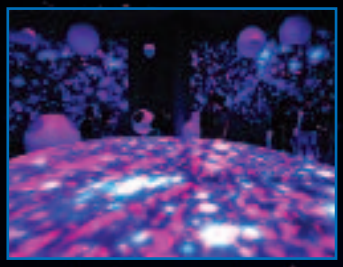
The big day! For Physicists a visit to CERN is something of a pilgrimage, second only to a ride on the International Space Station or being invited around to Brian Cox's house for a Star Wars party. We began our visit with a tour of the 'Microcosm' museum/exhibit and, of course, the ubiquitous tourist shop where one could purchase a Higgs-particle keyring for the price of a weekly shop in Waitrose (Switzerland was, we discovered, the most expensive place on Earth).





The second exhibit we visited was housed in an architectural wonder – a large brown wooden dome resembling a huge Ferrero Rocher.







Despite the 'old school' construction materials, however, its interior was filled with high-tech interactive, touch-sensitive information podules.

After being nourished mentally, we sought out physical nourishment in the CERN cafeteria where we sat amongst hundreds of theoretical physicists, engineers, and computer scientists from all over the world; our presence bringing the average IQ down to about 250. After lunch we were given a lecture about the general aims of work at CERN and taken by coach to LHCb – one of the detector arrays that lie on the circumference of the 27km Large Hadron Collider ring. The coach trip was useful in giving us a perspective on the scale of CERN and why it is by far and away the largest science experiment ever assembled.



We were given a talk about the LHCb detector and its work to study matter/antimatter symmetry violations. Obviously, we understood every word!





And then... we were given the chance to descend the 105 metres below the surface to the LHCb detector array itself. There was an intricate set of security barriers (controlled with retina scans!) to negotiate before we could enter the restricted zone. Once below the Earth we were shown the LHCb detectors as well as the now decommissioned DELPHI detector. The scale and sophistication of the operation were mind-blowing. Unbelievable facts were thrown at us every few seconds, such as: 11000 circuits of the 27km long tubes of the LHC are completed every second by the accelerated proton bunches. And another: a proton bunch in the LHC will have an energy equivalent to a person in a Landrover driving at over 1000mph!

Awe struck and with eyes wider than Stephen Hawking's tyres, we ascended and returned to our hotel via another immaculate Swiss tram. In the evening we ate an Italian meal together. With various degrees of enthusiasm we then all went to see the film 'Edge of Tomorrow' in 3D and in French! To be honest, I am not sure it would have helped to understand what was going on if we'd seen it in English, but it gave rise to some heated debate on the philosophy of time-travel paradoxes after leaving the cinema.

DAY 3





With our heads still full to the brim with the wonders we'd seen at CERN we set out into Geneva to visit the United Nations buildings. Dr Jones had organised a tour for us, but arriving on the early side, we were able to relax in the landscaped gardens of a nearby museum for a while and enjoy the sunshine until our allotted time-slot.

After passing through similar security measures to those found at an airport, we were taken on a tour of the UN and began to understand it's monumental scale and purpose. Any depletion in our awe-levels from the day before were soon topped up by the scale of the conference rooms, the member-state-donated-art and the historical significance of the treaties and declarations that had been signed there and the palpable effort that was ongoing to promote peace across the globe.

SJBR

HCS Art









Year 7 trips to Dinedor and Taste for Adventure




















Monitors' Training, Dinedor



Sport
Captains of Sport

Athletics
Captain: Laura Morris

Cricket
Boys' Captain: Ben Butler
Vice-Captain: Will Helme

Cross Country
Boys' Captain: Will Rogers
Girls' Captain: Ella Phillips

Equestrian Team
Captain: Katie Thomas

Football
Captain: Zak Kyriakou

Boys' Hockey
Boys' Captain: Daniel Nowosielski

Girls' Hockey
Girls' Captain: Cordelia Philpotts
Vice-Captain: Ella Phillips
U15 Captain: Sarah Lewis

Netball
Captain: Katie Thomas
Vice Captains: Florence Churchward
Flora Harvey

Rowing
Captain of Boats: Alice Spreckley
Boys' Captain: Tom Windows
Girls' Captain: Ella Cockerton

Rugby
Captain: Mitchell Henchoz
Vice-Captain: James Phillips

Tennis
Joint Captains: Alfie Oliver-Davies
Christian Porter

Girls' Sport Netball

1st VII

As the large number of names in the squad testifies, this was not the settled season in terms of players that I had anticipated!

Injury (Flora, twice, and Clare, twice) plus illness and other life events, meant that four key players missed a significant part of the season at different times. Early promise was not always easy to sustain, but we benefited both from Katie's calm and dedicated captaincy and her reliability on court – she never missed a match even when she was feeling less than 100%. She and Susanna provided an effective and, at times, formidable defence and continued to develop the success of their partnership throughout the season.

The centre court and attacking combinations changed regularly, though Florrie remained a much-needed constant, providing speed, accuracy and positivism at all times. I was lucky, too, that so many of the squad were able to play in different positions and credit must go to Ellie, who played in centre court, attack and defence, Gemma who frequently had to play WA, WD and C in the same match and Clare who also played GS, GA and C. Without this flexibility the first half of the season would have been very difficult indeed.

Once the U16 players could join us after the West Midlands Tournament, we had a few more options and it was good to see the younger players enjoying the challenge of 1st team play and revealing a great deal of promise, all of which bodes well for next year. They also had to accustom themselves to losing – not something they experienced often as an U16 side, but perhaps a mark of how formidable some of our first team opposition are!

Although it was another season with more losses than wins, it was good to turn the tables in our second encounter with Cheltenham Ladies' College and win 27-25, and the first outing with the U16s saw us lose only narrowly to Newcastle-Under-Lyme, 11-16. The match against Christ's College is always a tense affair, but we had a fairly comfortable win 20-13 with an exceptionally accurate and slick first quarter putting us six goals ahead. Our season usually concludes with King's Worcester, a daunting prospect, as their team has been exceptionally strong for the last two years. I will only say we were glad to lose slightly less badly than last year…

Despite the difficulties, the team managed to progress in terms of technical ability, fitness and tactical awareness. At their best, they were always in contention against high quality opposition, and perhaps just lacked the consistency necessary for that vital edge.

MRW

Results: Played 13, Won 4, Lost 9

Squad: *Katie Thomas (Captain), Florrie Churchward, Flora Harvey, Susanna Magowan, Ellie Lewis, Darcey Jones, Clare Watson, Gemma Laing, Lydia Stratford, Leah Smith, Masie Spalding, Georgia Symmonds, Emma George, Anna Sweetman, Ellen Oliver-Davies.*

1st VII v Old Herefordians

The annual game of netball between the school and the Old Herefordians took place in our sports hall on a cold December morning.

The Old Herefordians unfortunately had a few illnesses on the day and they were left two players short. Luckily for them, Miss Major was on hand to step in to GD and Alex Lovell (OH) had the opportunity to show off his previous netball experience as he stepped in to play WD.

A large crowd assembled to watch and the pressure of the occasion was evident as the score at quarter time was a close 3–2 to school. The school team settled in the second quarter and managed to pull away and lead 10 goals to 4 at half-time. Although the OHs worked well together in attack and benefited from the good shooting of Sarah Connop, Ellie Lewis and Flora Harvey, and the many interceptions made by Alex Lovell, the experience and team work of the school's 1st VII proved too much for the OH side and school sailed to a 30 goal to 10 victory.

S. Hopkins

2nd V11

The 2nd V11 netball team began the season as a Lower Sixth team.

With Leah Smith as their quiet, calm captain, they went from strength to strength. An early season trip to Monmouth Girls although successful with a 22-12 victory, showed that much work was needed to hone passing, balance and speed. As the season progressed, several changes were necessary, as first, Laura Morris sidelined herself with one of many injuries that inflicted her throughout the year; however, Meg Ellis often showed that she was more than capable of rising to the occasion, as was evident at Wrekin College. Then, we needed another shooter to complement Leah's many awesome shots; a slot admirably filled by Hanna Abraham whose decision making skills, space creation and sympathetic play with Leah proved to be a match winning combination, especially against RGS Worcester (27-14 win). In the centre court, Molly Collins grew in stature and confidence proving to be a reliable, effective centre court player whose gritty performance against King's Worcester ensured that attacking play was calm and focused.

Obviously not all matches are victorious: when losing 24-20 to Pate's and 25-15 to a strong Wrekin College team many lessons were learnt. Especially tenacity and the need to work hard to raise one's game by working outside the comfort zone, a facet Leah showed in the final quarter against Wrekin when suddenly, all shots went in and not surprisingly, we won that quarter. The season ended with several convincing wins against Wycliffe College (24-12), King's Gloucester (45-2) and King's Worcester (11-8), the result of hard work, improved skill levels, decision making and team work.

S. Hopkins

U16

Having decided to keep the U16 team together for the season, the opening 20-9 victory over Hereford Sixth Form College 2nd V11 was encouraging.

Quick, flowing play in the attacking third by Ellen Oliver Davies, Georgia Symons, Naomi Blower and Maisy Spalding with excellent defending by Anna Sweetman and Sophie Clarke in the opposition's shooting circle ensured that there was a substantial goal difference.

Then on Wednesday 11 September the U16s achieved more early season success by winning the U16 Bromsgrove invitation netball tournament. Despite the cool, wet conditions, the squad managed to maintain their form against strong, determined opposition. Consistent shooting, fast movement down the court and tight defending ensured that we were victorious against Wycliffe College 6-2, King's High, Warwick 4-2, Bromsgrove 6-2 and RGS Worcester 5-4, with a 6-6 draw against Bablake we secured enough points and goals to win. It was at this tournament that Olivia Wilde grew in stature and confidence and was able to use her valuable height to great effect in the shooting circle.

Having honed their skills with a 28-13 victory against Bishop's, a game in which versatility was the order of the day, the U16s went on to win the U16 Herefordshire County Netball Tournament and qualify for the West Midlands Regional Netball Tournament. This they did in style, cruising through their section with relative ease: defeating Earl Mortimer 8-1, Whitecross 6-0, Lucton 11-0 and Aylestone 13 – 0. A 14 -1 victory against Lady Hawkins, Kington, in the semi-final was followed by a 11-5 win over St Mary's in the final.

So, having qualified for the West Midlands Tournament, the team began to focus on developing their skills with extra shooting sessions and tough matches against older opposition, notably Bromsgrove 1st team. This was a challenge the U16s relished and in the first third, totally took the opposition by surprise. A couple of early goals and some brilliant interceptions by Anna kept the pressure on and at the end of the first third, we held them to a 5-5 draw. Eventually, despite our best efforts, we could not always prevent the six-foot shooter from gaining possession and although the girls learnt that continuous speed, endurance and those extra inches are invaluable, so is a fighting spirit.

The autumn term ended with a 27-27 draw against a tall Pate's Grammar School 2nd V11 and a 32-11 victory against Tenbury High School, where we took advantage of the opportunities for versatile development of players.

In January preparation for the West Midlands Tournament continued with a convincing 27–5 victory over RGS Worcester's 2nd V11, a rematch against Hereford Sixth form College with a wider goal margin, 21-8 and a 24-10 victory over Christ College. Here disaster struck for the much improved Olivia Wilde, whose knee crumpled when moving onto the ball, leaving her in an undignified heap on the floor and sadly unable to play in the West Midlands Tournament.

Saturday, 25 January, an early start, 6.45 am and a trek to Telford where, despite the thunder, lightning and odd hail storm the U16s acquitted themselves well. Unfortunately, nerves took over in the first game and we were lucky to escape with a 3-3 draw against King Edward's Camp Hill. A motivating talk by captain Maisy Spalding lifted spirits and morale. Nail biting 7-6 victories over Blessed Edward and King Edward's Lichfield were followed by an easier 8-1 victory over Wrekin College. Interspersed were defeats to King Henry V111 Warwick (11-5) and Streetly (5-1) who went on to win the tournament and qualify for the English Schools Championships. Both teams were taller, faster and used more options; however, HCS U16s could leave holding their heads high, having learnt a lot on the journey. The entire squad had become more versatile, all players had worked as hard as was possible, developing a better understanding of the game. So, to Maisy, Georgia, Ellen, Naomi, Eliza, Emma, Anna, Sophie and Olivia, thank you for being a wonderful squad to coach, always so accommodating, willing to listen and most importantly work as a team, which is the most critical ingredient for success.

SC

U15

Having successfully managed to negotiate the season undefeated, I think it is fair to say, that eventually, both the players and coach achieved their ultimate objectives.

For the team, the aim was to retain their unbeaten (in inter-school matches) record, a feat they managed in style. For me, the coach, improving individual skills, versatility and understanding of the game was the main objective. If the squad were to move forward, they needed innovative, thinking play to complement speed, agility and skill. Eventually, they achieved this, but not without a lot of hard work, especially with those passing skills, which, at the beginning of the season looked in need of much refinement.

So, as the spring term commenced, and with only a couple of easy local matches in the autumn term, stern tests were waiting. First to RGS Worcester, where in the absence of Phoebe, Annabel Gorst showed great resolve and improvement in the shooting circle, helping the team to a healthy 21-9 victory. Excellent defending from Caroline Lewis and Mhairi McGill and improved movement and shooting from Poppy Smith eased us to a 22-11 victory against Pate's Grammar School. Next, a trip to Bromsgrove, always a tough encounter, was creating tension and nerves. The girls excelled in every area of the court. Cristina, Hannah, Sarah and Io were slick and dominant in the centre court; the shooters used space and height effectively, whilst Mhairi and Caroline stopped the strong goal attack from playing her game, causing melt down in the opposition's attack and a magnificent 26-13 victory. Equally impressive was the 39-13 victory against Wrekin College, where the attacking combination of Sarah, Hannah, Poppy and Phoebe was impressive in their use of space and quality of feeds. There were though, as is to be expected, some tricky encounters, especially against Christ College where we saw a safe lead fritter away due to a plethora of mistakes and had to work hard for a 16-13 victory. Cheltenham Ladies' College proved equally difficult as for some reason we were playing with our feet stuck in treacle and just clinched a 15-14 victory. A trip to Wycliffe College, the final match of the season got the nerves jangling. They proved to be a quick, well-organised team, capable of pushing us to the limit, so it took all of Cristina's guile and strength as a centre court/defensive player to exert pressure, force the errors and play some canny passes into the attacking circle. The girls also learnt another valuable lesson at this match, to trust the team that the coach has picked as Jess and Naomi played with confidence and skill. Finally, the U15 County Netball Tournament, which was played just before the February half term and where the girls played superbly scoring a total of 80 goals whilst conceding only 7. They were quite simply the most focused, organised team of the day, equally strong in every area of the game, eventually winning the final with an 18-2 victory over St Mary's. This is when you realise it is an immense privilege to coach such a motivated squad of players!

SC

U14

The U14s were a fantastic group of girls and a pleasure to coach, always receptive to advice and willing to learn.

Where we lacked in experience and height we made up for in determination and working as a team. Probably the nicest group of girls I have had to coach: so polite and playing every game with great sportsmanship and enjoying it regardless of the outcome. I was delighted with their progress, all-improving in every aspect of their game.

Both the A and the B teams were county champions, winning their tournaments comfortably. We had a lot of versatility in the squads and a number of the girls could play for both teams.

Congratulations to Harriet Williams and Georgia Hunt on being selected for the county.

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U14 County Netball winners

U13

This was a successful season for the U13 netball squad.

The U13 A team had some excellent games and convincing wins against teams such as RGS Worcester 22–5, Pate's 20–6, Llandaff 16–2, Christ College 17-4 and Wrekin 22–8. They lost to Cheltenham Ladies' College in a close game 8-12 but went on to beat them 2-0 at a tournament later in the season reflecting the girls' progress. One of the season highlights was winning the U13 County Tournament beating St Richard's 8-5 in a tough semi-final, and Wigmore 6-0 in the final.



HCS U13 Netball County Tournament Winners

The team: *Olivia Hyde, Fran Milne, Rachel Newton, Alina Allison, Lily Matheson, Holly Dales, Iona Baring and Anna Ray.*

The U13 B team were victorious against RGS Worcester and Llandaff.

They were also runners-up in the U13 B Team Tournament –a credit to the good team spirit and consistent shooting by Eloise Lowson.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this season and wish the girls good luck for next year. Well done to everybody who played.

P Blandford

U12

The U12 A netball team have had a good season, winning seven and losing four games.

As well as beating the local schools they had notable wins over Christ College Brecon, Llandaff Cathedral and Cheltenham Ladies' College. The player of the season award – voted for by the opposition – went to Ciera Wheeler: a well-deserved achievement for all of her hard work in defence and for the improvement she made throughout the season.

In the group stages of the Herefordshire U12 County Netball tournament, the girls played extremely well and did not concede any goals. They beat John Masefield 9-0, Bishops 4–0, Whitecross 7–0 and Lady Hawkins 10–0. It was a tough match in the semi-finals against St Richard's, where HCS won 8–7 to progress to the final against The Elms. This was a well fought game and, could have gone either way but unfortunately we lost 6–5. An excellent performance by all!

Team: *Flora Glass (Captain), Lucy Austin, Lottie Rees, Harriet Reese, Ciera Wheeler, Mia Price, Ishbel MacDonald and Rowan John.*

The U12 B team have had an excellent season winning all of their games, beating schools such as Pate's, RGS Worcester, Llandaff and Cheltenham Ladies' College.

The player of the season award – voted for by the opposition – went to Charlie Mifflin. An excellent achievement and thoroughly deserved for her determination and consistent shooting, well done!

Participating in the Herefordshire U12 B Netball County Tournament, the girls played extremely well and conceded only two goals all tournament. They beat Lady Hawkins 13–0, Bishop's 3–1, St Mary's 9–0, Tenbury 7–0 and Aylestone 4–1 making them the overall winning team and county champions! Well done, an excellent achievement.

Team: *Charlie Mifflin (Captain), Sophie Lavender, Georgina Sockett, Daisy Phillips, Lottie Orgee, Lydia Clifton, Georgia Rawlings, Becky Kerridge and Harriet Matthews.*

SB



U12 Netball Teams

Junior Netball Tour

On Friday 28 March, thirty-eight girls from Years 7 and 8 left school and spent two nights staying at Condover Hall, Shropshire, residential activity centre where they participated in the JCA Netball Tournament.

The U13 A team won all six of their group games to go in to the Cup competition. They won both cup games 10–0 and 3-0 but went on to lose 5–2 in the final to a strong side from Lincroft School.

The U13 B team won two of their group games and lost three. They went into a tough plate competition where they lost 1-3 and then 10-0 to an U14 team.

The U12 squad had three teams entered. They all faced good opposition and some club teams where they had a mixture of wins, draws and losses over the two playing days.

As well as the serious business of playing netball, the girls participated in a variety of outdoor adventurous activities such as the zip wire, climbing wall, abseiling and leap of faith. In the evening everybody was entertained by the laser quest, laser maze, grid stones and tunnelling activities. There was also a disco and silent disco which was popular with Year 7!

On Sunday we returned back to The Rosie for some delicious ice cream and cake!



U13 Condover Finalists



A head for heights at Condover

Girls' Sport Hockey

1st XI

The season began exceptionally well with the team winning all of their matches up until October half-term.

We won the County tournament convincingly, beating John Kyrle 6-0 and the Sixth Form College 3-0. Some other notable performances and highlights of the season were wins over King's Worcester, RGS, Monmouth and Wrekin.

Attendance at practice was always good so we managed to play and retain our unit in the majority of games. Our 5-3-2 formation really developed along with the set pieces and short corner routines. Everyone always gave 100% in matches and all the girls were brilliant fun to work with.

With such a strong core of players coming through, and probably our largest number of Year 11 girls playing in the 1st XI, there is great potential for the future.

At our annual awards dinner the Coaches' Most Improved Player went to Nicola Masters and Coaches' Player Of the Year went jointly to our Captain and Vice-Captain Cordelia Philpotts and Ella Phillips. The Players' Player went to Alice Bunting, someone who always made a huge difference to the side. Top Goal scorer for the season was Clare Watson.

Congratulations to the whole 1st XI squad who all played such a big part in a very successful season.

Thank you also on behalf of the girls and myself to Maurice Hazelman who has continued to offer his expertise and knowledge in coaching the 1st XI, and to Mr Connop and Mr Johnson for their support and umpiring.

LAF

Results: Played 15, Won 11, Drew 1, Lost 3



Jess Sayce and Cordelia Philpotts taking a short corner.



1st XI Hockey Squad. Top L-R: *Molly Samwells, Emma Parry-Jones, Nicola Masters, Maisy Spalding, Clare Watson, Lydia Stratford, Evie Griffiths.*
Bottom L-R: *Ellen Oliver-Davies, Naomi Blower, Jess Sayce, Cordelia Philpotts (Captain), Ella Phillips (Vice-Capt.), Sophie Orr, Gemma Laing.*

2nd X1

The first game against a robust Wrekin side saw a goal that was always going to be 'goal of the season'.

Blythe Roberts running half the length of the pitch around three players and shot reversed stick past an advancing keeper. Why some things click together can be something of a mystery but wonderful when it does.. Molly Samwells slotted the second which gave hope to a somewhat disbelieving side for the season to come.

Some people however outwardly diminutive are born leaders. The best things often come in small packages and Captain Sophie Orr is one of those...A strong, strong mind, as happy in a pothole – on a cliff face or leading the hockey side, she amasses and disseminates information to her team in tones that are immediately acceptable, absorbed and put in to practice. Self-effacing about her own qualities, there is no hubris here, just a pragmatism for what is required to be done. Thirty-six games and practice appearances, both girls' and senior boys'..there was none more committed. Her loyalty led to the faithfulness and enjoyment of the regular side that was available and really wanted more action.

The rising star with that extra pace was Nicola Masters, who, as the hand and stick work speed catches up with her ground speed will increasingly give the opposition a bad day. She has bite, but of a more constructive type than a more spiteful, overpaid Suarez (I am writing this at the time of a certain World Cup). He might take lessons from the tight lipped , narrowed eyes of Molly Collins when she gets the metaphorical 'Bit between her teeth'- honest worthy graft and craft. The Captain's award went to Bridie Ward whose slight frame made of 'Painter's Steel'...a Hereford firm who make Electricity Pylons with steel that anyone who has tried to drill through it knows is serious kit! Determined tackling and distribution, quietly and effectively made. It was great to have Rai Williamson returning to the fold sharing goalkeeping duties with the mighty Penny Vaughan whose forebears include the Marcher Lord 'Black' Vaughan of Tretower one-time supposed keeper of the 6th Century 'Little Red Book'of Hergest one of the oldest if not the oldest Welsh text and an England Rugby Captain. They shall not pass! Anna Sweetman filled in too, when asked but has taken to her outfield role with a passion, even scoring against King's Glos in a role reversal. Kitty Glass ever smiling, ever present, hunts and tackles well at the back that is firmly cemented by Charlotte Burdett. Strong in mind and body she is a great carer and support for those about her on and off the pitch. Maddy Hodgeman's persistency with school and club training has brought about marked changes in her effectiveness: stronger tackles and distribution and a maturing confidence. As with many others a big hit would come in handy.

Organised and a great schemer - Sophie Edwards - and working on her pace; Sophie was playing a leading role in the midfield before succumbing to a skiing injury..well, if you must! She is another who understands herself and others well and could quite happily run a major company 'methinks' (One to invest in instead of these ISAs). And so to our top scorer, the quiet and graceful Leah Smith who has a deceptive turn of pace, an analysing mind with intelligent passing. Scoring in the win against King's Glos and draw with Bedstone 1sts. Jemima Cooper is another whose persistency at training has paid dividends; her fitness and determination inside her bantam frame has paid off, she was player of the match against Wycliffe scoring the winning goal. Caitlin Wright also returned to the fold, scoring against Bedstone and putting in a sound performance against Cheltenham Ladies College. A game, the finale, we lost 1-0 in howling winds which was great credit to all the girls as we had now lost the services of Nicola Masters to higher echelons.. Thanks too, to U15 Cristina Higgins who was player of the match and another goal scorer against King's Glos.

We may not have won everything, two of the games against 1st teams, but it was great fun, great hockey, great Girls. Well done.

Ian Johnson

Results: Played 9, Won 3, Drew 2, Lost 4; goals for 10, against 12.

U15

Big characters stayed large and many stepped up to build a fine season.

As ever, talent in other areas of sport means sharing and some found temptations of mammon calling and others required more time on studies.

Four straight wins against Christ College Brecon, King's Glos, Llandaff and St Peter's Cheltenham. Maddy Wood scored seven of 12 goals and, significantly, Emily Jones scored early on, bolstering her surprise towards confidence and eventually becoming 3rd highest goal scorer with 10, including four in the County finals. It was not until the fourth game that Hannah Larkin, who was to be the eventual top scorer, netted her first of 15 goals. But what of the midfield big players that the team's success was fashioned on? Organised and relentless Captain Sarah Lewis and the similarly hewn Io Kidson, full of energy skill and endeavour, were the bulwark of the side. Io making the Shropshire Junior Regional Performance side while Sarah just missed out by one place to be in the full U16 West side. Only two have made it in the last 30 years to my knowledge.. The speedy, dynamic Cristina Higgins running hard and raw at opposition defences with firmly hit 'across' keeper passes, repeatedly gave the two wingers regular opportunities of being amongst the top scorers. Her gritty pursuit of the opposition attackers at the ends of games was a testament to her fitness and willingness to get back, so often missing

from even top international performers. Oh that one day she will put two hands on the stick a little more often, but we are as we are and she is lovely.

Our two losses came together, a talented King's Worcester player scoring all five goals, and a Malvern St James side scoring 3 against a good but not full strength HCS side; well done to them both. A 0-0 draw was taken from an RGS side without the defence linch pin, Mhairi McGill, a fine focussed reader of the game with 'stainless steel rods' down her back. Livi Cargill produced a wonderful save towards the end of the match and was left with a reminder of the feat on her leg for several weeks in the form of a large bruise that any tattoo-er would have been proud to create...so I'm told. Livi's determination with her outfield game saw her self-belief climb through the season, culminating for me with two game-saving tackles as the last man against Pate's in our last match. Maddy's goal scoring came to an abrupt end after scoring against the feisty Wrekin while playing a similarly charged Wycliffe side. Two blows on the same big toe in five minutes while charging down on their defence left her hobbling though playing on through the match earning a 2-2 draw. So showing the toughness of a ballet dancer, but sadly kept her wings clipped for several weeks, though eventually returning and finding her goal scoring touch in the County Finals.

With Maddy injured, Caroline Lewis stepped up and despite early misgivings from within she loomed large as an 'In your face' striker. Running down full backs and denting the backboard and making other goals as the midfield fed off her harrying and disrupting work. So too did Hannah Larkin come to the fore, scoring hat-tricks against Wrekin and St Edward's, Cheltenham. But again she worked hard for others to achieve by being a provider too. It is fitting to include our thanks as a team to Hannah's Dad, Tony Larkin who made it to most matches and provided advice and guidance from his wealth of hockey knowledge from the far touchline to me, as I was umpiring. Advice that was given in such a way that the girls would take it on board readily.. and without being the embarrassing parent as I always was. Thanks too to the many parents, parents of, and siblings who gave us such excellent support especially during the last match of the autumn term against St Edward's. They were treated to the most devastating second half of flowing hockey. Everything seemed to gel and six goals were scored. For some it seemed a watershed moment in their game, none more so than for Poppy Smith who, playing at right half gave a most polished, calm and crushing performance. Intercepting, evading tackles, penetrating off-loads all with a quiet 'panache' that seems a family trait, as to the ability to glide across the ground seemingly effortlessly.

Tara Purcell, like Livi, played in a number of roles. She did simple things well and accepted subbing off and on with grace, didn't over elaborate and stuck to her task and was another who grew through the season. Izzy Lawson, Iona Stewart-Smith and Romily Giddens concentrated on rowing while too Phoebe Tustin-Lothian played and helped out admirably particularly early on in the season. Some going to hockey training in the 'Single System'. It was good to see Sophie Fox return at the end of the season, being a part of the County Championship squad. It would be fitting to end with a tribute to Meg Jones who plays a fine game in goal and so too outfield. She let others try their hand at goalkeeping and, when in goal herself had to endure long periods of inactivity. Due a lot to Mhairi who reads the game so well and has pace and intelligence soaking up attacks, but when called upon Meg performed with aplomb.

The Five County Championship games saw 5 wins, 25 goals scored and nil against.

Girls, it was such a pleasure coaching you all, well done and I hope you enjoyed the year and enjoy hockey in the years to come. Please do learn to hit a ball hard! Thanks again Sarah for being such a fine Captain on and off the pitch, and thanks too to all the parents and carers who did so much running around..particularly Sarah's mum.

Ian Johnson

Results: Played 17, Won 13, Drew 2, Lost 2; 57 goals for, 11 against.

U13

The U13 girls had a mixed season: winning nine, losing seven and drawing one.

They all worked extremely hard throughout the season and made great progress, I am confident that all of their hard work will come together ready for the U14 season. The top goal scorer of the season was Alina Allison scoring 12 goals, closely followed by Lily Matheson scoring 7. Player of the season, as voted by the opposition, went to Fran Milne. A very well deserved honour for all of her hard work on the pitch, well done!

The U13 girls took also part in the Herefordshire County Hockey Tournament. In the group stages we beat Lady Hawkins 2–0 (Lilly Matheson and Alina Allison scoring), St Mary's 1–0 (Alina Allison scoring), and Whitecross 1–0 (Lily Matheson scoring). In the semi-finals we played John Masefield and beat them 1–0 (Polly Jordan scoring). In the final we came up against The Downs where we lost 3–1 in an excellent game that was end to end (Lily Matheson scoring). The girls all played extremely well and should be proud of their performance.

Team: *Fran Milne (Captain), Alina Allison, Lily Matheson, Iona Baring, Eloise Lowson, Polly Jordan, Katja Grocott, Holly Dales, Olivia Hyde, Hannah Hughes, Imogen Harris, Olivia Symons and Rachel Newton.*

SB

U12

Due to the enthusiasm and commitment of the whole squad this has been a highly enjoyable season.

There were notable victories gained over Llandaff Cathedral School, Bedstone and St Edward's Cheltenham. The girls also had a taste of playing 11-a-side in a well fought game against Dean Close, narrowly losing 0-1.

We were overall Runners Up in the U12 Cheltenham Ladies Tournament, losing 0-1 to King's Worcester in the final. This was a good result and reflected the team's hard work.

We finished the season by winning the U12 County Hockey Tournament with victories against Bishop's 4 -0, Lucton 1-0, John Masefield 3-0, Whitecross 2-0 and Lady Hawkins 2-0.

Team: *Lottie Rees, Lucy Austin, Georgina Sockett, Charlie Mifflin, Mia Price, Flora Glass, Becky Kerridge, Ciera Wheeler.*

Well done to everybody who played and good luck next season.

P Blandford



U12 County Hockey winners

Girls' Sport Indoor Cricket

U15

The U15 girls took part in the Lady Taverners' Indoor Cricket Tournament in March.

Firstly, the girls played John Masefield who they beat comfortably by 65 runs off 8 overs. Next they played Queen Elizabeth Bromyard where they batted well to win by 83 runs off 8 overs. They then met Bishop's in the final and after a really close game where both teams took 5 wickets, Bishop's took the victory by 1 run!!! Well played girls, this was an excellent tournament.

SB

U13

U13 girls took part in the annual Lady Taverners' Indoor Cricket Tournament.

In the group stages they played John Masefield and won by 15 runs, The Academy and won by 12 runs, and lost to Bishop's by 4 runs. As all of the games were close and each team had lost one game it went down to wickets lost and total runs scored where we came out on top and progressed to the final against Lady Hawkins. It was a good game but with four sixes scored by Fran Milne we won comfortably by 25 runs. All of the squad played extremely well, but particular mention must go to Fran Milne for scoring six sixes throughout the tournament, Olivia Hyde for numerous catches and Georgina Sockett for consistent bowling.

After a convincing win at the Herefordshire Indoor tournament the team travelled to Trent Bridge to play in the regional finals. The girls played really well against tough opposition to finish 7th in the Midlands. A special mention must go to Georgina Sockett who, when batting, retired in every innings!!

Team: *Lilly Matheson (Captain), Fran Milne, Olivia Hyde, Georgina Sockett, Ciera Wheeler, Mia Price, Flora Glass, Harriet Reese, Lucy Austin and May Price.*

SB



U13 Cricket team

Girls' Sport U13 Girls' Ageon Tennis 2014

Hereford Cathedral School U13 Girls tennis team consisting of Lucy Austin, Eloise Lowson, Lily Matheson and Mia Price have been taking a very active part in the Aegon Schools Tennis Competition where each girl plays a singles and doubles match.



In the summer term they had wins over The Chase (12-0) and The Downs, Malvern (10-2) to go through to the next round to play Bromsgrove School. This was a close fought match and a well earned win for the Cathedral girls (8-4). They then played their first Regional Round against Arden School, Solihull and had a convincing win of 10-2. Their next Regional match was against Kings High, Warwick where we come up against four strong players and unfortunately lost. We are very proud of our girls and this is the furthest we have got in this competition. Well done!

SB



Lucy Austin and Mia Price (both U12) competed in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire County Doubles tournament in May. They both played extremely well getting to the final where they lost in a tough battle. This is an excellent achievement for the girls and bodes well for the next two years in the competition. Well done!

Girls' Sport Rounders

U15

The U15 rounders season was very short as rain affected play, hence just three inter-school matches and a tournament.

With rain affecting all matches in the first half of the term, our first match against Whitecross proved to be a gentle affair as we romped to a 12-5 victory. Ten days later there was a tense match against Bishop's where we let a healthy first innings margin slide to a 13-12, one rounder victory. The final inter-school match against Bedstone proved to be a major wakeup call as five members of the team were out in the first five balls. Were we doomed or could we rise to the challenge? In fact, this was just the challenge the team needed and with some valuable help from Fran Milne's bowling, Cristina's excellent catching and consistent second innings batting by everyone, we eventually won 19 ½ to 7 ½. The U15 Rounders tournament went smoothly until the final. Having beaten John Kyrle, Fairfield and John Masefield with relative ease, there was a long wait until the final against Bishop's, where despite fielding tightly, batting proved difficult as some excellent bowling by the opposition forced the girls to hit the ball up, hence some easy catches. With key batters out we couldn't quite score enough rounders to match Bishop's first innings total and had to settle for second place.

U14

Although slightly disrupted by the weather, this was a good season for the U14 Rounders team with convincing wins against Bishop's and Whitecross.

We participated in the Herefordshire Youth Summer Games Tournament, playing well in the group stages before being knocked out in the semi-finals due to some risky running strategies! Well done to everybody who played.

P Blandford





Congratulations to Lily Matheson who competed against hundreds of girls from all over the country to gain a place in the U14 England rounders squad. This is a great achievement, well done!

U13

The U13 girls had a mixed season with many matches being cancelled due to the rain.

Throughout the season we had many wins over Whitecross, Bishop's, Tenbury, John Kyrle, Aylestone and Lady Hawkins. In the county tournament the girls had a shaky start and narrowly lost to WIgmore 4½-3 in the first game; unfortunately HCS just could not hit the ball in their usual winning style on this occasion. As a result, we played in the plate competition where we sailed to victory scoring 31½ in three games.

SB

U12

The U12s have had a fantastic season and remained undefeated.

They were a strong outfit of players, both batting and out in the field and their tactical understanding went from strength to strength. They were an absolute pleasure to coach: always so willing to listen, and competitive but showing excellent sportsmanship. The season ended on a high - comfortably winning the U12 county tournament at Luctonians.

Charlie Mifflin was a superb captain and bowler, developing her variation from fast to spin and always keping a level and calm head instructing her fielders. The slick triangle of bowler, backstop and 1st post really worked throughout the season and tight and accurate fielding and post play from Lucy Austin, Ciera Wheeler, Lottie Rees and Mia Price made it difficult for the opposition to pick gaps and score rounders. Exceptional and consistent batting also came from Ciera Wheeler, Lucy Austin, Lottie Rees and Mia Price.

All in all a brilliant squad of players and a thoroughly enjoyable term.

Squad: *Charlie Mifflin, Ciera Wheeler, Georgina Sockett, Lucy Austin, Becky Kerridge, Lottie Rees, Mia Price, Charley Dallow, Harriet Reese, Flora Glass, Fleur Berry-Jones.*

Results:
A Team: v Whitecross:
Won 21½ - 8

v RGS: Won 16½ - 15½

Tournament:
beat Aylestone 13½- 1½
Lady Hawkins 11½-2
John Kyrle 13½-3

Semi-final:
beat Wigmore 11-5

Final:
beat Lucton 12-2½

Also well done to the B team, beating Whitecross and Bishop's As, but narrowly losing to RGS 11½ - 10½ .

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HCS Art



Boys' Sport Rugby



1st XV

The 1st XV Rugby season started in Pontypridd, South Wales: a four-day trip with plenty of fitness, training, one full match and participation in a triangular tournament at Cowbridge school.

Mitchell Henchoz was appointed as Captain and a victory against Ynysybwl Colts started the term off on the right note. However, the triangular matches proved slightly too strong as both the opposing schools are attached to the Cardiff Blues academy, but the boys played well and earned some very positive comments from staff and spectators.

A convincing 58-12 win (Will Rodgers scoring four tries) against St Edward's, Cheltenham, was followed by a long trip down to play Plymouth college. A very big Plymouth side out-muscled us but some excellent defence kept the score to 22-0; the 2nds registered a 17-10 win, a good omen for next year.

The first round of the Nat West competition was against the Chase, Malvern, a 52-0 win for HCS and then another big win, 61-0 against King's Gloucester prepared us for a run of very hard matches. The fixture against Pate's Grammar is always tough and this match was a nail biting game with Pate's scoring late to win 18-12.

Wycliffe followed and the squad all worked hard to register a 39-0 win. Brecon proved too strong up front and a very tough encounter resulted in a 31-22 win for the Welsh school.

We reserved our poorest display of the year for the Nat West fixture against RGS Worcester and a narrow defeat pushed us into the Vase. But we responded well and had excellent wins against Tewkesbury School and KES Birmingham before a last 32 match against Trent College from Nottingham. A fantastic game of rugby resulted in a narrow win for the opposition, Trent went on to win the Vase at Twickenham!

The squad went to Ireland for the half-term break - one win, two losses - and then we returned for the King's Worcester battle. The previous two years had resulted in some very big wins for King's but this year was different. We scored an early try through Will Ford and had a 5-0 lead at half-time. King's scored early in the second half to go 7-5 up but an opportunist try from Mitchell Henchoz gave us a 12-7 lead with fifteen minutes to go. An incredible defensive display in the last quarter kept out King's to register a famous victory at Wyeside.

Sir Thomas Rich's have worked very hard on their rugby in recent years and they were very worthy winners 28-16; we played outstandingly well but couldn't compete in the very physical forward battle.

RGS Worcester arrived at Wyeside, confident of a second victory in the same season. We played with precision and pace, running out 33-0 winners with the captain Henchoz scoring two tries.

The Old Herefordians was the last fixture of the term, another great spectacle at Wyeside resulted in a very



HCS v Plymouth

competitive game and a win for the OH, but the school played with a passion and determination that earned many compliments from the OH players.

Three fixtures after Christmas gained two wins, against Shrewsbury School and Adams Grammar, and a loss against St Peter's Gloucester.

The boys were extremely competitive during the season and played some excellent rugby. They worked and trained hard and thoroughly deserved their hard fought victories. It is always dangerous to mention individual players but the side was excellently led by captain Mitchell Henchoz and supported by the pack leader Matt Welch and vice-captain James Phillips. Well played boys, you were a credit to HCS on and off the pitch.

RPS

2nd XV

The school entered the season with one of the largest, and arguably strongest senior squads in recent memory.

After a successful pre-season, in which a number of 'seconds' players stepped into the 'firsts', the 2nd XV started the season with high hopes.

After St Edward's Cheltenham were unable to field a team, the seconds made a trip over to King's Worcester for a replacement fixture. The school started strongly and took a half-time lead. Unfortunately King's had a few players in reserve to bring on, who changed the game and the school eventually succumbed to a loss, 36-21. The school took heart from the performance and threw everything into their next match away at Plymouth College. A tremendous defensive display, led by the likes of Tom Scotcher, Ben Butler, Tom Porter and Charlie Samwells, allowed the gargantuan Plymouth pack little time and space to make inroads into the game. The school ran out winners, 19-12.

This fine display was followed up with a resounding win against King's Gloucester. A dominant forward display, combined with some pacey finishing in the backs, led to a comfortable 47-5 victory. An encouraging start to the 2nd XV season was backed up with a number of impressive performances on the Ireland tour by a number of players, including Tom Porter and Tom Snell.

Back on home soil the good form sadly couldn't continue and, despite a comfortable win against Wycliffe College, the school took some tough defeats to King's Worcester, Pate's Grammar, Christ College Brecon and Sir Thomas Rich's.

I would like to thank Christian Porter for his leadership both on and off the field and congratulate the boys on a positive season, in which a number of 2nd XV players made the step up to 1st XV level.

Results: Played 8. Won 3. Lost 5. PF: 167. PA: 215.

HT Windsor

Senior Rugby Tour

The team set off for Ireland – a three-hour ferry crossing followed by a two-hour journey to Midleton – on a bright, blustery morning at the start of October half-term: twenty-two boys all ready for the 'Irish experience'.

The following morning was greeted by torrential rain, so it was a pleasure to spend it in the swimming pool. Fortunately the rain had disappeared and glorious sunshine appeared prior to kick off in our first match against Midleton College. The opposition scored first but we soon struck back with a well worked try from Will Ford; 7-5 down at half-time. The second half was very competitive but after a well worked move, Ed Mence was driven over by the forwards for an excellent try. Both teams traded penalties and this put us 13-8 clear, we were under pressure in the last five minutes but we held on for a hard fought victory.



It was an early departure the next day for an 11am start in Limerick against Crescent College. Again there was torrential rain but the standard of rugby was extremely high. The opposition full-back was a constant threat and scored their second try to put them 17-0 up at half-time, but we then had the strong wind behind us and were soon on the score board with a magnificent try from Will Butler, converted by Tom Porter. Will then added another try to close the gap but a break away from the full-back put the inside centre in, for a try to finish us off. The game was ended slightly early, by the excellent referee, when the heavens opened and nobody could actually see anything due to the rain; no complaints from us with a 22-12 defeat.

Sunday was our rest day: a swim in the Limerick university 50 metre pool, indoor golf and ten pin bowling occupied the day; Tom Porter and Charlie Skyrme were joint winners of the golf, and Ben Butler and Will Helme both scored the highest total on the ten pin.

On our final morning we played a game against St Munchen College. We were again down at half-time but

the decision to take off their excellent number 8 helped us considerably. Although 18-0 down at the start of the second half and conceding an early try, we staged a great comeback: Will Helme, Will Ford and Ed Mence going over to leave us 27-17 losers.

It was a great tour: lots of fun, laughs and great rugby. Many thanks to the three schools, two hotels and the players themselves for making a memorable tour.

Results

Midleton College 8 : HCS 13
Crescent College 22 : HCS 12
St Munchen College 27 : HCS 17

Mr R P Skyrme

Rosslyn Park Sevens

The final tournament of the term was played in good conditions and the level of rugby appears to increase every year.



The first Seven had a tough group and started off against Oakham School, a previous winner of the Daily Mail Cup. As expected, the opposition was strong and the final score was 38-0, which slightly flattered Oakham, as HCS played some good rugby and had opportunities to score.

The following two games were also difficult. An impressive QEH Bristol won 43-5, and a hard fought game against CC Brecon finished 28-5, even though the score was 14-5 with two minutes remaining.

The final match for the season was against Ashton Park. The Upper Sixth boys, realising it was their last match ever for HCS, turned on the style and had a comfortable victory of 43-5, the captain, Mitchell Henchoz, scoring three tries during the game.

The Under 16s also performed well and had the honour of playing their first game on the main pitch against Wesley College from Ireland. They worked extremely hard and scored two late tries to win 14-0; the other three results were not quite as good, but the team gave an excellent all round performance.

The U13s also won one of their group games, beating Aldro College 22-20 in a very close game and all the boys showed a fantastic level of determination to win the match.

RPS





Rugby Selection



Will Butler has been selected for the England Midlands U16s divisional squad, with the prospect of eventual England U16 honours. Following County honours and North Midlands honours, Will is the only U16 player from Herefordshire to make this grade and is, in fact, one of only 14 Centres from across England to make an U16 divisional squad.

Boys' Sport Cricket

Barbados Tour

We left HCS at 4am on 11 July, thirteen boys and two staff all ready for a memorable trip to Barbados.

We were looking forward to a ten day tour: the beach hotel, a day at the Boatyard beach club, a catamaran and swimming with turtles excursion, an evening at the Oistins fish festival, some lazy hours on the beach and four matches!!

Our first taste of Caribbean conditions, hard skiddy wickets in very hot temperatures, was a net session at the Franklyn Stephenson Academy. The two-hour workout was rewarded with an afternoon on the beach. The boys had more fun on the beach the following day when we headed to the south coast to enjoy Accra's beautiful sands with the sun beating down.

Monday was our first game, a drive to the middle of the island to play The Grantley Adams School. We lost the toss and were fielding, the slightly raised wicket (tradition in the Caribbean) raising an eyebrow from the opening bowlers! The opposition were 30-3 but made an excellent recovery to finish on 213-5, Fred Cross and Tom Porter both taking two wickets each.

The opposition opening bowler was exactly what Barbados cricket is about: quick, bowling short and very 'chatty' when performing. Charlie Samwells fended his second ball from the end of his nose and then in the 5th over he beat the defence of Charlie Skyrme to take the first wicket! A prosperous second wicket partnership of 52 was ended when Charlie Samwells was adjudged LBW for a composed 44. Captain Ben Butler continued to score freely before he was caught in the deep for 37; a slight middle order collapse was rescued by a quick 22 from Jake Kirby to take HCS to victory by 4 wickets.

The next day was lazy and free, the boys realising that playing cricket in the heat and conditions of the Caribbean is an arduous task!

The next game was in Speightstown against the Northern Cricket Academy. They proved slightly too strong; batting first, they scored 177, Fred Cross taking 4-22 and Jake Kirby 3-23. Their bowling was excellent – with their pace and aggression proving too much for the boys, we collapsed to 64 all out, Charlie Samwells top scorer with 12!

The following day was an amusing morning at the Boatyard, a beach paradise of huge inflatables, swing ropes and luxury sun loungers. That evening we all boarded the bus to Oistins fish festival, another fantastic experience of Caribbean culture.

We had a game cancelled due to some torrential overnight rain and then travelled to play the last match against North Stars, a club side who boast some famous recent players (Corry Collimore and Tino Best) who developed their cricket in the junior section. We won the toss and batted first. Kirby was promoted to open and despite getting hit on the head from a bouncer, scored a quick 31, the two Butlers added 40 together before Ben was dismissed for 52, Will went to make 48 and this helped us score a very competitive 222-9. North Stars were never in the hunt; Ryan Simpson scored 57 but the rest offered little resistance and they were all out for 150. Charlie Skyrme 3-8 and Alex Lovell 3-14 were the main wicket takers.

The last day arrived and we had the awesome catamaran cruise. Five hours of fun cruising around the west coast, stopping for lunch, a swim with the turtles and music booming out of the boat's speakers.

The final evening was the end of tour meal where speeches and presentations finished off a magnificent trip. Our thanks go to all the sponsors and advertisers, the players, Riki Clarke, Edwin Doran Sports Tours and the parents who helped with the structure of the trip and followed us on the beautiful island of Barbados.

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Twenty20 Cricket Festival

The Cricket Festival, held at Wyeside 25 -27 June, started with two matches: HCS playing CC Brecon and Gower College v Wellington School.

The sun was shining and the standard of cricket did not disappoint the staff, umpires and a surprising number of parents from all four schools.

HCS started strongly and posted an excellent total of 164-4, major contributions from Will Butler 49, Ben Butler 31 and Tom Porter 25. In reply Brecon found the consistent line and length of the bowlers difficult and only James Newey 46, scored a significant total and they finished on 132-7, a win by 32 runs.

The afternoon fixture was against Wellington, again HCS batted first and found the bowling slightly more testing than the previous match. Tom Porter worked the ball around scoring 42 and Alex Lovell chipped in with 20, a total of 126 was concerning for all! Wellington started strongly but a fall of wickets instigated by Will Butler put the game in the balance. The HCS bowlers held their nerve and took some excellent catches in the deep and managed to scrape home by 19 runs.

The second day started in bright sunshine and we were joined by Herefordshire U17s and Trinity College from Australia. HCS had Gower College as their opponents. HCS batted first again, Charlie Skyrme and Ben Butler put on 26 for the first wicket but then a loss of four wickets left us struggling; Will Butler helped with an excellent 34 but a final total of 116 looked 30 runs short. The bowlers continued their excellent form and Will Helme soon had Gower in trouble, taking two early wickets; a fight back from the high scoring David Phillips turned the game around but then some suicidal running and some excellent catches produced a fantastic win by 10 runs to finish both days undefeated.



20 20 Squad

The final day was abandoned due to the rain and all six teams gathered on the steps to thank the staff, catering, umpires and groundsmen for an excellent tournament.

Results:

HCS 164-4 : CC Brecon 132-7
Will Butler 49, Ben Butler 31,
Felix Jones 3-24
Won by 32 runs

HCS 116-7 : Gower College 106
Ben Butler 35, Will Butler 34,
Will Helme 3-19
Won by 10 runs

HCS 126-8 : Wellington 107
Tom Porter 42, Alex Lovell 20
Won by 19 runs

HCS 151-5 : Herefordshire 56-9
Will Butler 77, Ben Butler 34,
Fred Cross 4-14
Won by 95 runs

Cricket Cup

The Hereford Cathedral School Under 12s Cricket team won the County Cup.

Our team made 197 for 4 and St Mary's made 95 for 4 of 25 overs. Luke Tulacz made 121 and got two wickets. The other notable performer was Jasper Linley-Adams who scored 34.



Boys' Sport
Hockey

Senior

The Senior boys' hockey team ended up with no Year 13 players following the injury from another sport to would be Captain Dan Nowosielski.

A great shame as he has been a keen player: enthusiastic with no mean skill, a great communicator and organiser. Our next choice was Alex Lovell who similarly had an injury from another sport. So our third choice was Year 12 Conor Cowden. It was in a temporary role and to his great credit he took the captaincy on without umbrage and with an exemplary zeal. It takes a lot of organising and prompting on a regular basis to do the job well. Conor turned up to all practices and with his speed and honed skills took on a side that had lost at least ten players from the previous year.

As a club we are at the bottom of the priority list, but taking on the prophecy that the first shall be last and..yes..the last first we will continue to offer the choice for as long as we can and as long as it takes. Having just come back from the Netherlands competing at a Veterans World Cup, where fifty-seven sides - over 60s, 65s, 70s and 75s - played, from Japan to Egypt, New Zealand to Malaysia, both men and women, it shows the longevity offered by the sport. In the Netherlands, Hockey is the third most played sport just behind football and tennis. There were literally thousands of youngsters in the clubs we went to: with adult numbers 1600, youngsters over a thousand at Klein Zwitzerland

where we were, to 5000 adults and 2000 youngsters at HDM in the Hague, and just a mile apart. Every village has a club, with all-weather pitches, which is family orientated. No sport is played at school, they finish at 1pm-ish and then most cycle to their club. At the Olympics in London all 750,000 tickets were sold for hockey which was deemed a non-legacy sport. All the tickets for the main centre for the world cup in the Netherlands were sold..15000 per day and all the tickets for the Commonwealth games were sold for hockey before Easter 2014. Locally, hockey is being taken up as a high profile sport for primary schools. Why am I going on about this? Well it is because I hope to help maintain and increase the volition to get HCS their own indoor and outdoor centre that others are taking strides to achieve. I would dearly like to take a tour to HDM where on making contact with the Junior organiser and explaining about Herefordshire, the lady said 'Ah yes, I know it..my sister lives in Ledbury'.. A small world.

So back to the small group of boys at HCS. Played 10, won 2, drew 1, lost 7; 13 goals for and 56 against. Not great but we went three years without winning, though in the assisted places days when we had two teams..such greats as Dean Close and Marlborough were defeated, and it can be done again.

Year 11 pupils such as Barney Morgan top scorer with 6, Simon Lyke 2nd in scoring 3, Jo Moore and Maurits Hasselbach had considerable experience. Jo Moore was injured, but Barney particularly played brilliantly, while Simon started off out of sorts but played to his best at Bath on tour, and scored the opening goal against Harrow with new comer Ed Thomas scoring the second to take the lead again. And though we lost 7-2 with all energy spent, these were fine moments remembering that many opposing players were two years older and had played since prep schools in many cases. Maurits has changed gear this year putting in workman-like shifts to put his talent to use. Conor and Billy Lewis, who has developed exponentially this year, provided much of the back line with Charlie Smith's understanding of positioning improving to make his physical effort more telling as each game went on. Another late comer and burgeoning talent is Ollie Hutchinson. His stick skills, like Billy's, have improved immeasurably and once they are as quick as his commentary on my umpiring ability he will be world class!! Alex Quan and Richard Penney are sorting their footwork and positioning out, Alex scoring an excellent goal against Recombe seconds, whom we beat twice. Tom Porter has a huge hit and got shots in all of his first five short corners, scoring one, but sadly succumbed to a back injury in another sport. Felix Clive in goal has quick hands and feet and needed them with the action he was involved with. Although he never came to any practices he was always there for the games and gave his all with head held high. Hugh Watkinson, through persistency, has become an effective very left-handed half back. Being left-handed can be an advantage but generally takes time to adjust when first taking up the game. As with many their enjoyment of the game was only partially diminished by the result. The short time we had super-quick Cian Lynnch, whose main goal from hockey was to improve his Hurling, similarly impressed though time on the pitch is needed to further progress. Toby Cotton has all the attributes so with a little bulking up and experience will compete ever more closely in the coming years. Jake Kirby joined us on tour after a few years absence from training, and hope he carries his experience on to pastures new in the summer.

Many thanks to Mr Connop for his support and so too Mr James a long-term advocate of the benefits of hockey, sadly incapacitated through illness this year.

Our biggest thanks go to Jill Pattison who allowed the Bath tour to go ahead by agreeing to be the Staff member leader. She endured the pain and suffering of the team and the privations of the YMCA but hopefully has some pleasant memories of proceedings.

The club dinner and golf at the Grove was enjoyed by all and it was heartening that seventeen lads turned up for the team photo.

Again, well done Conor for his captaincy.

Ian Johnson

Junior

Junior Hockey practice for boys took place on Tuesdays, and although we are not able to have matches due to low numbers and other sports having primacy over hockey the purpose of this note is to advertise that the option is available.

Years 7, 8 and 9 can also join in with girls' practice while competent Year 9s and above can join in the Monday after school senior practice that takes place at Hereford Leisure Centre.

School Sport Hull Cup



They say that lightening never strikes twice, and with the October Hull Cup postponed due to flooding, the threat of atmospheric pollution, a mix of Sahara Desert sand and photochemical smog nearly stopped the March re-run.

Fortunately, that was not to be and we were treated to a day of history and records, and with a family trio of wins, it was not surprising that Cornwall won the House Cup. The Austin family, all members of Cornwall House, made history as Oscar set the ball rolling when winning the Junior Boys' Hull in 12min 7 sec (now over a shorter course). Having tracked the early leader, Oscar Grasby, Oscar hit the front before hitting the towpath, extending the lead as he headed down the rugby field towards the finishing funnel. Younger sister, Lucy, may be diminutive, but needed a heart of steel to overcome Alina Allison's strong challenge. Having run, stride for stride for the entirety of the race, it was Lucy who seized the initiative over the final field, to win in 12min 42, with Alina second in 12min 43, double points for Cornwall here. Then, it was Toby Austin's turn, as he and Alistair Milne, both Year 11s, led the Senior Boys' field running strongly, just ahead of last year's victor Christian Porter and the dark horse, Marcus Grocott. As they entered the top field Toby raced home in a record time, 30min 15, with Alistair in hot pursuit for silver (30min 38) and Marcus third (31min 26).

Jemima Cooper fresh from her debut at the English Schools' Championships looked as cool as a cucumber as she floated across the final field winning the Senior Girls' race in a record time of 23min 13, well ahead of Emma Parry-Jones (25min 32, also inside the previous record) and Florrie Churchward (26min 06).

The Intermediate races were close affairs. Although Savanna Dixon led from gun to tape, winning in 13min 9sec, there was much changing of the guard for silver and bronze. Eventually, it was the tenacity and speed of Caitlin Law second in 13min 20 and Harriet Williams third in 13min 40 who won through. Orlando Timmerman led a Langford one, two, just surging ahead of William Montague-Fuller and Maxim Fielder, to win in 23min 48. A mere four seconds separated William and Maxim, as William clinched silver in 24 minutes


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School Sport Cross Country

As usual, the cross-country season starts with the West Mercia League, a series of four fixtures at a variety of testing venues for the seniors to hone their fitness.

Despite strong competition from Malvern College and RGS Worcester, HCS girls managed to win the team trophy. Consistency and always fielding a team were key ingredients of success. With Jemima Cooper always in the top five and well supported by Ella Philips, Lydia Stratford, Florrie Churchward, Emma Parry-Jones, Maddy Hodgman and Freda Lewis-Stempel, team morale was always positive.

The girls continued to be successful at District and County level. At District level, the girls won all of the team events. Lucy Austin and Rowan John won gold and silver in the Year 7 Girls' race; Alina Allison won silver in the Junior Girls' race, well supported by Rachel Newton (4th) and Imogen Miller (5th), Caitlin Law (7th) and Katie John (8th). Emma Parry-Jones won the Intermediate Girls' race, with Savannah Dixon not far behind in silver and Emily Jones fourth. Jemima Cooper's run of success continued with a gun to tape victory in the Senior Girls' race. Later in the season, a bronze medal at the Hereford and Worcester County Championships secured qualification for the English Schools' Championships in March. A feat also achieved by Emma Parry-Jones when finishing eighth in the Intermediate Girls' race at the Hereford and Worcester County Championships. Unfortunately, despite running strongly to claim bronze at the District and ninth in the Senior Girls' race at the County Championships, Lydia Stratford just missed out on selection. Intermediate boys Toby Austin, a bronze medallist at the District Championships, and Alistair Milne, fifth, were the best of the boys, although Sebastian Dixon ran positively when finishing fifth in the Year 7 race, as did Josh Jones when finishing 11th in the Junior Boys'.

Later in the season, on Sunday 2 March, the juniors ran at the Hereford County AA Cross-Country Championships. Despite the wind and rain, there were several excellent performances from HCS pupils, with Emily Jones winning the U15 Girls' race a feat emulated by Lucy Austin when winning the U13 Girls', holding off a strong challenge from Alina Allison who was closely followed by Ciara Wheeler 3rd, Lucy Matthews 4th and Lottie Rees 5th.

At the end of the season, Jemima Cooper was awarded full colours for her continued progress, excellent performances in all races and qualification for the English Schools Championships.

School Sport Athletics

For once, the weather was kind to us, although not always dry, it was mainly sunny and we managed to complete, with one or two modifications, all of the inter-school fixtures at Wyeside, which is a good starting point for most athletic careers.

There were also several significant performances, especially Cian Lynch's 100m dash at RGS Worcester in a mere 10.9 sec, an emphatic victory and had this been a week earlier good enough to qualify for the English Schools' Championships! Equally impressive was Hannah Larkin, who became the first HCS pupil to throw the javelin over 30m, (30m 78cm), a feat accomplished when clinching silver in the Inter Girls' Javelin at the Hereford and Worcester County Championships. The following week, Hannah followed this finishing ninth at the Mason Trophy and Inter Counties event, where Nicky Masters, having finished third in the Inter Long Jump (4m 55) at the Hereford and Worcester County Championships, also flew the HCS flag. Both will have learnt a lot from the experience of competing at a much higher level, especially how to control the nerves and keep focused when you watch performances that make you quake in your shoes. Toby Austin's bronze medal and a fine run in the Inter Boys' 1500m (4min 36 sec) placed him on the reserve list for the Mason Trophy, as was Sophie Dodson in the Junior Girls' Shot whose 8m 16cm shot putt earned her a bronze medal.

To succeed at the Hereford and Worcester County Championships you have to qualify at the Hereford District trials, a feat that twenty HCS pupils achieved. Harriet Williams always consistent over 100m/200m, easily winning the Junior Girls' races and coming close to a medal over 200m at the County Championships. Stefan Grocott's Inter Boys' 400m debut in 55.59sec was impressive, five seconds clear of his rival, as was Alex Lynch winner of the Inter 100m in 11.43sec. Savannah Dixon always performs effectively, as having won

the Inter Girls' 1500m in style, she went on to record a season's best of 5min 34 at the County Championships. Fran Milne, winner of the Junior Girls' High Jump will have learnt a lot from these early experiences and used this knowledge wisely at the Minors (Year 7/8) Championships where she won the High Jump with a leap of 1m 37. The Minors Championships gives younger pupils the opportunity to perform in a less intense atmosphere and here several pupils emulated Fran's achievement. Polly Jordan a strong 200m runner, performed with determination to sneak a bronze medal, before storming down the home straight to clinch silver in the 4x100m relay. Although not medallists, Pelham Giddens, fourth in the 300m (44.53 sec), Lucy Austin's 2min 52sec 800m run and Rowan John's 5min 39 in the 1500m are worthy of a mention as all pupils produced encouraging performances and are athletes to be nurtured for future success.

To achieve in athletics natural talent has to be nurtured, honed and developed; success might not come until later and it is those who continually strive who stay the distance. Since joining the school thirty years ago, the most successful pupils have been sixth formers, those who have matured, developed mental tenacity and have grown into themselves without tiring their bodies. In the 1990s and the turn of the 21st century this was possible, there were always sixth form pupils willing and able to train. There have been many excellent memories of feats on the athletics track at all levels, but one that will always stick in my mind and which constantly impresses pupils is Ashley Phillip's 2m leap, over the High Jump bar; he had a dream and the tenacity to work hard to fulfil it!

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School Sport Sports Day

Thursday 10 July, HCS Sports Day, a beautiful, warm summer's day, blue sky, cotton wool clouds and a gentle breeze.

A day which belongs to the pupils and the House competition, which this year was hotly contested with excellent participation in all events. I rarely single out one athlete for special mention, but this year it was Cian Lynch's (winner of the senior *Victor Ludorum*) day, as his natural athleticism, speed and ability to jump took the senior jumps records, set last year by Will Rogers, to another level. Two school records, in the long jump (6m 53) and the triple jump (13m 32), followed impressive sprinting as he won the 100m (11.66sec) and 200m (23.43sec). It was also a day in which the Austin family dominated the middle distance events, all running personal bests. Lucy set the ball rolling, was pursued by Becky Kerridge on the first lap, but accelerated over the final 200m to win the Year 7 800m in 2min 48.93 sec. Oscar, winner of the Year 7/8 race in 2min 38.18sec, dominated from gun to tape, whereas Toby adopted the cat and mouse tactic in the senior race, sat on Christian Porter's shoulder for 500m, made a charge for home and opened a ten metre lead. However, Christian, renowned for his finishing kick made a last dash for victory, a brilliant finish as Toby hung on to win by two-tenths of a second in 2min 12.1 sec.

There were many impressive performances as Ciera Wheeler extended Clare Watson's 2009 Long Jump record (4m 19) by three centimetres with a leap of 4m 22. Ciera's victory over 100m (14.7 sec) and a close second in the 200m (32.37sec) to May Price (32.36sec), gave her enough points to win the Year 7 *Victrix Ludorum*. Later, Ciera helped Cornwall set a new Year 7 4x100m relay record (61.57sec), whilst Rowan John, another Year 7 record breaker, ran with ease to take gold in the 1500m in 5min 48.79 sec.

Pelham Giddens and Oscar Grasby were the class acts of the Year 7/8 boys' events, with Oscar cruising to victory in the sprints (100m/12.93sec, 200m/26.96sec). Pelham's dominance over 300m was clear, a new record and personal best (pb) of 44.26 sec was consolidated by convincing victories in the long jump (4m 63) and javelin (26m 19), making him a worthy winner of the *Victor Ludorum*.



The Year 8 girls' *Victrix Ludorum* was hotly contested. Polly Jordan's sprinting supremacy continued with a record breaking 45.96 sec 300m run, following a fine 100m victory (14.01sec). Geni Bunce proved to be one to watch in the future with wins in the hurdles (16.09sec) and javelin (20m21). Lily Matheson, winner of the 800m with a pb of 2min 51.60 and Discus (20m37), is always a determined competitor providing Fran Milne, winner of the *Victrix Ludorum* with a tough challenge over 200m; Fran, winner of the high jump (1m35) and long jump (3m91), had to maintain rhythm and tempo for the much needed 200m victory.



Alex Lynch emulated his brother's feats with a smooth piece of 100m running (11.93 sec), and equalled Chris Hargrave's 1990 Inter Boys' long jump record with a leap of 5m 74. Victories for Stefan Grocott over 400m (57.01 sec), Jake Orgee over 800m (2min 27sec), Orlando Timmerman's 5min 14 sec 1500m run, Hugo Toppin's 29.70 javelin throw and Richard Thomas's 1m 60 high jump were all encouraging. However, it was Charlie Layton's versatility over the hurdles (3rd) and when throwing the discus (2nd) and putting the shot (2nd) that won him the Intermediate Boys' *Victor Ludorum*.

Victory margins were close in many Intermediate Girls' events. Harriet Williams may be queen of the sprints but had to dip first to win the 100m (14.07sec) and work hard from an outside lane to take the 200m (28.15 sec)





ahead of Cristina Higgins. Mhairi McGill had to dip first to clinch the hurdles, with Cristina a close second, and then maintain composure and leg speed to win the 300m (48.28sec). Later, victory in the high jump with a 1m30 leap was enough to secure the *Victrix Ludorum*. Middle distance runner Jess Saxon Macrostie surprised herself by digging deep to overhaul the long time leader Romily Giddens, winning the 800m with a pb of 2min 48.13;





whilst Savannah Dixon maintained form to win the 1500m (5min 40) with the rapidly improving Caitlin Law in second. In the field, Cristina Higgins winner of the shot (8m23) and Sophie Dodson's discus throw of 22.99m were true to form and Hannah Larkin's 27.00m throw with the 500g javelin will set a new record.





Nicky Masters, winner of the Senior Girls' *Victrix Ludorum* was the undisputed queen of the sprints and jumps. She began by breaking Lucy Scudamore's 2014 hurdles record with victory in 18.77sec, had a relatively smooth victory over Libby Snell in the 100m (13.78sec) and leaps of 1m45 in the high jump and 4m38 in the long jump. There were personal bests for middle distance runners Lydia Stratford and Jemima Cooper in their respective 800m (2min 39.8sec) and 1500m (5min 25sec) races and Alice Bunting just sneaked over the line ahead of Clare Watson in the 400m. Laura Morris had a positive return from injury to win the shot putt, but had to succumb to Ellen Oliver-Davies winner of the discus and later the javelin.





Although Cian was a dominant force in the senior sprints and jumps there were many competitive performances; especially by Will Rogers who finished second to Cian on four occasions, jumping further than his own triple jump record in the process. Mitchell Henchoz's victory over 400m was not easily won as Christian Porter pushed him to the limit and Toby Austin claimed the distance double with an easier victory over 1500m (4min 53sec). The high jump was a tense affair with Harry Trew defeating Ben Butler on count back (both had cleared 1m 60). Will Butler's rugby training gave him the strength to win the javelin with the longest throw of the day 35m 21; later he was seen moving swiftly down the back straight in the relay!



Finally, the all important house competition; with Cornwall winning the Senior Boys' and Year 7 Girls', Langford the Year 8 Girls' and Somerset the Year 7/8 Boys', Intermediate Girls' and Senior Girls', it was not surprising that Somerset were the overall winners with 905 points, Cornwall second (750 points), Langford third (705 points) and Stuart fourth (680 points). It is because the house competition is competitive that Sports Day has become a special event: competitive, yet inclusive.

SC





School Sport Equestrian Team

The school equestrian team continues to go from strength to strength, always in contention, even at the NSEA Championships in October where both the dressage and show jumping teams finished just outside the top ten.

As pupils move onto new larger horses they test their nerve over larger, more complicated courses, especially when jumping against the clock, at the NSEA Championships, where those few seconds and a lot of luck can make a difference, as experienced by Libby Snell, Katie Thomas and Ellie Lewis. In order to compete at higher levels a lot of time and effort is needed to nurture and develop the relationship between horse and rider. Katie Thomas and her horse Alfie are an excellent example of this: a partnership that began two years ago has blossomed, with Katie excelling in the show jumping arena – finishing 3rd at the NSEA Championships in the 90 cm class, and later in the year helping the team win the 90 cm and 1m classes at King's Equestrian, Bromyard, with some sharp turns and measured angles to lower the time in the speed sections. Having learned many show jumping skills on her brilliant skewbald mare Chelsea, it was fitting that in March at their last show jumping competition together, they were victorious in the 80 cm class, as Katie used Chelsea's ability to turn and jump off a sixpence to her advantage. Molly Williams, with her smart chestnut Axle, is another example of a relationship forged by calm, sympathetic riding, as was clearly evident when riding a brilliant test (73.40%) to qualify as an individual for the NSEA Championships at Addington in October. In fact, with Molly at the helm, a team of chestnuts immaculately turned-out and ridden with style and accuracy gained easy qualification, defeating Malvern College by a large margin of 9%. This was because the younger members of the squad, Clare Bennett on her new, very talented Otto performed well in the prelim, 5th with (69.2%) as did the Novice riders, Caroline Lewis on the reliable Robesco (4th with 73.4%) and Gwen Thomas on the classy Quiz (5th with 72.3%). On the same day, in Class 1, Helen Bennett on her new horse Oscar (3rd with 71.50%) and Amelia Harris on Maddy (2nd with 72.00%) produced encouraging performances .

It was with the help of new comers, Katie John on Bertie and Elly Smith on Murphy or Josie that in October 2013, the school qualified for the NSEA 2014 County Championships. And, it was Elly on Josie who performed so brilliantly in March at King's Inter-school Championships to win the 1m class in style, producing one of the few clear rounds over this twisty track.

For many of the team eventing is also their forte and there is always great excitement at the prospect of competing at Stonar. At this prestigious event, so colourful with its multitude of luxury lorries, HCS pupils always perform beyond expectation. On Saturday 23 September, Gwen Thomas, riding Quiz, produced an excellent dressage score of 19.5, (a score most riders achieve in their dreams); however, despite a double clear, she managed to collect a few time faults on the cross-country, so did well to finish 10th in a competitive class. On Sunday, Katie Thomas, Ellie Lewis and Molly Williams competed in the BE 100 class, finishing 4th in the team competition. With consistent dressage scores, the odd pole down in the show jumping and fast cross-country rounds, these girls proved that they have the nerves and courage to compete with the best. A feat emulated by Caroline Lewis, who as an individual in the BE 100, competed consistently across each phase to finish amongst the top ranks. Stonar also hold an ISODE during the spring which is aimed at the younger members: Gwen Thomas and Katie John flew the HCS flag with pride competing in the BE80/85 class, where the competition in each section was strong. Although Gwen and Katie couldn't emulate a dressage score of 13 achieved by the winner of section B, they did perform consistently in each phase (dressage, cross-country and show jumping) and against a field of forty competitors in each section, Gwen finished 4th in section A with 35 points and Katie 6th in section C with 40 points.

So, as we all move on, with new horizons and challenges to meet, it has to be said that managing the equestrian team has been one of my most rewarding teaching experiences. Why? Because horses are the greatest levellers – they have brains, can co-operate or be extremely naughty, there are no remarks, no second chances, you have to accept that nothing will change the result, except more hard work, greater anticipation and team work!

SC

School Sport Badminton

This year we competed in the Herefordshire Inter Schools Badminton Competition.



We entered both boys' and girls' teams into the KS3 and KS4 competitions with excellent results. The U14 girls and boys and the U16 girls all won their county rounds beating schools such as Bishop's, St Mary's, John Kyrle and Whitecross. This meant that they qualified for the regional round of the Centre Parcs National Schools Badminton Competition. Here we competed against all of the county winners from the West Midlands. It was an excellent day with a very high standard of Badminton being played by all. Unfortunately we did not qualify for the National Finals ….. there is always next year!!!

SB

School Sport Biathlon Championships

Eleven pupils travelled to Solihull to compete in the regional biathlon championships in October.

It was a long and wet day with pupils coming up against very strong opposition in both the run and swim sections. The pupils all worked extremely hard and produced some excellent times for both events.

Pelham Giddens 6th (U14 boys'); Alina Allison 4th (U14 girls'); Toby Austin 3rd (U17 boys'); Lydia Stratford (U17 girls') came 2nd (with the fastest swim of the day); Jemima Cooper came 6th (U19 girls')

Eight HCS pupils went on to compete in the Biathlon Championships held at the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in April. Some 1600 athletes aged nine to 18 took part in the event tackling a 50m swim and an 800m run. The young athletes swam in the inspirational setting of the Olympic Pool at the London Aquatics Centre and ran around a course on Olympic Park.

In the U10 boys' competition, Max Hilton performed very well, with personal bests (pb) in both his run and swim; this enabled him to finish 48th/08. In the U11 boys' competition, Jude Gummerson was again the leading light. He ran brilliantly and although he was just pipped at the line in his heat, his time was one of the fastest. Jude also swam well and his combined effort produced another points pb and he finished a fantastic 10th overall out of 121 competitors. Mary Miller ran well and had the distinction of being the only HCS pupil to win their swim heat; she finished 48th out of 130 in the U11 girls' competition. Aidan Webb, who prefers the longer running distances, ran very well and produced a good swim in the U12 class, finishing a very creditable 34th out of a tough field of 120.



Biathlon competitors

Alina Allison and Eloise Lowson took part in the U14 girls' event. Eloise found it quite tough going but the experience will have done her well as she finished 92nd/99. Alina ran brilliantly coming second in her heat and then produced a decent swim time to finish 45th/99. Both girls produced personal best points totals.

In the U17 boys' event, Toby Austin finished 21st/27. Toby ran well to finish 7th overall and continued to chip away at his swim time. Toby is a good all round athlete and he will improve in the future. In the U17 girls' event, Lydia Stratford swam brilliantly to be 4th overall. Her run was good and her points tally improved again, as she ended up in 15th overall position out of 32 competitors.

The whole weekend was a fantastic experience for everybody who competed, especially the swim where they have now shared the water with OIympic greats. All the pupils represented the school brilliantly and their performances were excellent. Hopefully, this has given them the confidence to continue competing in Biathlons and beyond that even Triathlons.

SB

School Sport OH Regatta

On the afternoon of Sunday 8 September, we hosted the OH Regatta at the Hereford Boat Club.



Plate winner Laura Mansfield

It was our second year of hosting the event at the beginning of the school year, rather than the end, and the spirit and clear motivation to get back on the water after the long summer break was clear to see in the pupils who participated in the event.

After a series of heats and close semi-finals, the Symonds Cup was awarded to Jacob Mileson who rowed an outstanding race and was a deserving recipient of this trophy. The Plate final for the senior girls' single scull was deservedly won by Laura Mansfield, who finished sixth form last year but has stayed on as a gap student this year and was still qualified to row as a pupil competitor.

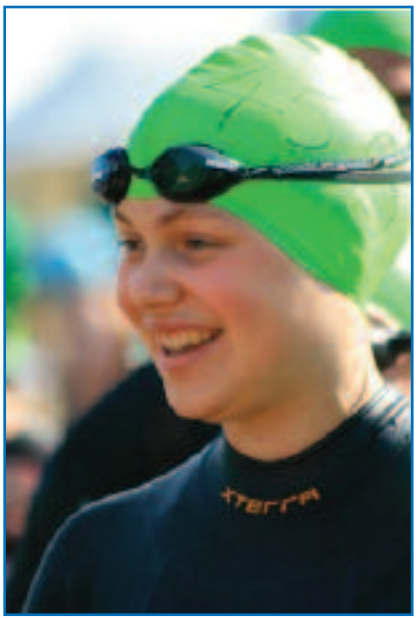
There was also much enthusiasm amongst the junior levels of rowing and specific mention must be made of Orlando Timmerman who managed to not only win the Junior Single Sculls but also be in the winning crews for the junior double sculls and the junior coxed quad - a potential future Symonds Cup winner may be on the cards here!

Then OHs who attended the event were given the opportunity to row and it was their coxed quad race that was the closing race of the event. This pitted a junior OH crew against a more senior OH crew, supported by Mrs Jane Smith as a parent and enthusiastic rower. The junior OH crew took to the boat as though they had been rowing in this crew for many a practice session and were able to capitalise on this by winning the race. Many thanks to Alex Deutsch, Joe Goldsmith, Simon Williamson, Emma Ticehurst, Graham Kemp, Charles Hulley, Laura Mansfield and Jane Smith for taking part in this race and finishing off the afternoon's racing.

All in all, it was another lovely event down by the river, despite the rain, and we hope that the event continues to grow in popularity as the years continue.

IKW

Swimming achievement



A team from City of Hereford Swimming Club, including Hereford Cathedral School pupil Lydia, took part in Swim Britain 2014 open water event at Blenheim Palace.

They surpassed all expectations, finishing second out of 217 participating teams and they broke the hour barrier, swimming three minutes faster than last year, finishing in 57 minutes! Remarkably, Lydia recorded the fourth fastest female swim of the day finishing behind two British Olympic swimmers and a GB international water polo player! The weather and the surroundings were glorious and they all enjoyed a very special day.



Symonds Cup winner Jacob Mileson



CCF Review

The 2013/2014 year was eventful and exciting for Hereford Cathedral School CCF.

Most notably, we enjoyed the addition of more members of staff and cadets joining us from Whitecross School.

All of the CCF took part in the school Remembrance Service and also a number of cadets took part in the local Remembrance Service in the centre of town. The Biennial Inspection took place Thursday 8 May 2014, on the school playing fields. The ceremonial parade, with musical accompaniment by The Rifles Army Reservist Band, was followed by an excellent display of drill by the cadets before being inspected by Colonel Seal, who is the Deputy Commander of 143 Brigade. The inspecting officer was impressed by their high level of turn out and their professionalism. The day was a huge success for the contingent, allowing the cadets to display their extraordinary abilities.

The Naval section was led by Petty Officer Alice Spreckley. The section attended HMS Excellent for their October field days; this is the Royal Navy's training establishment on Whale Island, and the cadets stay on the accommodation and training ship HMS Bristol moored at the tip of the island in Portsmouth Harbour. During the field days cadets take part in numerous adventurous training activities ranging from shooting to climbing, as well as fire fighting courses and a number of enjoyable trips.

During the year the new cadets were taught a variety of lessons by the older cadets, from communications to the rank structure of the Royal Navy. In addition to the contingent events, the cadets from the naval section also took part in Armed Forces day by helping in the cathedral.

The army section was lead by CSM Evans. Nescliffe was the destination for the October field day with the new cadets getting the opportunity to experience many activities run by the senior cadets including command tasks and first aid, with a drill competition watched by the entire section bringing the enjoyable two days to an end. The second year cadets undertook a fieldcraft exercise run by Major Howells with the assistance of other senior instructors to further build upon the skills that they had learnt during their first year.

Throughout the rest of the year the recruits learnt how to operate the cadet rifle, map and compass skills and basic fieldcraft that would prepare them for the forthcoming summer camp at Sennybridge. The intermediate cadets were taught a radio users course by Colour Sgt Bilton and then moved onto a MOI cadre taught by cadet instructors Sgt Weaver and Sgt Watson.

The annual summer camp was undertaken at Penally Training Camp in Tenby where the school worked alongside King's Worcester School CCF. The camp began with adventurous training allowing the cadets to put into practice many of the skills they had been learning in the classroom. A navigation exercise was undertaken, though there were also some more relaxing activities including kayaking and clay pigeon shooting. Many cadets also got their first experience of firing the cadet rifle live on a range along with many of them getting the opportunity to use a LSW which unfortunately we don't posses at the school. On the Thursday the cadets began the exercise portion of the camp partaking in mock version of being a real solider in the field. They slept, ate and fought in the field and conducted patrols, an ambush and the grand finale was a section attack on enemy positions. The school then returned to camp to pack and attend the prize giving ceremony before travelling home. A great time was had by all cadets on the camp.

The RAF section was lead by flight Sgt Cockbain. This year the RAF section travelled to RAF Cosford for the their October field days where many of the cadets got to experience their first taste of flying. Throughout the year the cadets were taught many activities; the new cadets learnt many of the basics about being an RAF cadet and the quality of teaching was very impressive. This was highlighted when the Ground training team came in third place in the competition showing that the senior cadets were of very high capability in many areas of the cadet syllabus such as first aid and marksmanship.

The annual Christmas dinner for the RAF section went very well and was most certainly a high point for many of the cadets, helping to bring them very close as a section.

The RAF summer camp took place at RAF Whiton, Cambridgeshire. The section took part in numerous activities during the week. Some were traditional, military-based cadet events – Teamwork exercises and Raft building – and some were just for fun such as Bowling, Laser Tag and Softball. The Drill competition was hotly contested with the sections working hard in an attempt to be crowned champions, with the older cadets displaying skills only developed through their vast experience in the cadet force. The highlight of the camp was a trip to the RAF Museum, London, which helped the cadets to gain a greater understanding of the traditions of the section.

Many cadets undertook external courses. Individual naval cadets attended a variety of courses throughout the year, including leadership and band courses, and cross channel sailing during the summer holidays. From the RAF, Cpl Taylor and Cpl Melville attended leadership courses designed to enhance their ability as cadets, and both Flight Sgt Hammond and Cpl Taylor went on a band course which they both enjoyed and which highlights the versatility that the cadet force offers. From the Army section, Sgt Mower continued to prove his ability on an Easter leadership course, and finally, Sgt Clare Watson must be congratulated as she is the first HCS pupil to have completed the Senior Cadet Instructor Cadre. These opportunities and experiences would be impossible to gain outside the cadet force.

A big thank you must be said for all of the members of staff that are involved in the CCF as without their efforts the contingent wouldn't be what it is today. The leavers had a brilliant last year and will not forget their time as cadets along with everything it has taught them.

Matt Welch

CCF Sailing





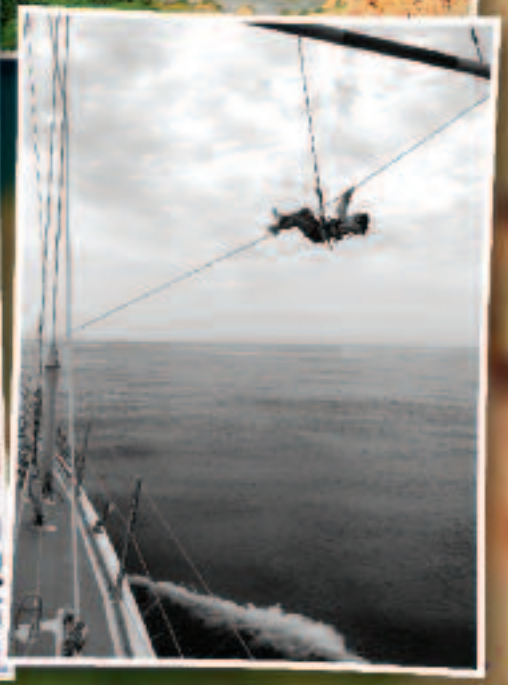












RAF Field Days

In October, the whole of the RAF section travelled to Tiddersley Wood Cadet Training Centre, Worcestershire.

We set up in our dorm and changed into our DPMs. Our flight competed in activities such as shooting, cooking in the field and leadership with the Motivational Outreach Team. After that we went for dinner and spent the rest of the evening out in the woods completing a Night Exercise trying to evade the enemy and locate a crashed aircraft in the pitch black. When the exercise finished at 2300hrs we had hot chocolate and doughnuts, washed off our cam cream and then went to bed.

The next day we woke up at 0700 hours and prepared for a room inspection. After cleaning the toilets several times we changed back into our DPMs and went to a massive cooked breakfast before forming up and heading out to Basher Building. In the afternoon we did Field Craft and patrolled around the area and then went back to camp for a final clean up. We left the camp at 1530hrs and arrived back at Broad Street at 1645hrs.

We thank Mr Pillai, Flying Officer Maitland, Ms Zammit, Squadron Leader Sage, Squadron Leader Wilkes and Squadron Leader Howell.

Cdt Joe Nowosielski & Cdt Jack Hamilton-Russell

Army Field Days

The HCS Army Section's field days were held at Nescliff Training Camp near Shrewsbury.

This is the training area for the British Army which covers 695 hectares.

We arrived and had dinner in the mess hall and then grabbed our bags and dropped them off in our rooms. At this point we were marched off to the briefing room and given the list of the things we were going to do over the next few days. Following this we completed our weapons handling test to allow us to renew our licence. We then marched off to get our kit and also pick up twenty-four ration packs.

On the first morning we had breakfast and then prepared for our 24-hour exercise. We picked up our rifles and packed our kit and were ready to set off. We had a twenty minute walk to the training area for a training session. Here, we were taught how to construct a harbour area as well as how to carry out a section attack. As night came we were split up into three sections and all sections went off and did different things. My section was sent out first to scout the area for the next morning.

We got up the next day and completed a very successful section attack. We then walked back to the training area and had a much needed and well deserved shower. Once we had packed up our kit we got on the bus and returned to Hereford.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who made this training camp possible, particularly Major Howells, the Rifles and Sargent Major Thomas.

Joe Allard

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award

Black Mountains

After all the buzz and excitement of starting our Gold Duke of Edinburgh, the day in April when we began our first training session in the Brecon Beacons finally arrived.

Before the expedition, we had been split into two groups and Sophie Edwards and I learnt that Ben Clements and Ollie Hunt would join us on our little Pyrenees adventure in the summer. But, then the worst possible thing happened: Sophie caught a stinking cold which left her unable to do the Black Mountains expedition. With all





things there is always a plan B, and therefore Ben, Ollie and I were all going to join the others. Although I would be without my only female friend on the trip, I would have six boys keeping me company.

DAY 1

We arrived in the rather bleak Brecon Beacons at around 12:00. The prospect of having to walk in such horrid conditions made me think that this is the last place in the world that I want to be. Nevertheless, Major Smith gave us a basic introductory brief about what we were to expect and without further-a-do, we got going.

The weather was relatively calm at first but only when we climbed higher and higher up the mountains did the weather suddenly turn extremely nasty. First it was sleeting slightly, then it was snowing and this got thicker and thicker with the wind blowing horizontally at our faces. It was so cold it felt as though the wind was cutting my face. My thin waterproof coat was useless, my fabric hat and gloves were useless, all of my equipment was useless. Our route then took us head-on into the blizzard and it was there that I could go no further. The only reason I forced myself not to collapse was because the prospect of falling into the snow and getting even more soaked than I already was not entirely inviting. The group took off my rucksack and effectively dragged me to some shelter where Major Smith gave me the best military hot chocolate and my friends bombarded me with sugary snacks.

The blizzard and the wind began to blow over and another Gold group met us along with Mrs Burdett. We packed up our stuff and headed off with the others. I can safely say I had never had so many hugs in all my life to try and keep me warm. Mrs Burdett held my arm the whole time and we eventually got into camp. Lucky for me, I did not have to cook my dinner as Mr Howells very kindly gave me his dinner. Because I did not have my other female buddy, I slept in the tent on my own with my wet kit everywhere.

I will honestly never forget the pouring rain that night, the cold temperatures which forced me to put about 15 layers on (even then I was still cold) and the fact that I had a puddle at the bottom of my tent. I thought that I would be perfectly fine to walk the next day but as soon as I got out of my tent, I felt as weak as a kitten – there was no way I could walk. As everybody else was packing away, I was in Mrs Burdett's tent feeling dreadful.

The plan was that everybody else would set off and Major Smith and Mrs Burdett would take me home. Before we left, I practically had all the girls hugging me trying to keep me warm, still in my 15 layers. When I got home, I went straight to the hospital for them to check me over and I then stayed at home for the next few days with about as much energy as a slug.

The experience taught me an awful lot – the correct kit makes the whole thing so much more enjoyable. My boots were sodden through and Major Smith instructed me that I MUST get a new pair of boots as the ones that I had were rubbish. As a result of that weekend, I have since bought a new pair of boots, a proper rain coat, two wicking tops, a good pair of walking trousers, a buff, several new jumpers and proper walking socks. One of the things I made sure I did before the Pyrenees, was buy all of the correct equipment to make my trip the best possible experience.

Helen Davies

DAY 2

After the loss of Helen, Ollie and I joined the 'Peak District' group: Amy, Imo, Laura and Barnaby set off with Mr Howells teaching us, and laughing at us when we got stuck in the bog rather than coming to help us. But before we set off the whole group was confronted by the

complaining about the quality of the tents which the DofE stores had provided. Chief among these complaints were Mr Hyde and Mr Howells who had slept the whole night in what was effectively a puddle! The only real comfort for Mr Hyde, apart from Mr Howells, was Mr Howells' dog which seemed to act as a foot warmer for him.

We eventually set off up to the top of the ridge; looking out high over the terrain we saw an open landscape with the only thing breaking it up being the few lakes dotted around, but apart from that the only other sight was hill after hill. After only a few minutes of walking it soon became clear that Imo's rucksack was ineffective as the straps caused her to almost fall over every time she put it on, or when it was on she looked like a turtle, not only because it was down by her feet, but mainly because she spent most of her time on the floor.

We walked across the barren hills for what seemed like days, until eventually we ended up at our campsite. This was a welcome relief as both myself and Ollie's feet were hurting, but finally we made it to the end of the day and set our tents up, ate our supper and exhausted from the long day's walking settled off to bed.

DAY 3

We awoke early, keen to get back to walking, only to discover that the groups had been mixed up again! Ollie and I were to be walking with the other 'Pyrenees Group' - the other boys who would be coming with us to Spain.

So we set off up the very long, very steep road leading to a path that would eventually take us up the Sugarloaf. The initial path was straight up and incredibly steep. Once we reached the top of what we thought was the ridge it became clear that we would be in for a longer and harder slog up Sugarloaf than we had anticipated. With three false summits and a small rock scramble up to the top which took hours, by the time we reached the top we were exhausted. After a quick stop for a photo and some chocolate, and a small chat with the teachers to try and see where the other groups were as they had decided to go around rather than going over, we set off again.

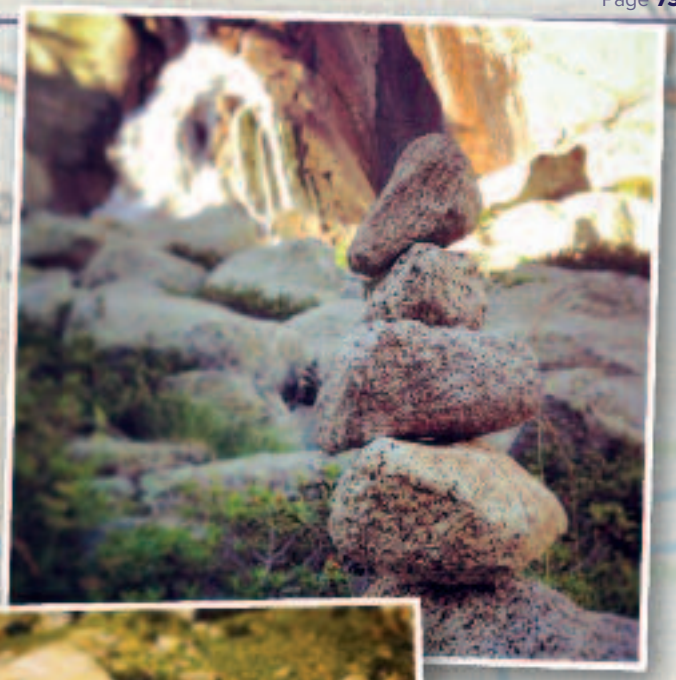
We raced back down to the other side of the ridge where the mini bus was waiting to take us home. It was a great trip and was a real shame that things hadn't worked out exactly to plan. We looked forward to the adventures which lay ahead of us on future expeditions.

Ben Clements





Ollie Hunt, Lydia Stratford, Ben Clements and Helen Davies













OH News

Operatic Career

Described in *The Daily Telegraph* as a 'honey-voiced tenor', **Anthony Gregory** (OH) continues to make a name for himself in opera. In the 2013/2014 season, Anthony was chosen to be one of English National Opera's Harewood Artists, which enables exceptionally talented UK-trained singers to perform with a major opera company while receiving specialist coaching, support and guidance.



In an increasingly busy schedule, Anthony has performed in a number of prestigious events this year: appearing in Verdi's *Rigoletto* at the London Coliseum; as a soloist in the Royal Choral Society's Good Friday performance of Handel's *Messiah* at the Royal Albert Hall; in the ENO world premiere of Anderson's *Thebans;* singing with the Choir of King's College, Cambridge for a performance of Mozart's Mass in C minor in June; and in August he returned to the Verbier Festival to sing the role of Agenore in Mozart's *Il re pastore.*

Recently, Anthony performed the role of Peter Quint and Prologue in venues around the country with the Glyndebourne tour in Britten's *Turn of the Screw.*

Fighting Ebola

Charity worker **David Darg,** OH, has been in Liberia attempting to combat the spread of Ebola.

David is vice-president of international operations for Operation Blessing International.

Operation Blessing's Ebola prevention teams worked hard to provide rural communities in Liberia with the knowledge and resources to fight the spread of Ebola, distributing hand washing buckets filled with a chlorine disinfectant and teaching vulnerable families how to protect themselves from the deadly virus.



David Darg demonstrating chlorine production © Operation Blessing

Running the Sahara

In April, former Head Boy **Jacob Coates** ran the 'toughest footrace on earth' — the Marathon Des Sables. This is a 250km foot race across the Sahara desert over six days where Jake had to carry all of his gear for the week on his back the whole way!

Jake is a hospital doctor working in critical care in Sydney, Australia. To train for the event he had to fit in two to five-hour runs before or after a full day's work, building up to 150kms a week for four months in order to achieve the right physical and mental condition for the race. Such dedicated training paid off as Jake finished 27th out of more than 1,100 international entrants, completing the race in 28hours 22minutes.

Jake was raising money for Ovarian Cancer Action, the UK's leading ovarian cancer charity.

Engineering Award

Rachel Taylor (OH 2000-2005), Assistant Engineer with national Consulting Engineers Mouchel, was presented with the annual Ruth Allen Award at the Pipeline Industries Guild National Dinner held at the Grosvenor House Hotel in March.

This prestigious award is made to the Young Person who has contributed substantially to the aims of the Guild's Young Persons Network. Rachel is currently secretary of the Wales and West YPN, but is due to take the national Chair next year.

In addition to the specially designed trophy to keep for a year, Rachel also received funding of £1500 for four professional coaching sessions and a bottle of champagne.



Burghley Winner

Louise Harwood (née Skelton), on her horse LVS Movistar, was the impressive winner of the four-year-old Dubarry Burghley Young Event Horse qualifier held at the Festival of British Eventing at Gatcombe Park. The pair scored 28 out of 30 in the dressage and 38 out of 40 over the coloured poles.

Louise, who has a stable of twelve horses, is a BHS registered instructor and a British Eventing accredited coach. Movistar, an Irish-bred 16hh chestnut gelding, is owned jointly by Louise and Alice Houlker.

Crime Novel

Another gripping new crime novel in the Coroner Jenny Cooper series by **Matthew Hall** has been published. Matthew is the bestselling author of *The Coroner* and *The Flight.*

The story is set against the backdrop of the Wye Valley — an area Matthew knows well — in the fictional village of Blackstone Ley where a family dies in a house fire. As the police close the case on a family tragedy, Coroner Jenny Cooper begins to uncover Blackstone Ley's secrets hidden in the flames.





OH Travel

The OH Club's Travel Bursary and Hereford Cathedral School's Evolva Award have assisted six OHs in fulfilling educational and personal goals this year. Writing a report is a condition of the award.

Teaching Street Children

by Susanna Magowan

Having never travelled out of Europe it is safe to say this was something totally new.

It was both exciting yet challenging as I spent two weeks during August working with street children in Sri Lanka, through an organisation called Child Action Lanka (CAL).

In Sri Lanka pupils attend school in the morning provided they have the necessary uniforms, books and shoes and return home during the afternoon. Sadly, however this isn't always the case. Some children are refused entry, even with the necessary equipment due to the perception that street children are born bad. During the afternoon those who do attend school may turn to crime: begging, drug trafficking and prostitution as well as suffering exploitation and abuse. Child Action aim to help those marginalised by society by breaking the cycle of poverty and helping children improve their future prospects.

I was privileged to spend my first week in Batticaloa, one of the poorest regions but with the largest number of children. The Batticaloa location has within it a further five communities. During the morning the teachers from all five communities came to the house and we were able to share some of the teaching methods used in the UK. During the afternoon we spent time at the Thalawai community. Before CAL began working in Thalawai many children would go to work after school or play instead of studying. I was struck by the children's enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in our activities. All the children were not only keen to learn but also to help each other.

The second week was spent with the children in Kandy, the second largest city in the country. I spent time working with pre-school children and babies helping with craft activities, songs, being an extra pair of hands for the teacher and of course play time!

Spending time with Child Action Lanka taught me so much, especially the importance of showing love and care to every child regardless of their gender, age, religion or background. Managing in a foreign culture despite the language barrier often without translation proved an important learning experience. Being immersed in a culture of many different religions, and living with local people, eating local food and finding my way around an unfamiliar city was so enriching. Although it felt odd coming home to a country where we have so much I saw with new eyes that happiness isn't always found in the material possessions we often desire. I came to appreciate with new depth the value of education and a stable community offering love and support. Both of which I found to be true at the centres with CAL and my time at HCS. Both I and CAL are deeply thankful for the support HCS gave.



Working with CAL was such a great opportunity to spend time not only giving myself but receiving more in return. I learnt more being there than I could have expected and I hope it not too long before I can return!

Volunteering in Costa Rica

by Rosie Hanks and Kalli Sikes

Orphanage

Our story begins in the rather dismal capital city of Costa Rica, San José.

Each morning at 8.30am we caught the Cedros bus into Maximo Nivel for Spanish lessons (basico). At 12.00pm we set off to our orphanage run by nuns and funded by the Catholic Church, supporting children from the ages of 12 months to 9 years. We had a heartbreakingly poor ratio of volunteers to children: 3 to 20. Each child demands attention and they drape themselves over every limb of your body. Our jobs were mainly to provide the individual attention the children crave and need, as well as help with meal times and getting them all outside into the fresh air to play.

The first few days were the toughest, as the language barrier seemed unconquerable. We attempted to compensate with energy. It was exhausting. We carried, we chased, we threw, we drew, we did everything we could to please the children. One boy bawled inconsolably for hours. We felt unbelievably overwhelmed. As the days proceeded it became easier. They began to trust us, and we began to understand them.

Coffee

Week four took us to a coffee plantation in Monteverde to help with the picking, packaging and processing of coffee. The farm is set in a steep-sided valley a two-hour hike away from the nearest civilisation. Our hosts were a family of four living in a small house of corrugated iron.

Since coming to Costa Rica, we have both become coffee fiends, but we were ignorant of the whole process that leads to the silky goodness that we all know and love. The berries we had to pick were either bright red or yellow. The process ... pick everything and place it into the baskets we had tied around our waists. Once picked the seeds are allowed to dry out in the sun. They are then roasted at 175 degrees celcius which changes the colour, taste, smell, and density. After roasting, the beans are cooled and packaged into 175g bags and sealed up ready to be sold.

Turtles

We quickly became fully immersed in Turtle Conservation life. We patrolled the Ostional beach under a sky littered with stars.



Suddenly, walking barefoot along the sand, we discovered a trail leading up the beach. Following it we found a turtle laboriously digging, attempting to make a pit deep enough for the 50-150 eggs she would soon lay. We recorded the entire process taking measurements of the shell, flippers, width and depth of the pit, timing the egg dropping process, and counting the eggs. We watched as this ancient reptile finally covered the hole and made her slow, dramatic departure back into the ocean.

Pyrenees Trek

by David Penney and Sam Powell

Some time ago we had convinced ourselves that this would be a brilliant end to our Gap Years: walking all the way across the Pyrenees entirely self-supported.

As an extra motivation (and in a bid to raise awareness), we were doing the hike in aid of Herefordshire Headway, a charity working to rehabilitate people after serious head injury. On Saturday 14 June we hauled our packs onto our backs and boarded the plane, to Barcelona, still turning over last-minute concerns. Was it right to leave the heavy maps at home? And was it sensible to spurn a tent in place of bivvy bags? Guides suggested it could take 6 weeks – but when should we book to travel home? It was too late for worries, and soon we were standing at the rattle end of the snake's tail of the Pyrenees.

We walked long days, finding somewhere at night to curl up in our waterproof sleeping bags – coming across a shepherd's shelter if we were lucky. Our preparation, it could be said, had been fairly minimal. Sam had never slept in his bivvy bag –'I lay in the vegetable patch and Dad sprayed me with a hose. I got wet, but don't think we were doing it right so it should be fine!' – and Dave's gas stove regularly malfunctioned, belching out fireballs which singed leg hairs and jeopardized the all-important end-of-day meal. In fact, food was the fuel of our thought and the strongest motivation to walk each day – we talked about it endlessly.

One diary entry describes a memorable night halfway through the trip. The wind had picked up throughout the day though, and our position was fairly exposed so we chose a large boulder for shelter, wriggling our bivvy bags into the dip created by the colossal stone. As soon as we closed our eyes, we heard the most ominous of sounds: a faint tap-tap-tapping on the bags. It wasn't long before the light drops had become heavier, and a distant, disconcerting crackle of thunder was fast approaching. Before we knew it a full-blown storm had descended. Hail bounced into our bivvy bags, coming to an icy rest beneath our necks where it would melt, chilly rivulets spindling further down our backs. Seven hours later and into the next morning, we were entrenched in drifts of hail, and utterly miserable.

By the end of the hike, we had walked 1,013994 steps, over 850km and climbed/descended 46,000m in 28 days. We managed to get through four pairs of footwear, too.

Thanks goes to everybody who sponsored us and helped raise money for Herefordshire Headway, and also to the OH Travel Bursary which helped make the whole expedition happen – an unforgettable experience!





Mary in Machame

by Mary Wall

Like any other young child I had big dreams most of which were far-fetched or else only lasted for twenty-four hours, but there was always one constant desire and that was to go to Africa.

I left HCS in 2010 to study Medicine at The University of Birmingham. Four years on, it was time to embark on an elective project as part of my studies. In Birmingham, this involves constructing a project to be investigated in any hospital anywhere in the world. Naturally this seemed like the perfect opportunity to fulfil my ambition.

In early May 2014 I arrived fresh-faced and excited in Tanzania. The hospital in which I would be working over the coming four weeks was the Machame Lutheran Hospital situated over 1,500 meters up the slopes of Kilimanjaro in Northern Tanzania. The hospital has around 130 beds and serves as a general medical/surgical community hospital for the area.

Whilst at the hospital I was able to participate in all the day-to-day activities. I joined doctors on the ward rounds and in various clinics and was exposed to some truly spectacular and advanced pathologies as well as diseases and presentations that I had never seen before. I also experienced some surgery.

An aspect which I particularly enjoyed was the outreach programme in which a team goes to remote village and delivers healthcare for a day. One of the villages I visited, about one-and-a-half hours drive from our base hospital, had not received any medical attention for two years and consequently we were treated like royalty. They laid out several banquets for us in which we were waited upon hand and foot.

Whilst in Machame I also went to the nearby orphanage and spent some time playing with and caring for the babies under 18 months. Before going, I was a bit concerned as I had barely even held a baby before, let alone know what to do with it! I was surprised to realise that the time I spent at the orphanage was probably the time in which I really felt I was making the most difference. The centre was so under-staffed that when a baby woke up it would be fed by a nurse, have its nappy changed and then be put on a double mattress on the floor with the others. The only time in which the children would be held was when they were being fed and they were not played with at all. Luckily for me, some sort of instinct kicked in and I spent several happy hours playing with the children having great fun. It was a really humbling experience and one that I will never forget.

Serving Africa Mission

by Maggie Tate

On Thursday 7 August, four intrepid explorers set off from Hereford on their way to Ghana.

With an age range of 50 years, from age 21 to 71, the members of Holmer Parish Church were to spend ten days at the Serving Africa Mission base in the Medie Valley, just outside Accra, the capital of Ghana.

The Serving Africa Mission was started by the Rev. Jim and Mary Smith over twenty years ago. Working in Accra and across the Medie Valley, this small community currently includes five churches, a refuge for abused women and their children (one of only two in the entire country), a mission base including accommodation and a well providing clean water.

We met some of the teenagers from the young people's church, the Ark, which meets every Saturday afternoon and is run completely by the children and young people. The youngest member is less than 2 years old, the oldest are 19-year-old twins, Raheal and Rebecca, who are the designated leaders and 'youth pastors'. The children imitate the activities which occur during the Sunday services at Blessing Church in their own services at the Ark. They rotate the roles of leading the service, praise and worship, prayer, testimonies, sharing Bible verses, and preaching between themselves each week.

We spent an intense ten days taking part in the activities of the mission, which included visiting all their churches and projects in the valley, attending services and prayer meetings, discussing Bible stories with different groups, visiting people, getting to know the Women's Fellowship at Blessing Church, and spending time with the women and children at Ruth House (the women's refuge). Through our coming and going, we also got to know several members of the community around the base and formed some lasting friendships.

For me, along with the other members of the team, the experience has not only been life changing, but has given us new passion and ideas for how we can serve the churches and communities we return to. I have visited Africa before, but the faith-filled environment that I found in this valley was, although extremely challenging and difficult at times, something I hope and trust will remain with me, as I start working with young people aged 11-18 at Holy Trinity Church in Cambridge.



Madagascar

by Jonathan Hitchiner

I begin this small snippet of my journeys this year with a quote from Lawrence K. Fish, 'Find life experiences and swallow them whole.

Meet new people. Go down some dead ends and explore dark alleys. Try everything. Exhaust yourself in the glorious pursuit of life.' I found this gem on one of my many cards that I sent home.

My first adventure led my brother and me to an island that has inspired and influenced many scientists, such as Gerald Durrell and David Attenborough. The island being Madagascar. On 12 July we took two plane journeys to Antannarivo, the capital of Madagascar. The next morning we woke up ready for a four hour flight to Toliara in order to prepare ourselves for a Bruce Parry adventure with the Vezo tribe. This unique tribe lives on the South Western coast of Madagascar, in a remote fishing village called Tampolove. Trust me, the true identity of the 'Vezo' tribe cannot even be found in the depths of the internet, nor has the tribe heard of such an invention! This expedition involved documenting the tribe with a goPro, a contour and a Nikon DSLR camera, we were both ready to tackle this challenge head on. With this equipment we were able to film the fishing lifestyle and the individual roles within the tribe. To watch the short film go to: http://vimeo.com/86441488.

After this intrepid exploration I returned to the UK with a modest tan for a red head, and headed West to a different kind of jungle. A concrete one located on the East-coast of the USA, here I spent three months at Saint Thomas Choir School in New York City teaching/assisting with the daily antics of an all boys boarding school. I so much enjoyed this opportunity and if I could repeat the whole experience I wouldn't hesitate to do so. Living 30 seconds walk from Central Park, and 10 minutes from Times Square was certainly an opportunity that doesn't come to everyone. I acknowledge how lucky I am to have lived in a city of such size and variation, and I can only dream that one day I will return. Maybe as a teacher, if I'm lucky!



Speech Day and Prize Giving 2014

Form Prizes

	Academic	General
7C	Tristan Cotton	Georgina Sockett
7L	Fleur Berry-Jones	Will Sykes
7S	Sebastian Dixon	Cressida Gethin
7T	Holly Sewell	Gabriel Preece
8C	Eloise Lowson	Charles Tobey
8L	Joanna McKay	Ellie Rogers
8S	Pelham Giddens	James Wilde
8T	William Owens	Max Radbourne
9C	Harriet Williams	Lily Cotton
9L	Scott Fowler-Wright	Patrick Amphlett
9S	Christopher Usher	Emily Prosser
9T	Katie John	Dan Roberts
10C	Thomas Binnersley	Jessica Trew
10L	Orlando Timmerman	Mhairi McGill
10S	Annabel Gorst	Cristina Higgins
10T	Maddy Wood	Louise Mansell
11C	Maisy Spalding	Toby Austin
11L	Rachael Kennedy	Gawain Melville
11S	Matthew Owen	Elena McCaffrey
11T	Eliza Baring	Charlie Skyrme

Open Prizes

Roger Lancaster Creative Writing Prize
Sandhir Chahal

John Ferris Prize
Eliza Baring

James Peebles Prize for English
Anya Breen

Evans Drama Prize
Eliza Nenadich

Edward Tomlinson Memorial Prize for Debating
Rory Turnbull

James Peebles Prize for History
Rory Turnbull

Raphael Powell History Prize Maisy Spalding

Theology Prize
Junior Emma Parry-Jones
Senior Rory Turnbull

Arden-Davis Ancient History Prize
Caitlin Price

Murray-Ragg Junior Latin Prize
Alice Bunting

Sidebotham Senior Latin Prize
Sandhir Chahal

Greek Prize
Rory Turnbull

James AW Smith Award for Classics
Katherine Miller

Bull Prize for French
Junior Rachael Kennedy
Senior Amy Hutchinson

Anthony Edwards Prize for Junior Spanish
Anna Sweetman

Spanish Prize
Senior Christopher Payne

Blackler Prize for Art
Junior Fiona Oakley
Senior Anya Breen

Chorister Prize
Michael D'Avanzo

Ex-Chorister Prize
Oliver Layton

Vocal Music Prize
Jess Price

Gwynne Edwards Music Prize for Strings
Briony Seden

Dick Heald Senior Prize for Strings
Augusta Lazenby

Suttle Prize for Music
Anthony Mansfield

Instrumental Music Prize
Jacob Wooderson

David Bilton Prize for Accompaniment
Rhian Evans

Hankinson Organ Prize
Anthony Mansfield

Foley Prize for Economics
Jacob Wooderson

Geography Prize
Junior Emma Parry-Jones
Senior Jessica Price

Farningham Local Studies Prize
Naomi Blower

Technology Prize
Junior Tristan Jones
Senior Billy Lewis

Winnington-Ingram Maths Prize
Junior Helen Bennett
Senior George Bolt

Power Prize for Mathematics
Oliver Layton

Zimmerman Prize for Physics
Junior Rachael Kennedy
Senior Netty Watkins

Hetherington Prize
Louis Barber

Prior Prize for Human Biology
Christopher Usher

Biology Prize
Junior Anna Sweetman
Senior Sophie Hammond

W E Glover Prize for Chemistry
Oliver Layton

Norris Prize for Junior Chemistry
Maisy Spalding

Farningham Prize for Senior Chemistry
Mitchell Henchoz

Berry-Ottaway Prize for Junior Science
Helen Bennett

Moreton Prize for Boys' Games
Cameron Condon

Blake Prize for Girls' Games
Katie Thomas

Peter J Children Sportsman's Award
Ben Butler

Janet Potter Sportswoman's Award
Ella Phillips

Withers Elective
Kevin Chang

Vale Memorial Prize
Alfie Oliver-Davies

P M G Williams Prize
Matthew Welch

Bishop Hodson Prize
Serena Linley-Adams

Farewell

Destinations 2014

Louis Barber	Cardiff - Civil Engineering
Lucy Bennett	Birmingham - Eng Lang/Class Lit & Civ
Charles Bilton	Swansea - Classical Civilisation
George Bolt	Post A Level application
Larissa Boyd	QMUL - Medical Engineering
Anya Breen	Bristol - Politics/International Relations
Emma Burleigh	Cardiff - English Language
Ben Butler	York - Environmental Geography
Sandhir Chahal	To be advised (TBA)
Kun Chang	Cambridge - Chemical Engineering
Shibo Chen	Birmingham - Materials Science/Tech
Florence Churchward	Exeter - Liberal Arts
Posy Clay	BUWE - Mathematics
Christopher Cockbain	Southampton - Aero/Astronautics
Cameron Condon	TBA
Luisa Eakins	TBA
James Evans	Royal Marines
Rhian Evans	Exeter - Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Alice Glover	Bristol - Classical Studies
Helingzi Gong	York - Biomedical Sciences
Ryan Green	TBA
Sophie Hammond	Nottingham - Medicine
Flora Harvey	TBA
William Helme	Durham - Chemistry
Mitchell Henchoz	LSE - Management
Daniel Hingston	Birmingham - Mechanical Engineering
Amy Hutchinson	Exeter - Conservation Biology/Ecology
Darcey Jones	Durham - History
James Kitchen	Kent - Economics
Zak Kyriakou	TBA
Oliver Layton	Cambridge - Natural Sciences
Augusta Lazenby	TBA
Eleanor Lewis	Warwick - Classical Civilisation
Jiandan Li	RHUL - Economics
Qishen Li	Parsons (New York) - Architecture
Serena Linley- Adams	Edinburgh - Medicine
Alex Lovell	Gap Year
Susanna Magowan	Birmingham - Physiotherapy
Anthony Mansfield	TBA
Henry Mason	TBA
Rory Mathie	Nottingham - American Studies/English
James McGreevy	RHUL - Computer Science/Maths
James Mileson	TBA
Katherine Miller	Nottingham - French/Hispanic Studies
Eliza Nenadich	York - Theatre
William Notley	Exeter - Environmental Science
Alfie Oliver-Davies	Kings's College London - History
Sophie Orr	TBA
Christopher Payne	Cardiff - Medicine
Ella Phillips	Swansea - Classical Civilisation
James Phillips	TBA
Cordelia Philpotts	Exeter - Management/Marketing
Christian Porter	Bath - Management/Marketing
Georgina Portman-Lewis	Nottingham - Art History
Sophie Preece	Post A level application
Caitlin Price	Manchester - English Lit/American Studies
Jessica Price	Nottingham - Veterinary Medicine
Charles Prosser	Post A level application
William Rogers	TBA
Alexandra Rowberry	Exeter - Geography
Elizabeth Snell	RAU - Equine/Agricultural Management
Laura Snow	NEWC - Classical Studies/English
Alice Spreckley	TBA
Freya Taylor	Liverpool - Law/Criminology
William Teece	CUWIC - Sport Management
Katie Thomas	TBA
Caitriona Turnbull	Keele - Medicine
Rory Turnbull	Oxford - Theology & Religion
Oliver Turner	Aberystwyth - Accounting/Finance
Annette Watkins	Exeter - Economics
Matthew Welch	Bristol - Chemistry
Rachel Williamson	Swansea - Business Management
Jacob Wooderson	Birmingham - Economics

Leavers in other years:

Year 8

Alina Allison
Peter Entwisle

Year 9

Henry Edwards
Joshua Jones
Gabriel Rust
Jonas Wheeler

Year 11

Tristan Allison
Peter-Frank Cooper
Rowan Coppinger
Geraint Downing
Kate Evetts
Alexander Hale
Edward Harris
Rosabel Hudson
Henry Hyde
Eloise King
Cameron Law
Simon Lyke
Harry Lywood
Nicola Masters
Barnaby Morgan
Matilda Mullett
Callum Pugh
Annabel Radbourne
Alistair Taft
Delilah Wells
Jared Wheeler
Thomas Williams

Year 12

Maria Munoz Carlos
Oliver Hunt
Zizhou Li
Guozhen Qin
Charles Smith

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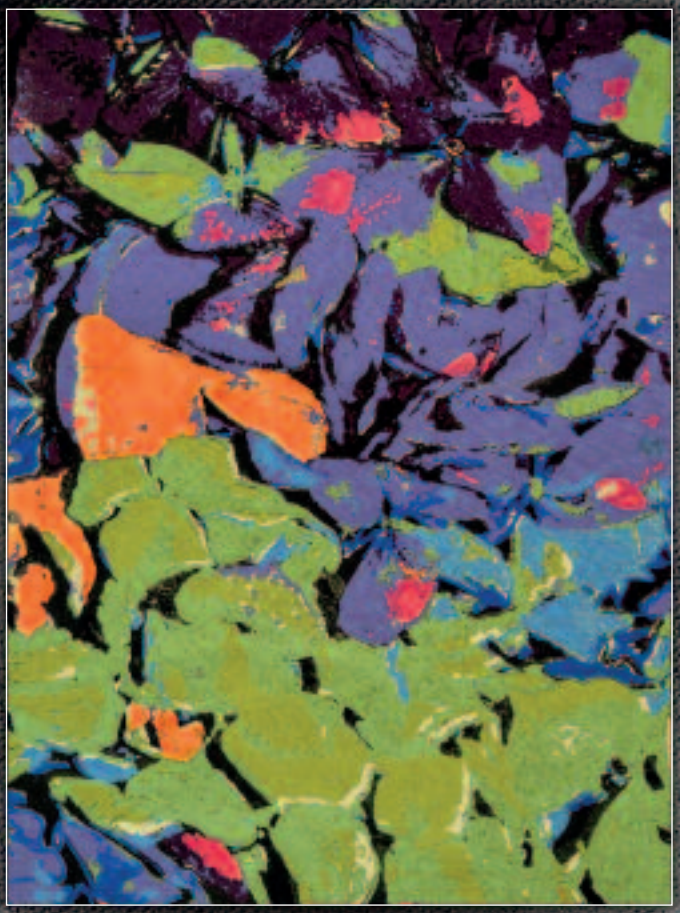
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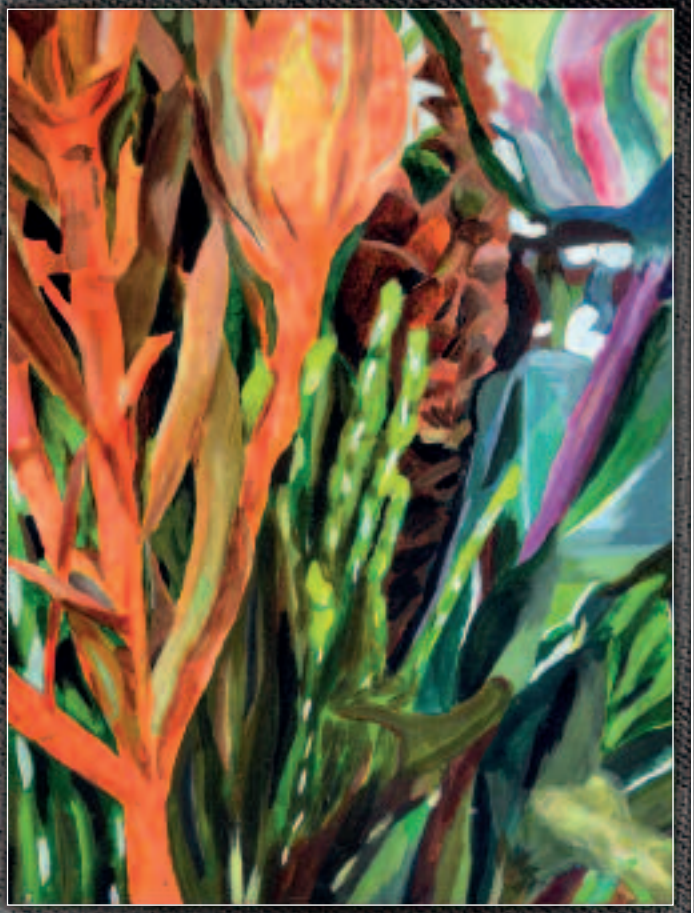






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