

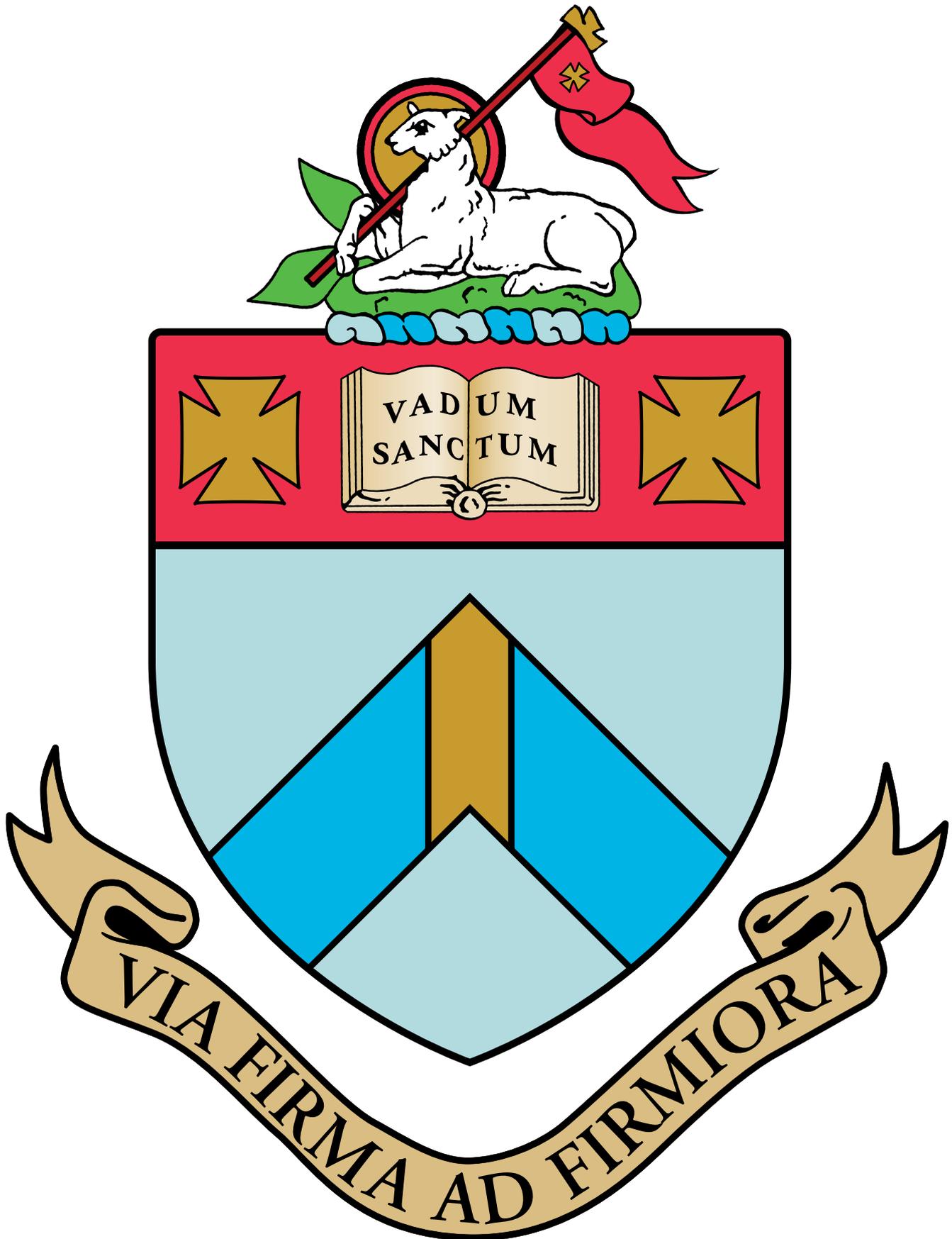


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# The Hallifordian

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# Foreword

by The Headmaster

This has been quite a year for us all and as we look back over the last twelve months, I feel so incredibly proud to be Headmaster of such a wonderful School. At Speech Day, I reflected on the fact that Halliford is so much more than a School and is in fact a very real and authentic warm-hearted community where students, staff, parents, governors and friends all come together to achieve outstanding results. We take our vision of being proud to belong to a thriving, happy and aspirational community that is committed to each student as an individual incredibly seriously.

As you take the time to enjoy the excellent content in this edition of *The Hallifordian*, you will see just a brief glimpse of what we do here every day and what wonderful people I have the privilege of working alongside.

This was a crucial year for the school as we welcomed the Independent Schools Inspectorate to forensically examine all aspects of school life. I am delighted to say that we were judged to be fully compliant in all areas. But more important than this to me was the feedback that we received from the questionnaires, where of the twenty-two questions parents were asked, 98% of responses were either that they strongly agreed or agreed that the school was doing the right things for their sons and daughters. I am truly grateful for this wonderful endorsement of our work and I can assure you that we that we will continue to push forwards.

Last summer we completed a significant development

scheme at the school with new facilities for our Sixth Form students, a new Science Laboratory, two new IT Studios, major investment in the IT infrastructure of the school and significant investment in the Design Technology workshop. These new facilities have been incredibly well received by our students and I am delighted that this coming summer a further development plan has been approved by the governing body.

On a personal level, this has been a challenging year and I would just like to record my sincere thanks to all those who have done so much to help and support me. Particular thanks to James Bown who stepped up to the role of Acting Headmaster so fantastically and kept the school moving forwards. The kindness that I have received from so many members of the Halliford community has been truly humbling and meant a great deal. I am pleased to say though that as I write this forward, I am back to full strength and very much looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

Good luck to all members of the community and thank you for being such wonderful Hallifordians.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Davies'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James Davies  
Headmaster



## Will Reed

### Head Prefect

It seems incredible that I'm sitting here in the summer of 2019 as Head Prefect, writing about my time at Halliford School! It hardly seems like yesterday that I was nervously getting on the bus in my oversize school blazer wondering what my first day would be like. That day is just a blur now but I do remember that after a week or two I had made some amazing new friends and felt as if I completely belonged.

If I'm honest, that feeling has never changed. During my time at Halliford I've taken full advantage of every opportunity. In Year 8 I swallowed my inhibitions and took on the role of Queen Gertrude in Hamlet. My friends would find it hard to believe now, but I was also an enthusiastic singer in the choir. Enthusiastic but not necessarily gifted! However, it was really in the sporting arena that I felt most at home. Rugby was always my chief concern and I've been proud to represent my school on many occasions as loose-head prop. Playing rugby for your school is so much more than simply winning or losing games - it's about the camaraderie, the laughter and the lasting friendships you make. I also loved taking part in most other team sports and served proudly in our cricket and swimming teams. Through doing these activities I've learned not only skills but discipline and sportsmanship.

Did I ever believe I would be Head Prefect at Halliford School? Not for one moment! I've sometimes been on the wrong side of the school discipline policy but hopefully I've learned a few things about respect and following rules. But that's the thing about Halliford - it's a place where you can make mistakes, learn from them and improve.

I have really enjoyed my time at Halliford School. The teachers have given me so much support here and to them, I owe a huge debt of gratitude. Before I sign off I must thank my deputy, Joshua Deakins, who has been my admirable right hand man. He has made my job so much easier and I'm very grateful for that.

Our school motto is one I've only really learned to appreciate as my time here comes to an end. Halliford School has truly provided me with a firm path for a better future. As I leave here for university I will, in my heart, always and forever be a true 'Hallifordian'.



## Joshua Deakins

### Deputy Head Prefect

To begin with, I would like to thank Will Reed for his tireless work as Head Prefect this year. He has led the Prefect team with maturity and confidence and has grown as a leader.

I still remember my very first day at Halliford School; stepping through the front gate for the first time, the Sixth Form seemed a lifetime away and having the chance to serve the school as Deputy Head Prefect couldn't have been further from my mind. But it has been a great opportunity and learning experience to be Deputy Head Prefect, one that I'm sure will stick with me for a long time.

Looking back over my years at Halliford School, I am amazed by the countless extracurricular and non-academic opportunities that the school and teachers have provided me with: from acting in a Shakespeare play in Year 8, to visiting the World War 1 battlefields in Year 10, to my Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition in Lower Sixth. The fond memories and vital life lessons that these opportunities have given me have made my time at the school a defining period in my life and have thoroughly prepared me for life after education. So, to all future Hallifordians, I recommend that you make the most of every opportunity which comes your way. Throw yourself into the many activities and events at the school because, before you know it, it will be you making the next big step and leaving Halliford School behind.

However, one thing which stands out in particular, is my interaction with the teachers. They really made the effort to get to know me as an individual, and I always felt encouraged to pursue my own goals and challenged within my ability to improve and develop. This simple action emphasised the community feel of the school and so it truly is the teachers and staff who make this school the special place it is.

As I leave Halliford School, I shall look forward to the opportunities and challenges that my future holds, yet I will always be proud to call myself a Hallifordian and to have been a part of this unique community.



# Editorial

by Mr Cunningham,

Head of Classics

I recently conducted a survey with my Year 7 tutor group about what they enjoyed most about Halliford School.

Overwhelmingly, the response was how much they liked the family atmosphere and the fact that the teachers knew them all so well. In my experience Year 7 are notoriously honest and blunt when posed with any kind of question like this and so it was heart-warming to hear that this aspect of the school was regarded so highly!

As editor of this fine publication it never ceases to amaze me how much happens during the course of the academic year. Reviewing the articles that arrive on my desk I'm astonished at the variety of clubs, trips, theatrical and musical productions which take place here - and that's before I even get on to the huge range of sporting activities! And yet, knowing the enthusiasm and energy of our dedicated staff and the students I really ought not to be surprised.

A true Hallifordian is a person who is willing to take part and get involved - even if at times it takes a deep breath and a leap of faith! Admittedly, not an easy thing to do. And yet the evidence is here before you in this splendid magazine of our students doing just that.

I would like to end by sharing these lines by Mark Twain. In them, he seems to distil the Hallifordian spirit beautifully:

*“With courage you will dare to take risks,*

*have the strength to be compassionate,  
and the wisdom to be humble.*

*Courage is the foundation of integrity.”*

# Staff Farewells

**Mr John Carrington** joined Halliford 18 years ago from Longford Community School and there is not an area of school life that he has not influenced very much for the better. John has been an inspirational teacher to so many and his skills in the workshop are truly outstanding. But John belongs to that mould where the work in the classroom is only the tip of the iceberg. He has led trips, coached all the major sports, refereed endless matches of rugby and football and umpired many a cricket match with a warm and sympathetic eye! Come rain or shine we have come to depend on John. He has also led trips around the globe with many a Hallifordian and this summer his final act was to lead a trip to the South of France. We should also acknowledge his love of music and his singular talent for playing the trombone.

However, it is the area of pastoral care where John is at his absolute best. His care and compassion for the Halliford boys is second to none. He has a gift for knowing what to say when and his skills of empathy are unmatched. The fact that the School has such a fantastic reputation for Pastoral Care is a massive part of John's legacy. As a Senior Management Team we will miss John enormously with his calm and considered approach and his ability to see a positive outcome in even the most difficult situations. We wish him all the best as he moves to Wellington College for the next exciting chapter in his career.

**Mrs Rachel Greaves** joined Halliford as Director of Music in 2007 and during her time at the School, oversaw and inspired many improvements and changes in the music department, including the kitting out of a new department in a brand new building - a well needed update from the strangely octagonal room where Music had called home for years. Her seemingly boundless energy saw her coach many ensembles and choirs including a staff choir which sang each year at the Carol Service. Recent years have seen successful trips to Paris and New York for the Wind Band and a particularly strong set of solo singers who developed under guidance. The annual Summer Concert has become an incredibly popular event and Rachel has evolved this from "Swing Night" through "Film Music Night" and "Soul Night" to the Al fresco evening which was enjoyed by many at the end of term.

Rachel was a well-valued and much respected member of staff with outstanding skills in pastoral care as well as teaching music and was appointed to the role of Year 7 Coordinator in 2014. This was a position she made very much her own and carried out with sensitivity and care allowing many new students entering the school to settle in quickly and grow in confidence.

**Mr Matthew Duffield** joined Halliford in 2016 from Box Hill School taking over from Richard Talbot. There is no doubt that he made the job of Deputy Headmaster very much his own and his unique blend of quiet no-nonsense expectations combined with an amazing ability to know how to spot those who needed his support made him an invaluable figure within our community. This year has seen Matthew devote endless hours in the support of our Year 7 boys and help them to become the excellent year group that they are.

Aside from his work in the classroom and around the management table, it is on the sports field where Matthew has added so much to the opportunities that so many of our students have enjoyed. We wish him all the best as he moves closer to home to take up the role of Head of English at Downsend School.

It has been a pleasure to welcome **Oliver Davis** as our first Sports Gap Student, returning to Halliford during his placement year from Loughborough University. He has been an inspiration to many and we wish him well as he returns to complete his degree.

**Harry Osbourne** decided to join the music department at Christmas this year to support their work and gain experience prior to undertaking his degree in Music at Sussex University. His is a name to watch and we look forward to hearing of his future progress.

# Welcome to New Staff

**Miss Nadiah Killick**, Music and English Teacher, joins us from Cox Green School where she has been working hard to enhance their work in these two busy departments. She joins us with a passion for bringing music to everyone and we look forward to benefiting from her enthusiasm and expertise.

**Mr Sam Watson**, Design Technology Teacher, joins us from Magna Carta School where he has been Head of Department. Mr Watson has a passion for design and is looking forward to working with Mr Heeney to develop some new projects for our students to enjoy in our improved facilities. Mr Watson is also a keen sportsman and will be supporting our extensive Games programme.

In January we are very much looking forward to welcoming **Mr John MacLean** as our new Head of Sixth Form. Mr MacLean joins us from Radnor House School where he has been Director of Sixth Form. He brings with him a wealth of experience in supporting our most senior students and is looking forward to working to develop our Sixth Form offering within our new facilities. Mr MacLean is also an accomplished History and Politics teacher with a Masters degree from St Andrews University.

**Mr Sean Slocock** takes on his new position as Assistant Head Co-Curricular and School Administration at the start of the Spring Term and we look forward to the exciting ideas he has to expand the range of co-curricular opportunities for our students.

We also look forward to a number of our current staff taking on new responsibilities this September.

- **Miss Helen Foster** has been appointed as Head of Year 7
- **Mrs Leila Brown** has been appointed as Extended Project Coordinator
- **Mrs Ashlea Barham** has been appointed as PSHE Coordinator
- **Mr Jonathan Willcox** has been appointed as Teaching and Learning Coordinator

**We are very excited to be welcoming such talented teachers to join the Halliford Community.**

# Speech Day 2019

## – Prize Winners –

### Achievement Prize

7D ..... Daniel Bootle-Wilbraham  
 7G ..... James McCumiskey  
 7R ..... Carson Curtis  
 7W ..... Daniel Bennett

8D ..... Matthew Sanders  
 8G ..... Calvin Harrington  
 8R ..... Matteo Biscoe  
 8W ..... Mannat Virk

9D ..... Daniel Winders  
 9G ..... Thomas Yacoot  
 9R ..... Federico Albertini  
 9W ..... Paul Louis-Howard

10D ..... Ryan Alavi  
 10G ..... Owen Morris  
 10R ..... Sankaran Suseelan  
 10W ..... Danie Wilkes

11D ..... Christopher Sanders  
 11G ..... Piers Bowater  
 11R ..... Benjamin Ingles  
 11W ..... Nicholas Atherford

### Progress Prize

7D ..... Monty Savarino  
 7G ..... Amar Ghotra  
 7R ..... William Hamilton  
 7W ..... Oliver Hill

8D ..... Harley Reynolds  
 8G ..... Joseph Haines  
 8R ..... Ben Hughes  
 8W ..... Max West-Cameron

9D ..... Marcus Butler-Smith  
 9G ..... Alexander Batty  
 9R ..... Ivo Evans  
 9W ..... Charles Biggs

10D ..... Joseph Baker  
 10G ..... Sean Rustin  
 10R ..... Christopher Long  
 10W ..... Arya Shafighiana

11D ..... Elliot Howard  
 11G ..... Brandon Paul  
 11R ..... Gallagher Dillon  
 11W ..... Maximilian Morell

## – Year 11 Prize Winners –

Art ..... Louis Willison  
 Biology ..... Jacob Fuller  
 Business Studies ..... Samuel Clifton  
 Chemistry ..... Christopher Jones  
 Classical Civilisation ..... Brin Dorrell  
 Computer Science ..... Piers Bowater  
 Ken Russell Prize for Design Technology ..... Christopher Sanders  
 Drama ..... Jonathan Davies  
 English ..... Remy Matthews  
 French ..... Samuel Imperato  
 Geography ..... Matthew Katesmark  
 German ..... Seyon Satha  
 Valerie Brooking History Prize ..... Louis Mercer  
 Mathematics ..... Kai Roth  
 Sally Crosby Prize for The Most Improved Mathematician ..... Ben Cooper  
 Music ..... Christian Tait  
 Physical Education ..... Oscar Leigh-Hales  
 Religious Studies ..... William Wheeler  
 Physics ..... Samuel Imperato  
 Guy Valadon Prize for Science ..... Brandon Paul  
 Spanish ..... Ben D’Azzo

## – Upper Sixth Prize Winners –

Jonathan Hobbs Memorial Prize for Art .....	Harrison McCormack
Biology .....	Joshua Deakins
Business Studies .....	Joseph Sinsbury
Chemistry .....	Edward Hodge
Classical Civilisation .....	Benjamin Chamberlain
Design Technology .....	Joshua Deakins
Theatre Studies .....	Cameron Gildersleve
Economics .....	Elliot Stammers
Neil Jones Prize for English .....	Harrison McCormack
Bahadur Sunderji Prize for Further Mathematics .....	Oliver Huner
Geography .....	Matthew Younge
German .....	Edward Salmon-Smith
Oliver Griffin Prize for Government and Politics .....	Toby Roswell
John Lewis Prize for History .....	Rory Fossett
Mathematics .....	Oscar Fanti
Music .....	Richard Ashe
Physical Education .....	Jack Healey
Physics .....	Aaron White
Religious Studies .....	George Gulliver
Spanish .....	George Rowe

## – School Prizes –

Blackeney Shield for Best Newcomer .....	Oliver Hepworth
Hardy Shield for Junior Rugby .....	Max Hobbs
Etherton Shield for Outstanding Sportsman .....	Archie Laird
Nicks Plate for Sportsmanship .....	Oliver Chadwick
Owen Cup for Rugby .....	Gruffyd Williams
Nauticalia Bat for Cricket .....	James Weatherall
Football Captains Cup .....	George Rowe
Junior Music Award .....	Arya Shafighian
Senior Music Award .....	William Taylor-Young
Junior Drama Award .....	Riley Whittington
Senior Drama Award .....	Adam Clarke
Alexis Hitchens Prize for Creative Writing .....	Christian Tait
Shepperton Aurora Rotary Community Service Shield .....	James Simpkin
Trophy for Service to the School .....	Adam Clarke
John Crook Prize for Improvement .....	Henry Seale
Headmaster's Prize .....	William Reed

## Upper Sixth Leavers - University Places

<b>University</b>	<b>Course</b>
Aston University	Foundation Programme in Social Science
University of Arts, Bournemouth	Modelmaking
Bournemouth University	Business Studies
Bournemouth University	Marketing
Brunel University of London	Music
Brunel University of London	Economics and Mathematics
University of Chichester	Business Studies
University of Chichester	Modern History
Coventry University	Acting
University of East Anglia	Economics
University of East Anglia	International Relations and Modern History
Liverpool John Moores University	Sports Business
University of Liverpool	Philosophy
Loughborough University	Aeronautical Engineering
University of Manchester	Economics
Oxford Brookes University	Business and Management
University of Portsmouth	Product Design and Innovation
University of Reading	Environmental Management
University of Reading	Philosophy and Politics
Royal Holloway University of London	Business Management
Royal Holloway University of London	Economics with German
Sussex University	Philosophy and English
Sussex University	Economics
Swansea University	Economics
Swansea University	Osteopathy
University of South Wales	Rugby Coaching and Performance
University of Sussex	Economics
University of Sussex	Marketing and Management with Psychology
University of Warwick	Classical Civilisation
University of Warwick	Hispanic Studies and Economics
University of York	Politics with International Relations

# Trip to Kew Gardens

by **Matthew Sanders, Year 8**

In September Year 8 went to the iconic Kew Gardens. It was a very enjoyable experience indeed.

Once we got to Kew we split into our classes and ventured off to different places. First, we went to the enormous glasshouse full of massive plants towering above us. The temperature soared in there compared to outside. Then we went to a gallery full to the brim with eye catching portraits and drawings of flowers and plants. We each sat in the tranquil environment and drew on our own in colour, copying ideas from multiple drawings.

After that we went to the giant hive. It is a metal structure based around bees and their lifestyle in the centre of the gardens. We had lunch underneath and then explored the enormous and grand structure. If you listened carefully you could hear buzzing like a bee. Then we went to another huge greenhouse with a completely natural looking waterfall and a balcony 20 metres up. It was divided into categories, each from a different time and part of the world. There was a waterfall, palm trees, vibrant flowers and statues.

All in all, it was a great and enjoyable trip for everyone, and the coach was buzzing on the way back with excitement and laughter.



# Theatre Trip to *Missing*

by Mr Bruno, Head of Drama



In September the Drama department took Years 10 - Lower Sixth Drama students to the Battersea Arts Centre to see Gecko Theatre's production of *Missing*.

Why Gecko? Because as a theatre company they are known for their abstract style and highly physicalized use of movement. In this production of *Missing* the theme of memory loss and the loss of one's cultural heritage was explored and interrogated. This high energy performance had the students of Halliford questioning their own cultural background and gave them lots of inspiration for their own devised performances currently being created in lessons.

The performance was aesthetically beautiful with some impressive lighting and set including; the use of photo frames to convey a lost memory, many different homes from various countries and of course many travellers. The use of various different languages was something the students also found interesting. The play was performed

using Spanish, French, German, Italian and English. This illustrated the power of movement to get across the meaning of the language most of the audience could not understand.

It was an excellent night and one the students of Halliford will remember for a very long time.

**Estelle Warner, Lower Sixth:** In September, the Drama teachers took us to see *Missing*, a play by Gecko Theatre. I loved it! It was such a new experience as I have never seen a performance in such a creative style, particularly the beautiful lighting which set the mood really well and of course, the unforgettable dancing that narrated the play. Every movement was so perfectly choreographed.

*Drama enthusiasts from all years enjoyed Missing by Gecko Theatre.*



## ART TRIP: Year 9 The Cass Sculpture Foundation

by Tom Phillips, Art Technician, Year 9



In early October, the Art Department took two excursions with Year 9 to The Cass Sculpture Foundation, near Goodwood. With the year split in two, over two days, they were able to better focus on the drawing tasks set; to capture the sculptures within a landscape setting, which is a premise for their ceramics and then landscape painting projects this year.

Led by Mr Moseley and Mrs Bannister, the groups drew from three different locations over the day, honing their skills and producing work that had visibly, and enjoyably, improved by the final one. The backdrop of the South Downs, towards the sea made for a wonderful set of drawings, that the boys will build on throughout the year, and hopefully be inspired by later on.

### WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...



#### Harley Reynolds *Year 8*

*Halliford is a really warm-hearted school because the teachers are very caring and are constantly encouraging you to get the best possible grade. Also the school has helped me mature a lot, my parents have noticed this and keep telling me about it! Halliford teaches me self-confidence, kindness and to treat other with respect. I'm always kept busy here with lots of exciting opportunities and am surrounded by some great friends.*



# The Harvest Festival

by Mr Cunningham, Head of Classics

It has long been a Halliford School tradition to donate goods for the Harvest Festival. On Friday, 5th October, the tables in the John Crook Theatre were absolutely laden with provisions of all kinds and it was clear that everyone had contributed.

It is always encouraging and heart-warming to see how generously our students and staff support this event. For many years, Halliford School has maintained links with The Greeno Community Centre in Shepperton because the centre offers a multitude of services to the aged and to various high need individuals. There are over 400 members enrolled, who come to socialise, eat a freshly cooked lunch, enjoy some of the classes on offer, or to take advantage of the on-site services.

After the special Harvest Festival assembly given by our Headmaster, Mr Davies, the goods were loaded into one of our minibuses and presented to the managers of the Centre who were delighted to receive it on behalf of their members.

This is an event which the Halliford School community is proud to embrace and be a part of.



# Morrisby Career Profiling



by Mr Gale, Head of Business Studies

Year 11 students took part in Morrisby profiling in October. Morrisby helps guide students to make better choices about their future, using an online platform backed up with a careers advisor interview. Morrisby can help in a number of situations, including:

- Self-discovery tests help students understand themselves and the sort of options that will suit them.
- When a student doesn't know which subjects to pick, Morrisby's study suggestions will give ideas, ensuring subject choices keep doors open.

## HOW MORRISBY CAREER PROFILING HELPS ME



**Kai Roff** Year 11

*'I chose to do the Morrisby test as I was not sure what career I would like to pursue. When I took the test I was surprised to find out that my results were quite different to what I expected, and the careers suggested were interesting and ones that I had not considered before. During the interview, the information I received about certain university courses really helped me to decide on my A levels.'*

## HOW MORRISBY CAREER PROFILING HELPS ME



**Ben D'Azzo** Year 11

*'I decided to take the Morrisby test in order to gain more insight on my post-16 choices. I was surprised at my results, which offered me advice on how I work best and in what sector I would work best in. The interview solidified my understanding of my career choices and what subjects can get me there. My overall results showed me that I am very independent and would work best in a corporate environment in areas such as Law. I am very happy I decided to take this test. I urge others to take this opportunity as it will help benefit your studies in the future.'*

## HOW MORRISBY CAREER PROFILING HELPS ME



**Nick Atherfold** Year 11

*'The Morrisby test helped me to see my skills as well as potential job options. This has helped me with my A level choices. The interview also helped me to consider what extra experience would be useful in order to gain a place on a medicine degree.'*



# Autumn Lunchtime Piano Concert

by Mrs Head, Music Teacher

This term we had a number of pianists taking ABRSM piano exams and this was a very good excuse to hold a Lunchtime Concert devoted exclusively to piano music. These concerts are an excellent opportunity for our students to air some of their pieces and accustom themselves to playing under pressure. It is also a chance for them to share the results of all their hard work with parents, teachers and fellow students.

Our programme on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November was neatly framed by two famous Rondos, which are pieces shaped by a recurring section. The first, played majestically by Cameron Collie (Year 10), was the famous Rondeau from *Abdelazer* by Henry Purcell. It was a bold start to the concert.

Daniel Wilkes (Year 10) with two contrasting pieces: the delicate romance of *Waltz in A* by Zilinskis followed by a hugely energetic Russian folksong arrangement; *Black Eyes*. In this, Daniel put the Kawai grand piano through its paces!

This arrangement of *Black Eye* by Moira Hayward was a very popular choice from the current Grade 4 syllabus and we were treated to a second performance of this piece by Oliver Hume (Year 9). Fortunately it was different from Daniel's rendition, but equally as engaging in its rhythmic vitality.

Before this, however, Oliver's meticulously detailed *Mazurka* by Tchaikovsky captured the dance very effectively.

William Ryan (Year 10) also played a *Waltz in A*, this time by Carl Maria von Weber. There is a dramatic Trio section in A minor marked fortissimo marcato which William delivered with great relish. He then played the lively *Tarantella* by Samuel Maykapar which was clearly his favourite piece of the two.

Finally Nicholas Atherfold (Year 11) entertained us with both his humorous introduction to the Russian composer Skryabin and his very expressive performance of the composer's *Prelude in E*. Nicholas then brought the concert neatly to a close with Mozart's playful *Rondo in C major*.





# “Youth Speaks” Competition

by Lily Egleton, Lower Sixth

In November, Halliford competed against a number of local schools in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks public speaking competition in which students discuss an issue that they feel passionate about. Halliford’s junior team consisted of James Manzi (main speaker), Finley Brueckhuizen (chairperson) and George Phillips (vote of thanks), and they spoke about the positive role of automation for young people in the future.

Meanwhile, our senior team consisted of Brian Okwaisie as the Chairperson, Estelle Warner as the Vote of Thanks, and Lily Egleton as the Main Speaker. Presenting a speech depicting Disney as an ‘Evil Empire’, we recognised that although the corporation has become such a relevant part of pop culture, it is interesting to contemplate whether the somewhat fascist themes their movies portray can be detrimental to young and impressionable viewers.

In particular, we considered the impact Disney can have on gender inequality and the presentation of stereotypes in their films (implying through the archetypical princess that a woman should be concerned with pleasing their husband and domestic duties); lack of racial inclusivity (as indicated through the racist undertones in traditional childhood movies such as Dumbo), and how the happy-ever-after cliché can be misleading and harmful to young fans, potentially leading to depression and anxiety in later life.

The night of the speech was very interesting for all of us. Although Brian has previously participated in the Youth Speaks competition, neither Estelle nor I have. Therefore, it was a brand-new experience for us. The event was held in Spelthorne Borough Council in Staines. Guests included, Councillor Jean Pinkerton, the Mayor of Spelthorne, District Assistant Governor, Jan Doskar, and the President of Shepperton Aurora

Rotary, Norma Kent. We enjoyed an evening of listening to others’ speeches from different schools including Sunbury Manor, St Paul’s, Matthew Arnold School, Thomas Knyvett College and Bishop Wand. Their speeches included several fascinating topics such as: cosmetic surgery; technology in zoos; the English school syllabus; and animal abuse. Despite our speech going very well with several people congratulating us on the interesting, whilst possibly controversial, subject matter, Bishop Wand were ultimately successful with a fascinating speech on the importance of extra-curricular provision.

Through this experience, I learnt a great deal about public speaking. Even though public speaking can be anxiety-inducing for some people, I believe debating and public speaking is a vital skill to learn as it allows students to express themselves confidently and helps us to question important issues of the wider world. Additionally, it was interesting as it sparked conversations with students from other schools about issues that have serious impacts on the society that we live in. I feel enriched having done it and more confident in my public speaking skills.

Many thanks to the Rotary Club for holding this annual event and to Mrs Mitchelmore and Mr McElroy for supporting us in the writing and practicing our speeches. Overall, it was a very rewarding experience!



## HALLIFORD REMEMBERS:

# Year 7 Poppy Project *by Ms Bannister, Art Teacher*

In October 2018, Year 7 Art Club students created ceramic poppies to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

First, I demonstrated how we would be creating the poppies out of clay before glazing and firing them. I made it look pretty easy and the boys were confident that they could produce hundreds of poppies in the time available. The students quickly grasped the idea and started by rolling out the clay and cutting large circles which would form each poppy.

Once they had used up all the clay, each circle had to be slashed in four places along its circumference, then gently folded up to form each petal of the poppy. Then the heart of the poppy was made by poking the end of a pencil multiple times to form spots.

Finally, the messy part! The boys glazed the poppies red and black then tried to work out how put their names on the back without getting glaze all over themselves.

The final stage was leaving the glaze to dry. Then, over half term, the poppies were fired in the kiln. When they were ready, we didn't quite have hundreds but there were enough poppies to create four wreaths, one for each school house.

They are now hanging outside the Headmaster's office and are a fantastic reminder to all of us to remember the sacrifice of a brave generation of men and women.



## WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...

### Zephan Avaan *Year 8*

*Halliford has given me a positive mental attitude towards education and hard work. It has transformed me from a young boy to a mature, well-disciplined young man. I have made wonderful friends who are caring and funny. I am so grateful for the values that Halliford teaches us all and how we are helped to become such well-rounded young men.*



## HALLIFORD REMEMBERS: **The Great War 1918** *by Mrs Wilbraham, Head of History*

1,060,174: a huge number. It's the number of British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who gave their lives in the First World War, a period of four years, three months and one week. It's a number that's too huge to understand. Think of it this way: we can fit about 450 people in our theatre – so that's around 2,356 Halliford theatres, or to put it another way, nearly 12 Wembley stadiums full of people. It doesn't really matter how you break it down, it's still too many people to imagine isn't it?

The war ended with an armistice, an agreement to stop the fighting, at 11 am on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. The last British man to be killed in the war was Private George Ellison, who was hit by a sniper at 9.30 am on 11th November. The armistice was signed at 5.00 am, to take effect from 11.00 am and it is estimated that in the last five hours of the war, 11,000 soldiers were killed or injured.

Much of the worst fighting in WW1 took place in Flanders, the western part of Belgium. The area suffered terribly, with homes, farms, roads and trees all completely destroyed. The land became a bleak, muddy graveyard. One plant thrived in the disturbed soil: the poppy. Year after year as the warm weather arrived, the poppies bloomed and turned the grim bare ground into a sea of red. So, this is why we wear poppies at this time of year, for remembrance.

This year the Royal British Legion has run a campaign to remember every one of those 1,060,174 people. They put the whole database of fallen combatants onto their website and asked members of the public to choose one person, either at random or because they knew of them already, and leave a personal message of remembrance. The aim was to get every single person remembered by the end of December 2018

and they managed it by the beginning of October, a fantastic response from the public.

We needed to think smaller at Halliford, so we went for 100 people to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the war. Year 9 and History GCSE students have all researched and created a fact file about someone who died in the war either selecting their name from a local war memorial or choosing to research someone about whom they had already heard.

Additionally, members of the Model Engineering Club have made 100 laser cut poppies which were tied to the front gate, and then used to create a fantastic wreath. Year 7 Art Club, under Mrs Bannister's leadership have made ceramic poppies, enough to make one wreath for each of our four houses.

What I wanted to share with you here was 'my' fallen serviceman, Ernest Coleman. Ernest was born in 1899 and lived in Sutton, about 15 miles away from here. He went to the local grammar school and had had two older sisters, Jessie and Winifred, a younger brother, Lawrence, and another sister, Gwendoline who was 2½ when he went off to war.

The photo above is of Ernest in the school cricket team in the summer of 1914, the year the war started. He joined the army



in late 1914, aged 15. The law said you had to be 18 years old to enlist. Therefore, he lied to the recruiting sergeant and was admitted with no further questions. In a letter he wrote to his parents explaining that he was joining the army, he said that he was fed up with school and felt that it would be a waste of time to return there, so he had gone to join the army. We can only imagine how they felt on receiving that letter.

Ernest joined the Rifle Brigade, and was a very good soldier: he rapidly became a sergeant and was offered the chance to train as an officer, which he turned down. The title photo was taken on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, when the army thought he was 21 because he had not told them the truth when he enlisted. Ernest died on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1917, shot by a sniper. His body was never recovered and so he has no known grave. He is one of the thousands commemorated on the huge memorial to the missing at Arras in the Pas de Calais and is one of 526,816 men who died in the war who don't have a grave.

One of the most famous poems written about the war is *In Flanders Fields*, by the Canadian John McCrae, who was then killed in 1915. Our Year 9 who visit the battlefields during the Summer Term will see his grave at the Essex Farm cemetery near Ypres: those of you in the upper school may remember visiting it when you went in your turn. The middle verse of the poem reads: *We are the Dead. Short days ago / We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, / Loved and were loved, and now we lie / In Flanders fields.*

When we have our remembrance service, take time to listen to the words that are read out. These were real people, not just a number. They had loving families and friends. They played cricket, and football and rugby. They went to school and were good at art, or maths, or history. They had hopes and dreams for the future, just like us all. Commemorate the sacrifice of boys who were often not much older than you. Remember Ernest. Remember them.

## WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...



### Jake Fernandes *Year 9*

*I joined Halliford last year from Parkside Prep School and I did not know what to expect. I visited the school before starting and everyone was so kind and welcoming. Joining Year 9 with a group of people who had been here for two years meant I didn't know what to expect, but I need not have worried as it's such a warm school community and I settled in so quickly so all my stress disappeared in a few days.*

# Classics Trip to Oxford

by Mrs Rooke, Classics Teacher

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November Year 10 GCSE Classicists visited the Ashmolean museum in Oxford to view their Ancient Greek exhibits as part of their GCSE Classical Civilisation course. Students were lead through the museum starting off with an interesting array of ancient Minoan exhibits, then moving on to classical Greece paying particular attention to heroes and myth.



Finally, students were given a tour of the impressive sculpture gallery exclusive to the Ashmolean, where they show exact replicas of all the famous Greek and Roman sculptures, whose originals are scattered all over the world, together in the same gallery so close comparisons can be made.

Students discussed the beauty of the famous *Nike* sculpture from Delphi, the *Charioteer* and the *Discus Thrower*. It was also fascinating to see the statues that had been restored to their original condition and painted in bright colours. Students found it hard to imagine the ancient world in all its technicolour glory when the pristine white images of the faded statues are what we imagine they were always like.

## WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...



### Mohammad Waraich *Year 7*

*Halliford means a lot of things to me. I love the variety in the lessons and have been taught so many different things like new languages such as Latin and Spanish. I love learning new vocabulary and being taught in small friendly classes. As well as hard work in the classroom, I have also made the B team for Cricket and the C team for Rugby giving me a chance to enjoy sport with my friends. Best of all, I was awarded a Bene for my hard work by the Headmaster.*



## Year 10 French Exchange

Exchange programs are one of the best ways to embrace a new culture which was definitely true for our Year 9 and 10 students who spent an exciting week in Bayonne, South West of France, during the Autumn Term. The return visit took place in March this year and saw 15 French boys spending a week in our families.

We have been running this trip for the third time in cooperation with our partner school Collège Marracq and whilst in France our students took part, once again, in an exciting range of cultural and social activities. What an opportunity to discover French family life and culture first hand! If you are interested

in taking part yourself: the next trip is planned for 2020/2021. A special thank you to Mme Wain, Mrs Cotton and Mr Davies who accompanied our students to France and helped make their trip a success. Here are some comments from Arya Shafighain and Paul Louis Howard in Year 10.



Ever since I joined Halliford School in Year 9 the Modern Foreign Languages department, and more particularly, the French department, have been the most encouraging of all. Thanks to the support of Madame Wain, I have truly been inspired to improve my French every day and take it as far as I can at School. Fortunately, the Halliford modern foreign languages department affords the amazing foreign exchange trips for any keen students.

It is thanks to the foreign exchange programme that students can practice their chosen languages to a whole new level, make new friends and create useful links for the future. Personally, I adore the French language. It has always been one of my passions and never have I enjoyed studying it as much as I have at Halliford. This I owe to the hard work of my teacher and the marvellous French exchange trip.

During the Autumn Term I took part in our annual French exchange. I had such an amazing time across the Channel! Firstly, I had the privilege of staying with a lovely French family in Bayonne with whom I had a lot in common. Secondly, I was able to visit my exchange's beautiful School where I played a variety of regional sports, my favourite being Pelote, attended a variety of lessons and made some great friends. Furthermore, the regional foods such as chillies and chocolates were delicious! We were blessed with the perfect weather and all of us Hallifordians were given a truly warm welcome. We were even able to visit the lovely village of San Sebastian in Spain. What's not to love?

I would strongly recommend the French exchange trip to any enthusiastic languages students out there. Why? Because it really stretches your linguistic skills!

– Arya Shafighain (Year 10)

# Notre semaine au Collège MARRACQ à Bayonne: DU 9 AU 16 OCTOBRE 2018

Le mardi 9 octobre, notre groupe de 15 garçons de Halliford School et 15 filles de Notre-Dame School a voyagé à Bayonne (une ville dans le sud-ouest de la France) pour découvrir le Pays-Basque.

Nous sommes partis à 4h45 du matin. L'ambiance était très calme dans le car parce que tout le monde était à moitié endormi. Le trajet jusqu'à l'Aéroport de Gatwick a pris environ 40 minutes. Le voyage en avion a duré 1h15. Ce n'était pas confortable mais on a discuté avec nos copains. Quand nous avons atterri à l'Aéroport de Bordeaux, il y avait de la brume et il faisait sombre. Ensuite, nous avons pris le car jusqu'à Bayonne, notre destination finale.

A notre arrivée au Collège Marracq à Bayonne, nous avons déjeuné à la cantine, puis l'après-midi, nous avons visité le centre-ville. Le temps était vraiment chaud et ensoleillé. Après tout cela, les familles sont venues nous chercher. Ma famille d'accueil était très gentille. Mon correspondant s'appelle Ugo et il a 14 ans. Il vit dans un pavillon et il y a une grande piscine dans son jardin. Son père est professeur d'EPS au Collège Marracq. Sa mère travaille dans une pharmacie. Ugo a un petit frère de 10 ans qui s'appelle Thomas.

Le mercredi, nous avons fait une visite guidée du collège et avons appris que c'était un hôpital pendant la Première Guerre Mondiale. C'est l'architecte Charles Le Coeur qui a dessiné les plans du bâtiment en 1869. Nous avons assisté à un cours d'anglais et à un cours d'informatique. A mon avis, il n'y avait pas de grande différence avec Halliford School. L'après-midi, nous avons fait un match de foot contre nos correspondants français. Ils étaient assez forts mais nous étions meilleurs, donc nous avons gagné. Après le match, chacun est rentré dans sa famille d'accueil.

Le jeudi matin, nous sommes allés à Biarritz (une ville juste à côté de Bayonne) pour admirer les belles constructions et faire du shopping. Ensuite, nous avons visité le Château-Observatoire Abbadia à Hendaye. Il y avait une belle vue sur les falaises et la mer. J'ai trouvé la visite un peu ennuyeuse mais d'autres élèves l'ont appréciée. Nous avons ensuite piqué sur la plage, puis nous sommes rentrés au collège où nos familles nous attendaient.

Le vendredi, nous avons passé la journée en Espagne où nous avons visité la jolie ville côtière de San Sebastián. A notre arrivée, nous nous sommes rendus au musée de l'Albaola. Ce musée racontait des histoires de pêcheurs qui naviguaient vers La Mer Rouge au Canada pour tuer des baleines. Les propriétaires du musée sont en train de construire un bateau semblable à l'original et dans 2 ans ils navigueront jusqu'au Québec. Après

la visite, nous sommes allés à la plage à pied. A notre retour à Bayonne, tout le monde (y compris les correspondants français) a fait du patin à glace. J'ai trouvé ça difficile au début, je suis tombé plusieurs fois, ça m'a fait mal mais je me suis bien amusé avec mes copains.

Pendant le week-end, je suis allé voir Ugo jouer au rugby contre l'équipe de Pau. Les bayonnais ont bien joué, mais ils ont malheureusement perdu. Le samedi après-midi, nous nous sommes tous retrouvés au Burger King au centre-ville. Ensuite, Ugo et moi avons joué à Fortnite jusqu'à ce que ses parents nous disent d'aller au lit.

Le lundi 15 octobre, nous avons visité une ferme de piments à Espelette. Les propriétaires nous ont montré quelques piments très épicés (que nous n'avions pas le droit de manger), puis nous avons goûté à des épices plus douces. Ensuite, nous avons repris le car pour Bayonne où nous avons visité "l'Atelier du Chocolat." Nous avons fait un tour dans leur petit musée où des chocolatiers fabriquaient du chocolat et enfin nous avons fait une dégustation. J'ai adoré les chocolats au lait. Après, je suis rentré dans ma famille. Nous avons dîné ensemble et puis j'ai dit "Au revoir" à Valérie (la mère), Ugo et son petit frère avant d'aller me coucher.

Le mardi matin, j'ai dû me réveiller à 2h15 pour être au rendez-vous au collège Marracq à 2h45. Je me sentais comme un zombie ambulante. Il a fallu 2 heures pour arriver à Bordeaux. J'ai dormi dans le car. Nous avons dû attendre au moins 1h30 à l'aéroport avant d'embarquer, mais nous n'avons pas failli rater notre avion cette fois-ci! Nous sommes arrivés à Halliford School vers 10h30. Mes grands-parents sont venus me chercher et je suis rentré me coucher à la maison parce que j'étais épuisé!

Je garderai un très bon souvenir de cet échange. J'ai découvert une nouvelle région française et me suis fait de nouveaux copains. Je me sens plus à l'aise à l'oral en français.

Merci à Mme Wain, Mme S. Hammond, M. Davies et aux autres profs qui nous ont accompagnés à Bayonne!

– Paul Louis-Howard (Year 10)



# The Halliford Song Contest 2018

by Mr Cunningham, Head of Classics



The Halliford Song Contest is a chance for our students to exercise their singing skills in a public forum. And what a critical forum it is! For, it cannot be an easy task to perform in front of your peers. However, once again, the Halliford students came up trumps with a selection of rousing and moving songs ranging from 1970s gems to musical movie favourites. What a feast of fun it was!

The event began with the Class Songs category. This gives each tutor group in Years 7 and 8 the chance to show their mettle!

Proceedings got off to a flying start when 8K gave us a rousing version of *Since You've Been Gone* by Rainbow. It was then the turn of our new boys in 7K to impress us with *King of Pain* by Sting – which they did admirably. Ed Sheeran's *Castle on the Hill* provided 8J with the chance to shine. And what a stirring performance it was! It was then back to the 1980s for 7L's interpretation of *Everybody Wants to Rule the World*. This powerful anthem isn't easy but the combined forces of 7L made it sound effortless. 8L dredged up some happy Brit Pop for the staff with their powerful rendition of *The Death of You and Me* by bad-boy duo Blur. Part one ended with a heartfelt performance of the Crowded House number *Don't Dream it's Over* by 7J. The best overall winners in Year 7 was decided by our adjudicator, Mrs Cotton, and it was 7J who took away the prize. For Year 8 the top prize went to 8L who also won the overall Class Song Competition – a double whammy!

It was then on to part two – the House Song Competition. This section of the show gives each four Houses the opportunity to compete for the winning trophy. Naturally, there was a lot of support from all sides and every student stepped up to the mark with vigour and enthusiasm!

Current trophy holders Wadham took us into the musical movie world of *The Greatest Showman* with a high energy version of *This is Me*. Wadham used soloists from every key stage, together with props to convey the message of their song, adding drama to their entry. From this point onwards it was clear that the stakes were very high indeed!

Greville rallied with their own take on that Neil Diamond classic, *Sweet Caroline* – a real crowd pleaser. The World Cup was revisited when Russell assembled on stage to give us an enthusiastic version of *Three Lions – Football's Coming Home* by the Lightning Seeds, Skinner and Baddiel (Can it really be as long ago as 1996 when we first heard it?). Their performance began with a snappy rap performed by Harrison McCormack (Upper Sixth). The Russell team also used a slideshow of powerful images to boost their song's message.

And finally, it was down to Desborough to impress us with *Bohemian Rhapsody*. What a challenge! But they met it head on and managed to get just about everyone singing along. It must be noted that Desborough's entry was entirely



student lead, with Richard Ashe (Upper Sixth) organising the entire ensemble, including student band and singers. This included Ben Gale (Year 9) on drums, Armaan Alavi (Lower Sixth) on the piano, Finn Angell-Wells (Lower Sixth) on Bass and Louis de Schynkel (Lower Sixth) on guitar who, it must be said, executed an amazing solo that Brian May would have been proud of!

2018 was a year of many highs in this competition but there can only ever be one winner. Mrs Cotton had the unenviable task of delivering the verdict. It was a close run thing but when the name of Wadham was announced everyone showed their support with a thunderous round of applause. And that, after all, is what taking part is all about. Another year, another win. Can Wadham ever be beaten again...?





# Shakespeare Extravaganza

by Mr Bruno, Head of Drama

This year the English and Drama department worked with Year 8 to put on a production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Year 8 worked hard in their English lessons to learn the very complex plot filled with love, lies and laughter. In Drama the students brought the words of the Bard to life!

This year we have had the pleasure of not only one, but two Drama teachers working together to put on this year's Shakespeare extravaganza and this, I believe, really made the show shine. This year some sections of the play were masterfully directed by Mrs Rooke, who is now part of the drama department.



Like most productions the nerves backstage were high with students walking around in dresses checking and double checking their lines, waiting to get their make up done or frantically running around looking for their wig. This did not sway the boys when it came to them performing on stage as they took to the show with professionalism and excellent comic timing.

Amongst all the wigs, masks and choreography we had some stand out performances from some of the boys. Zephan Awaan was a brilliant Dogberry who commanded the stage the watch and the audience with his huge presence. Harry Tuckman was the

personification of the evil step brother Don Jon with his excellent delivery and clearly showed a good understanding of the play. The Watchmen Kamil Mansour and Devin Prior did a brilliant job of taking orders and catching the drunken party goers who dared to stand in the path of true love. The list of stand-out performers could go on forever.

A huge thank you, as always, must go to our technician Mr Abbott and his backstage crew for creating a delightful production. It is doing these projects that truly make Halliford an outstanding place to be and having such a supportive and talented staff and cast of Year 8 boys truly made this an extravaganza to remember.





# “Movember”

by **George Gulliver,**  
**Upper Sixth**

The annual return of Movember is an event close to the hearts of all of the boys attending the school. As a charity that focuses on men’s health issues, they primarily focus on prostate and testicular cancer and the issue with men’s suicide.

As the boys struggle with the cultivation of their own moustaches, they are forced to substitute and show their support by buying a fake moustache with the proceeds going to the Movember Foundation. The Sixth Form managed to sell 350 donuts at a sale at break. With funding for the charity already huge, further support for the charity was shown with the legendary vote for the best moustache amongst the staff. With veteran moustache-growers such as Mr Shales, Mr King, Mr Cupido and Mr Bruno, the school set up the vote, with Mr Shales coming out on top and Mr King coming in at a close second.

This year we managed to raise £2,223 thanks to the generosity of the Halliford community. This amazing total placed Halliford in the top 50 fundraisers nationally for the year. Movember provides us with plenty of laughs but the issues behind are very serious indeed. That is why we are all so keen to support such a good cause at Halliford School.



# Winter Concert

by Mr Williams, Head of Music

2018 saw the third of Halliford School's highly successful annual Winter Concerts, which once again proved to be a sell-out success. Now established as a stable fixture in the School year the concert celebrates the wealth of ensembles that exist at Halliford, and showcases the versatility of our musicians and the breadth of musical interest within the School.



The evening began with the Halliford Singers performing a lively arrangement of *Mister Sandman*, before handing over to the Chamber Choir who expertly performed Mozart's *Ave Verum*. With both choirs growing in size and confidence they provided a wonderful start to the night's entertainment. Our two Upper Sixth form music scholars, Richard Ashe and William Taylor-Young, then remained on stage to sing a beautiful rendition of *On Days Like These*, a lovely, nostalgic song from the movie *The Italian Job*. The quality of all singing was superb throughout, beaten only by the students' enthusiasm to perform, and gives testament to the School's growing choral tradition.

Next came the turn of our newest music scholar, Monty Savarino, who displayed a lyrical and sensitive touch on the violin with his performance of Rieding's *Concerto in B minor*. He was then joined by the other members of the String Ensemble who performed Bach's famous *Minuet in G*, before the rest of the Orchestra took to the stage to play a rousing selection of themes from *Pirates of the Caribbean*. It is wonderful to see instrumental music alive and thriving at Halliford, with both classical and contemporary pieces making up the repertoire.

The evening then moved up a gear as the lights dimmed, the drums were rolled out and things got a bit more funky as the Halliford Jazz Band performed the tune *It is what it is*. Distortion guitars were to follow and the Year 7 Rock Band delighting with

a high energy performance of Imagine Dragons' *Radioactive*, the Year 8 Rock Band bringing things down a little with a sensitive rendition of Linkin Park's *Numb*, and the Senior Rock Band showing great virtuosity with some wonderful soloing over the rock classic *All Right Now* by Free.

Then followed the moment which many had been waiting for, with each of the Year 7 forms taking to the stage to perform their pieces from the Halliford Song Contest. Superb to the last student, they proudly represented the spirit of the School with experienced singers and enthusiastic rookies alike all contributing to produce three excellent performances of popular tunes. The pieces were: 7J: *Don't Dream It's Over* by Crowded House, 7K: *King of Pain* by Sting, 7L: *Everybody Wants to Rule the World* by Tears for Fears.

The evening was brought to a conclusion by all of Year 7 returning to the stage to perform a cappella, the beautiful African lullaby *Allunde*.

May I offer a huge well done to all students involved, and of course a massive thank you to our catering, administration and back-stage teams who always work so tirelessly to ensure our concerts are a success. With over a quarter of the school involved, the evening truly celebrated the sense of community of which we are all so proud at Halliford School.





# Mulberry Centre Concert

by Will Jones, Year 10

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2018, the upper voices from the Chamber Choir travelled by mini-bus to the Mulberry centre based in Isleworth to perform for those fighting with cancer. We were already on a high as on Sunday, the whole chamber choir delivered a wonderful and uplifting performance in the Royal Albert Hall to celebrate Handel's composition of *Messiah*.

For some it was their first performance and visit to the truly breath-taking concert hall however, for many it was their third even fourth visit and this gave us all an added boost of confidence heading into this flagship event for the School.

A significant quantity of equipment was brought along with us and getting it into the mini-bus seemed to be one of the hardest challenges of the day. However, with the help of the Headmaster who would be accompanying us and Mrs Head, all things were kept under control. Once everything was packed and all were on board, the bus set off for Isleworth, with the Headmaster's capable hands at the wheel. Everything was going according to the script.

We eventually arrived, and the first batch of equipment was brought into the main performance hall where we were greeted with smiling faces and joy, which delighted me.

Once all music was sorted, the choir got to work, with *In the Bleak Midwinter*, which is based on a poem by the English

poet Christina Rossetti and was our first song. I must admit, I hadn't practised this song as much as I should have, however there wasn't time for that. The piano started and I sang and surprisingly it didn't go to pot, in fact it wasn't too bad in the end, my uncontrollable nerves beforehand had gone somewhat but that was just the start of it. James Hanley sang solo for the third verse, which was wonderfully performed and the whole choir in its entirety did verse two and four which went according to plan. Nevertheless there was one high note at the end which needed and demanded some power, it was a tough stretch for the sopranos, and they did a great job. That was certainly the hardest task of the song.

As the concert progressed, the choir began to enjoy their day out and judging by the audience's faces, so were they. There was one song which encapsulated the Christmas spirit. This song was not well known to any of us beforehand. However it was one we enjoyed and in my opinion one that is at the top of our repertoire. The song was named *Three Kings* by the

German composer Peter Cornelius. One bright light which helped transform this song was the ever capable and calming influence of Harry Osborne.

Harry came back to perform here for either his sixth or seventh year, bringing a wealth of experience with him. Harry had the formidable task of a full song solo but he delivered in spectacular style with his dulcet tones. The choir had the task of supporting Harry, and I must admit it all sounded magnificent. I think we were all very proud of ourselves at that moment.

Once all the choir songs had been completed, we rushed into the library off the main stage to find a stash of biscuits and drinks prepared for our delectation. Mr Davies valiantly attempted to instruct us to desist until at least all the solos were out of the way but he might as well have been instructing a ravenous pack of Velociraptors!

James Hanley kicked off the solo work with the classic Christmas song *Walking In The Air*. The song was originally written by Howard Blake for the 1982 animated film of Raymond Briggs' 1978 children's book *The Snowman*. James performed it beautifully with the choir watching in amazement. This song soars into places which some singers find particularly difficult. Not James though. He certainly is one of Halliford's finest boy sopranos.

It was now Harry's last opportunity to sing at the Mulberry Centre, an emotional time for all involved. He wanted to go out in style, and he chose that classic anthem of tolerance and forgiveness, *Somewhere* from the Bernstein/Sondheim Broadway hit, *West Side Story*. Harry sang it with pure passion and emotion, bringing a tear to Mrs Head's eye – a truly moving performance enjoyed by all, including the biscuit-munching choir!

After Harry, it was me. Panic began to set in. I was jumping into new waters with this solo attempt. However, I knew I had to make myself do it for future confidence and of course for making this appreciative audience happy. I had chosen a

vintage ballad called *A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square* – made famous by the likes of Vera Lynn and Anne Shelton. It is sentimental song and I can imagine a great favourite of people who lived through that era. I enjoyed singing it very much and I just hoped the audience appreciated it too because it was a song which the older generation would have remembered growing up through the horrors of the war. Mrs Head deserves all the credit however for accompanying me so well.

After me, came the last solo of the concert and this time it was Joe Baker, who sang *Consider Yourself* from the hit musical *Oliver!* Lyrically, it is an enthusiastic gift of friendship from Dodger and his as-yet-unseen gang to Oliver, assuring him warmly he can consider himself "our mate" and "one of the family" as "it's clear we're going to get along". It is a very tough song to sing but Joe Baker delivered it very well with his own version working a treat. He was able to sustain those long notes very well, capturing the whole mood and vibe. Once again, Mrs Head accompanied with an enviable ease and enthusiasm.

Once all solo work was completed, the fun part was the finale. All of us put on our Christmas hats and got ready to sing well-known Christmas carols with the help of the audience who were handed out personalised Halliford carol booklets. This part of the concert took the pressure away from us and we could just relax and enjoy singing the carols. The audience were brilliant, the dynamics and pure control of their voices were a standout, naturals at it. Once most carols were sung, the concert was over, time had flown by and for some it was their final goodbyes, for others just the start of their music journey at Halliford.

We piled into the mini bus and as we made our way back we insisted on a trip to McDonald's. Mr Davies capitulated after some persuasion and gamely took us to the nearest drive-through. This capped off a wonderful day and we can certainly have sweet memories to cherish for ever.

### WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...



#### **Jack Warren** Year 7

*Halliford means a lot to me as most of my friends go to school here and we have so many opportunities. I went on the Skiing trip to Austria last year and it was amazing, learning new skills and spending time with my friends. I have had the opportunity to play in the B Teams for rugby, football and cricket and we've tried our best and had some great results against much bigger schools. We also went to Harry Potter World at the end of term and saw behind the scenes which was amazing.*

*After every term when I come back to school it feels like going home and I get a warm welcome from all my friends and even the teachers!*

# Scratch Youth Messiah

by James Hanley, Year 10

On Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2018 the Chamber Choir went to the Royal Albert Hall in London, to take part in the Scratch Youth Messiah. It was a very enjoyable and inspirational day.

Before the audience came in, we had a rehearsal with the English Festival Orchestra and all the other schools. Each part was split up into groups around the raised stage area. I was in the sopranos with the altos right next to us. Our conductor Ben Parry made us do some ridiculous warm-ups and then everyone's hard work paid off and we sang with the other schools to create this wonderful sound.



When the audience came in it was inspiring to see that so many people had chosen to see and hear this fabulous spectacle which was also in aid of the charity Water Aid. We delivered a brilliant performance with the help of the four soloists and orchestra. Overall I think everyone, who attended or performed, would agree that this was a sensational way to start off December.





# Christmas Carol Service

by Mrs Head, Music Teacher

The 2018 evening carol service was for the first time hosted by our local village church of St. Nicholas in Shepperton. Readers and singers walked down to the church to rehearse in the afternoon, before visiting Prezzo for supper. Fully recharged they walked back down to the church where a congregation filling the church awaited them.

Sixth former Estelle Warner (Lower Sixth) sang the famous unaccompanied *Once in Royal David's City* solo and stayed perfectly in tune which is no mean feat. *In the Bleak Midwinter* showcased the unique treble voices of William Jones and James Hanley (Year 10) before the staff choir impressed with a very lively *Ding Dong Merrily*.

The Halliford Singers created some magical moments with their beautiful harmonies in *Silent Night* in contrast to the very jolly John Gardiner version of *The Holly and the Ivy* – a real toe-tapper!

Ex-student, Harry Osborne returned to wow us all with his beautiful baritone voice in a version of *The Three Kings* which features a soloist accompanied by the choir singing a hymn in the background.

The final carol was the very joyous *Personent Hodie* sung most enthusiastically in Latin by a choir of trebles.

The feedback from all who attended was unanimous. Our beautiful local church of St. Nicholas is definitely where we want to be for our next carol service in 2019.



# Year 7 Homeless Winter Coat Appeal

by Mr Cunningham Tutor, Year 7

It was with great pleasure that Halliford School Year 7 were able to raise over 30 winter coats for the St Saviour's Church homeless centre in December 2018. The original goal was to get 15 but because of the generosity of our boys and parents we smashed it!

The appeal was sparked when I overheard a member of staff comment on how awful it was to see a number of homeless people huddled for shelter in the underpass at Sunbury Cross. Being homeless is such a terrifying thought – especially during our bitter winter weather. Therefore, I decided to launch an appeal to help and gave a short assembly to our Year 7 boys to see if they could do something positive to assist. Two years ago, I had overseen a similar scheme for the whole school called The Rucksack Challenge. However, this time round I wanted to focus the idea on Year 7 only. Being a Year 7 tutor myself I knew how keen they would be to help.

I contacted a representative from St Saviour's Church who run a number of projects dealing with homeless or dispossessed people in our area. On further investigation, it became clear that what was desperately needed were warm, weather-proof coats, preferably in adult sizes, to give out to those most in need. Would it, she asked, be possible to donate 15 coats? There were only a few weeks left of the Autumn Term but I knew our boys would raise to the challenge. They did it admirably!

Charity is at the heart of our ethos here at Halliford and every year we endeavour to raise funds for various local and national causes.



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# HALLIFORD LIFE

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*German Exchange to Halliford*



*Puzzle Club*



*Toby Penty, OH and England Badminton star returns to Halliford*



*Science Club*

## HALLIFORD LIFE



*Model Engineering Club Winners*



*Young Enterprise team, Avenir, sell Christmas decorations at the Shepperton Big Tree switch on*



# Autumn Term Sports Report

by **Mr Greggor**, Director of Sport

It has once again been an extremely busy Autumn term of sport. I would like to personally thank the students for all of their hard work, effort and enthusiasm and also squad coaches who give up their time during lunch, after school and at weekends to provide these opportunities for our students.



**RUGBY**

**U12**

*Mr Greggor*

A Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
10	6	2	2	200	120	80

B Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
8	2	0	6	115	220	-105

Year 7 have been a pleasure to work with this term, their hard working attitude, keenness to learn and commitment to training has seen a huge improvement in player performance and understanding of the game. The A team as their record above suggests, have had a fine first season. There are many talented players in the side including Max Smith at inside centre, Oliver Hepworth at scrum half, Josh Rowe at fullback and Hayden Barrett in the pack. The boys have taken to contact rugby really well and it has been a pleasure to witness fixtures where both tackling and rucking skills on display have been commendable. As the season has developed a combination of strong ball carriers and fast hands in the backs have made them a difficult side to face.

There have been many pleasing performances this season however some stand out ones have been wins away against Reading Blue Coat, Tiffin and City of London Freemans. A draw 5-5 away at Churcher's College was a particularly satisfying result as the boys showed great determination and resilience to gain the equalising try in the last play of the game.

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup>, the Year 7s attended the Middlesex Cup festival at Staines RFC, they finished second in the group qualifying for the plate competition. They performed well in the afternoon fixtures needing to win the final fixture to win the plate competition, however, sadly could not manage this. We finished having played six, won three, drew one, lost two, an excellent days work.

Both B and C teams have improved greatly over the course of the season. This culminated in a fantastic 20-5 victory over Salesian Farnborough in the final game. I am sure over the course of next season many of these players will start to challenge for A team places. A fine example being Oscar Shephard, who started the season in Halliford's U12 C team and finished it playing his first match for the A's and scoring a try. An excellent moment for Oscar and the U12 coaching team.

**U13**  
**Mr Morriss**

A Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
16	7	2	7	390	395	-5

B Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
7	0	0	7	51	315	-264

The U13s have shown incredible commitment to rugby this term, attending training in large numbers and this made even more impressive with the smallest year group at the School. It was a steep learning curve for the boys when in Year 7 and, despite a tough season, the boys have really committed and bought into the ethos of school rugby this year led by captain James Webley.

New additions to the squad have impressed, with Carter Green joining the school and developing his rugby knowledge and Zephan Avaan showing great leadership qualities in the B's early on in the season but hasn't looked back after securing his no.8 starting position in the A's. The tone was set early on with impressive wins coming against Claire's Court, Reading Blue Coat and a 30-30 home draw against King Edwards, Southampton.

An influence on this was the new half-back partnership of Reynolds and Lindstrup who have been superb at orchestrating the boys around them. Support on the side-lines was unwavering and the boys returned their thanks with some relentless displays of pride and passion, none least in the 30-45 away loss at Tiffin School.

As the season has progressed, a number of boys have shown outstanding potential. These include Oscar Wort, Will O'Loughlin, Ben Hughes, Callum Sharma. Unfortunately half-term came too soon for a team who barely won at all last season and this dramatically halted their run of good games with losses to Hampton and Wallington.

Several of the boys showed their leadership qualities as the squad looked to turn around the fortunes and ably led by Ethan Manzi, Harley Reynolds and Louie Paterson, this has been the case recently, which was highlighted in the brilliant squad performance at the U13 Middlesex Festival, held at St. James School.

The U13 A team have finished the season strongly and now have a positive win/loss record and the boys must be commended for their outstanding efforts throughout. A number of players who have really shown the team spirit and determination in their performances are inspirational lynchpin, Lucas Lindstrup, rapid full-back Louie Paterson and free try-scoring captain James Webley.

The U13 B Team have certainly been an extension of the A team this year, with almost the entire squad regularly attending training, showing a great approach and pushing for places with regular squad rotation. The boys rallied behind talisman captain Zephan Avaan and matched the A team winning against Claire's Court, Reading Blue Coat and King Edwards, Southampton. Devin Prior took over the captaincy and along with Ted Smith, Harry Owen, Callum O'Brien and James Banks have cemented a forward pack that have been the foundation of the squad.

The season mirrored the A team when the half-term break seemed to halt their winning performances. The team, whilst hard-working in defence, very much relied upon their free-flowing attacking game and this always meant high scoring games. Utility playmaker Kajay Moss found himself regularly at fly-half and the speedy wingers, Harry Curling and Theo Wilson kept the scores close with their try-scoring prowess.

A player who deserves a special mention is Calvin Harrington, who has shown true Halliford spirit this season both on and off the pitch, showing what determination and perseverance can achieve, performing regularly this season after barely playing any rugby last year.

Well done to all of the boys, it has been a thoroughly enjoyable season, many thanks also go to Mr. Davis who has helped coach the boys after school on a Wednesday and take charge of the B team on a regular basis.

**U14**  
**Mr Shales**

A Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
11	5	0	6	194	236	-42

B Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
7	0	0	7	51	315	-264

The U14 A's have been very unlucky this season. A combination of key injuries and narrow losses have meant that the results do not truly reflect the ability of the side. After only one training session we travelled down to King Edward's Southampton. After taking a narrow lead the opposition soon found their stride and we went behind. Despite a strong comeback we ended up losing 29-22

A Friday night at Weybridge Vandals allowed us to try quite a few new combinations. Although not an official fixture, we did end up eventual winners on the night. Next came a 26-12 loss to Claires Court. We showed them too much respect early in the match and gave ourselves too much to do in the second half. We followed this with a Middlesex Cup Match against St Benedict's Ealing. From minute one Halliford played with great intensity. The lead changed hands several times, but we finished the stronger, and ran out deserved winners 29-22. This was a fantastic team performance.

Our next fixture was against Tiffin. We made a strong start to the game, building an early lead. However, we switched off towards the end of the match, allowing them to score with the last play of the game to take the victory. A trip in The Cup to Harrow followed. We arrived to play what looked like their U16 team given the size of the boys. We performed valiantly but were outclassed and defeated. The last game before half term was a mixed fixture with the U15s. Ten of our boys played in this comprehensive victory against Reddam House, and certainly did not look out of place among the older boys. After half term we faced the daunting prospect of the Wellington B Team. We were heavily depleted and put in a strong performance in a narrow loss. Next followed Wallington County. This was probably our best performance to date against a very strong opposition. We played very well all game and found ourselves 14-5 down with 5 minutes to go. We then scored to make the score 14-12. With time running out we put together a very strong attack made up of multiple phases, before we scored with the final play to win the game 17-14.

We travelled to Churcher's College on a wet and miserable Saturday morning. Unfortunately, the U14s got off to a slow start, conceding two early scores. Once settled into the game Halliford put together some really good passages of play. Some of our patterns and ball retention were the best we have shown all season, and our rolling maul was a very potent weapon. Sadly, fatigue got the better of us and we conceded three late tries. The final score of 38-5 certainly did not reflect the performance.

On a damp Saturday morning we travelled to Salesians Farnborough. We started the game very strongly, scoring straight from the kick off. This asserted our dominance on the game, and we did not let up. We played some very good rugby, especially in the second half. This led to a convincing win, 58-5. We ended the season against Windsor Boys. Illness and injury had struck the side, meaning that we eventually finished the game with 13 men. This did not affect the boys, and they put in another great performance, running out 24-0 winners.

There have been many strong performances this season. William Jackson was tireless up front before a knee injury curtailed his season. Harri Roberts, a new student this year, has had a very impressive debut season. Jack Emery has been dangerous in the centres, Paul-Louis-Howard and Max Hobbs have both Captained the side and led by example with their performances.

It has been a hard season for the U14 B's. It is one of the better B teams that I have seen over the years, with a lot of strength up front, however they have come up against some very talented opposition. Their scores do not reflect the effort and ability that the boys possess. Special mentions should go to Jonny Hayward, Jai Toor, and Riley Whittington for their performances all season.

**U15**  
**Mr Slocock**

A Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
7	3	0	4	141	104	37

B Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
5	5	0	0	157	77	80

The elusive 'V' replicated the golden snitch for the U15A team this year with a number of victories throughout the season being within a fingertip distance before fatigue and poor decision making yanked them away. The season started extremely well at the South Coast Kings tournament where some new students were introduced to Halliford School and some promising rugby played. However, the promise this showed did not come to an early fruition. Travelling back down to Southampton a week later led to a frustrating loss.

The boys bounced back immensely against Vandals under lights where it always amazes the coaches how eager they are to hit their friends in a tackle as opposed to opposition they have never met. The record books suggest a draw, but everyone knows that Halliford won that one! A Cup game against Gunnersbury followed where the first indications of the lurgy that would define their 2018 performances this season started to show. Lapses in concentration created a few defensive errors which Gunnersbury were able to exploit to take the victory.

In true Halliford fashion and an indication of what they are really capable of we bounced back to a convincing victory over Claires Court on 4G, in the rain. Over confidence perhaps? Certainly lack of preparation meant another lapse against Tiffin who took the spoils by one frustrating score before a combined U14 and U15 team destroyed Reddam House at home. The half term break was a welcome relief, but there were concerns about the second half of the season with its stronger opposition. Wellington College, away, in torrential rain, was an incredible game. Despite missing Chris Long who had undergone minor surgery. Halliford dominated the game for the most part, but a seven minute spell let in two tries from Wellington who walked away with a three point victory. Did they load the team with some A team players because Halliford were the only team to beat them last year? Who knows, but it did show what this Halliford team are capable of.

Then there was Ypres-gate. Amazingly there were a huge number of players available and for 83% of the game Halliford were in it, if only we played for fifty minutes and not sixty. An intercept and another loss of concentration gave Wallington Grammar a victory with a much larger scoreline than they deserved. Halliford spirit and grit followed against Churcher's College. Losing two stalwart players, Ted Luckins and Matthew Fallon, within the first fifteen minutes of the game proved a minor setback and Halliford went into the half 8-5 in the lead. Dominating the game for the most part and working well it was the #U152018initis virus that struck in the last ten minutes, and led to two tries that should not have been after Churcher's College had managed to take the lead. Another game simulating quidditch and the elusive golden snitch! A scoreline that flattered Churcher's more than anything.

Salesians was another kettle of fish altogether. With a number of their players away in Italy and a couple of our boys bruised from the week before, it was definitely time to bounce back. And bounce the boys did, to an emphatic 32-0 victory. Just the thing needed before inter-house and the battle of Windsor Boys. Windsor, thankfully, ended with an outstanding game to finish the season. We were a little out of sorts for the first eight minutes and leaked two tries before bouncing back to level the scores before a series of very dubious calls led to a try and gave Windsor a one try lead going into the half. The second half proved just as ferocious and Halliford were without a doubt the best team. Defence on both sides was immense as Windsor were denied tries over the try line on four occasions as the ball was held up. Windsor were equally up to the task as they managed to keep our attack out for a better part of the half. With two minutes to go Kian McGrath ruptured a tendon in his groin forcing the game to be moved to another pitch leaving Kian to start the two hour wait for an ambulance to arrive. A fifteen man maul led to a final score for Halliford ending the season with yet another game a single, agonising, score behind.

Halliford U15B team showed the grit, determination and improvements that are replicated in every Halliford B team in rugby. The incredible commitment to the team shown by huge stalwarts of the

game such as Danny Wilkes, Dom Rose, Sean Cook, Joe Baker, Jethro Knight Thompson and Ryan Alaavi turning out to training and making themselves available for every game.

The team also had some outstanding players who could play in the A team with more confidence, but chose to play for the B's. A sluggish start gave KES and Tiffin victories before the boys kicked into gear and thrashed Wellington College and, under the guidance of the Headmaster, Wallington County Grammar. These results mirrored a more important factor which was the outstanding performance of the players in each of these games. Sadly a loss to Churchers proved somewhat inevitable after a few of those boys who chose not to play was compounded by the early loss of Theo Rowsell from a bang to the head and the A team stealing a few of players early in the game. The final game of the season was against Windsor boys where some outstanding rugby was played against much bigger opposition. Excellent defence and the introduction of one or two players led to an incredible match that proved to be just a little too far on the day with Halliford coming out second best. The 'B' team proved, yet again, that they are only second in selection, but without doubt the best team with heart and spirit.

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### Halliford 1<sup>st</sup> XV Adam Clarke

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
12	11	0	1	345	103	242

The 1<sup>st</sup> team have had a fantastic season only losing one competitive fixture.

From the start against King Edwards, in game one of the season, it was plain to see that we were the dominant team with tries coming in early as White and Fossett crashed over. Our dominance continued and further scores were added through Fossett, Walsh, Tait and Williams grabbing two. To top this Laird managed to score a hat trick with the third try being particularly impressive as he gathered the ball from a Bullett cross field kick. Final score 56-7

The following Wednesday saw Halliford's first game in the Super 8 competition as we faced off against Claires Court. We followed on from the weekend's strong start to the season with dominant attacks from the backs due to the high work from the forwards, which gave us a comfortable lead as we went into the second half with tries coming from Williams and Hea-ley. Tries were added in the second half with Tait crossing before Williams grabbed his second. Graves then crossed from a quick penalty as he carved through Claires Court defence. Walsh added two late scores with his first coming from excellent footwork and his second from an excellent cross field kick. Final score 49-6

Our next opponents were Forest in a highly anticipated clash, this proved to be the toughest test to date, despite this we dominated the first half by going up 3 tries before the half's end. With Graves crossing twice and Healey adding the third. However, we got complacent and were unable to sustain this strong start as we conceded 5 tries in quick succession and lost the lead. We hit back through Wheeler as he grabbed a try before an outstanding effort from Healey won us the game. The final score was 33-29

Tiffin followed in what proved to be a difficult game, however Halliford sneaked through with tries coming through Gil-derleave and Williams. The game was poised at 14-12 in the last minute before Peppiatt stepped up and slotted home a penalty winning the game for Halliford.

The following Wednesday Halliford played Reading away. We were able to continue our dominance so far this season by not allowing Reading to have any real chances though-out the game. Facing Wellington away we knew that this was going to be a tough test for us and got off to a slow start by conceding a try despite looking like the stronger team. However we were able to get a try back before the half ended through Tait. In the second half Halliford controlled the majority of the ball scoring two more tries with Tait completing his hat-trick resulting in another fine win.

Up next was Wallington at Vandals. Halliford controlled the game but failed to make early chances pay. However a couple of runs from the base of the ruck by Williams gave us a comfortable cushion. A further score from Simpkin gave Halliford an easy victory.



The semi-final of the Super 8 competition saw Halliford return to play Forest. Unlike the first game we had an easy run from the start and it was clear to see Halliford were the dominant side running in six easy tries.

On a wet Wednesday afternoon the 1<sup>st</sup> team played at home to Reading in the Super 8's final. A lot of hard work has seen the team get to this stage. A pre match coaching session from Harlequins player Dave Ward helped give the team the edge they needed. A tight first half saw Halliford gain the lead narrowly. Post half time the boys went out with renewed confidence and started the second half well with Griff Williams crossing for the try. Halliford quickly doubled the lead as Jack Walsh crossed with what was to be the winning try. After a long hard season the boys deserved the victory and the game ended 12-5.



**Halliford  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV  
Captain Jonathan  
Davies**

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
11	5	0	6	214	184	30

Our season started off against a physical KES side which was narrowly lost but gave us great confidence at the start of the season. With great leaders in the team such as Harry Gibbons and Adam Clarke we started to form a good side. We had some solid wins and a couple tight losses, a convincing win against Holyport showed what we can do against a strong team of U18s. We then moved to Tiffin where, although our pack dominated in the scrum, line-out and maul we suffered a heavy loss, which we learnt from and moved on to Shiplake in the Super 8 plate quarter final. We started this game very strong and managed to get some early tries through combined physicality of the forwards and execution in the backs, we managed to hold them off for the remainder of the game with very strong defence and secured the win moving Halliford to the semi-final.

After half term we took on Wallington County Grammar at Weybridge Vandals in a friendly before our semi-final, we managed to dominate early and started to score some great team tries, most notably Oscar Gammon's try under the posts that went through every players hands. This was a great win with the final score 33-7, propelling us towards the semi-final midweek. As we got to game day our opposition pulled out, automatically placing us into the final of the plate competition.

After a good performance against Churcher's we moved into the final against Reddham House. We started to dominate the game early on and a very impressive line hit by Matorian-Pour allowed him to break the Reddham defence and score. However, they were able to counter after a good spell of Halliford defence. Following this a well worked move allowed Phil Kari-dis to touch down in the corner. The second half consisted of outstanding Halliford defence on our own try line, however an unfortunate refereeing decision allowed the opposition to score in the final minutes. It was a great effort by the lads and a game that we should all be proud of. Final score 17-10. Special mentions in the pack go to Dan Matorian-Pour, Tim-my and Danny Hamilton and Gallagher Dillon putting in big hits and making strong carries. Special mentions in the backs go to Oscar Gammon, Josh Lawrence and Robert Pleasance who made a great transition from the back row to the back line.

One last mention goes to Adam Clarke for his inspirational team talks. We also all enjoyed the coaching of Mr Shales, Mr Greggor, Mr Carrington and Mr Bown and helped make it a successful season with many boys looking like promising players for next season.

## Inter-House Rugby

The house sporting calendar is always keenly contested, the boys very much look forward to these competitions and Rugby is always the one we finish the autumn term with. Across the year groups there was some very good rugby played and some extremely close results.

The junior competition comprises of Years 7, 8 and 9 combined competitions meaning this year Russell are our winners.

The senior competition is made up of Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form. Due to mock examinations taking place in the last two weeks of term we will allocate some free time in the Spring term to finish the senior competition.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 7	Russell	Greville	Wadham	Desborough
Year 8	Desborough	Greville	Russell	Wadham
Year 9	Russell	Wadham	Greville	Desborough
Year 10	Greville	Desborough	Russell	Wadham

Junior Champions ■ Russell

## Headmaster's Select Rugby Squad 2018

Each season the Halliford Rugby coaching staff sit down and select their Headmaster's XV, competition was very strong for places this year so the decision was made to select a starting fifteen complete with a bench. Students are selected based on commitment, effort and playing ability. As you can imagine this is a challenging task however below is what was decided this year.



**Will Reed**  
Upper Sixth



**Archie Laird**  
Lower Sixth



**Kian McGrath**  
Year 10



**Oliver Hepworth**  
Year 7



**Connor Manzi**  
Year 11



**Hayden Barrett**  
Year 7



**Aaron White**  
Year 8



**Lucas Lindstrup**  
Year 8



**Will Wheeler**  
Year 7



**Jack Pearce**  
Year 10



**Griff Williams (C)**  
Upper Sixth



**Jack Emery**  
Year 9



**Jonah Peppiatt**  
Year 11



**Louie Patterson**  
Year 8



**Max Smith**  
Year 7



**Paul-Louis Howard**  
Year 9



**James Webley**  
Year 8



**Christian Tait**  
Year 11



**Jack Walsh**  
Year 11



**Max Hobbs**  
Year 9

## Rugby Colours Ties

**Year 11 1<sup>st</sup> XV Colours ties are awarded to:** Jed Aldrige, Connor Manzi, Ben Parsons, Jonah Peppiatt, Christian Taite, Jack Walsh and William Wheeler

**Sixth Form 1<sup>st</sup> XV Colours ties are awarded to:** Sam Bullett, Cameron Gildersleve, Archie Laird and Joseph Sheddon

## Griff Williams, Halliford's First XV Captain

Griff is part of the London Irish U18 academy, he played county rugby for the Middlesex CB at U15 and U16.

More recently he has played for the Welsh Exiles U17 against the Scarlets Academy, Dragons Academy and now in the last few months at U18 against the U19 University of South Wales and the U19 Welsh Academicals a combined team of Welsh players in higher education.

The final part of the Exiles playing program was to form part of the 'U18 Super 6' which took place on the 4<sup>th</sup>

November. An event when the four academies Blues, Dragons, Scarlets and Ospreys plus the North Wales Development Region RGC 1440 and the Welsh Exiles play each other. Griff was lucky enough to take part in what is effectively the Welsh U18 weekend. From that the WRU will take about 50 players into the extended Welsh U18 squad during December before selecting the U18 six nations group that will compete in March and April 2019.

Griff plans to use the exiles programme for University. Both the Irish Exiles and Welsh Exiles programs are very keen for players to take up places in Universities in Ireland or Wales. In Griff's case that might mean Cardiff University, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Swansea University or the University of South Wales. Both Cardiff Universities are BUCS Rugby Super league Universities, with the other two both being Division 1 Universities with very strong rugby programs integrated into academic life. They offer genuine options to combine a career option of Osteopathy or Chiropractic work, with the potential of very strong University rugby and potentially a rugby playing career.

Griff recently found out that he made the extended Wales U18 squad camp on December 18<sup>th</sup>. From around 50 boys and 4-5 scrum halves they will select the six nations squad of 32. We wish him the best of luck.



## SWIMMING

**Brin Dorrell,**  
**Year 11**

The swimming season started in September with Brin being elected Vice Captain of Woking Swimming Club. The WSC Committee said of Brin: "Brin is a National level swimmer and very consistent trainer who has been in the club from a very young age. Brin does not let a tough situation get the better of him and constantly strives to improve his performance in the pool. Brin has already proved to be a great success in engaging with the younger swimmers, using motivation, encouragement and adding a fun element to his support. We very much look forward to his development in the role of Vice Captain."

In November Brin headed to Portsmouth for the weekend for the South East Winter Short Course Championships. For this competition there was only one qualification time for both Junior (the Junior age group includes the age group above Brin) and Senior swimmers, which means it's an achievement for Brin, as a Junior swimmer, to qualify for this high level meet. With only one final in the evening session, the pressure was all on the morning swims for the swimmers as Junior medals were heat declared from morning heats. Brin swam in four events, gaining four PBs. His 50m butterfly race was phenomenal, in a time of 26.75sec, earning him a Junior bronze medal. He also qualified in the four events for the Swim England National Winter Short Course Championships in December at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. This Championship is the biggest English swimming meet of the winter months, with Britain's top senior swimmers often involved.



Sam represented Surrey U18s on Sunday 2nd December v Hampshire at Weydon School. Sam currently plays for Halliford's 1XV and Weybridge Vandals RFC at fly half. In a very close match Surrey lost, however Sam has some training sessions coming up with the county in the new year and we will continue to follow his progress with this set up next term.



**COUNTRY RUGBY**  
*Sam Bullett,*  
*Lower Sixth*

## Triathlon

Spencer spent a weekend of competing at the IRCs (Inter-Regional Championships) in September where he represented London competing both as an individual and as a team relay. The events took place at Mallory Park, Leicester, it was an exciting weekend with lots of racing taking part. A real experience to compete at a large national event, competing against the top triathletes in the country. He also attended the London Region Awards in October where he was awarded 3rd place in his age category.



**TRIATHLON,  
XC AND  
BIATHLON**  
*Spencer Bateman,*  
*Year 10*



## Biathlon

After giving Biathlon a go last year and really enjoying it, Spencer was keen to try and qualify again for the National Championships and School Championships. He took part in the South East Biathlon and Ascot Biathlon and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the SE and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ascot although at both events had the fastest run of the day – both places gave him an automatic qualifier for the Nationals in Leeds at the end of November. He will also automatically qualify for the British School Championships in March next year when he will be able to compete for his School

## Cross Country

October saw the start of the Surrey League Cross Country and Epsom Downs Cross Country League – both are made up of a number of races throughout the season. Spencer finished in a respectable 5th U15 boys at the Surrey League and a 5th at Epsom Downs. Unfortunately at Epsom Downs he suffered a tumble which saw him lose a few places but still 5th is a respectable place.

He has also been invited by Surrey to join the Intermediate Boys Squad where he will be able to attend events representing Surrey. One of the first squad events was a training and development day at Reeds School, Cobham over the half term where he got to train with the team and listen to top GB athletes (Olympians). His first Surrey outing will be in December competing at the West Midlands Cross Country Competition.



**ARCHERY**  
*James Woodgate,*  
*Lower Sixth*

James has always enjoyed his archery – he started at the age of seven and has always performed well in his age group, several times placing him in the top 3 at National Championships.

**He has continued to excel in the sport during 2018:**

He won the Surrey Junior Outdoor Championships and is reigning Southern Counties Archery Society Indoor champion. James represented England for the first time in the Home Nations Match at the Junior National Outdoor Championships, where England won the match. At that event he was also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U18 National Championships as an individual.



This summer also saw James perform exceptionally at the Archery GB Youth Festival where, with his teammate, he won gold medal in the Mixed Team event. The Youth Festival is an event open to any junior archer from the Home Nations and is in the same format as international events where medals are won on Head to Head matches, so a different mindset has to be learned to outperform your opponents. Performing as one of the top 8 Cadets this season James was invited to take part in the Key event finals in September.

Following on from these successes James was invited to join the Archery GB National Age Group Academy for the 2018/19 year, a scheme which involves significant training commitments and additional contact time with the national coaching team. He has also been given team shooter sponsorship from Quicks Archery, our local archery centre.

Finally, to top an already incredibly successful year, James was delighted to be one of only 600 young athletes to be given a TASS (Talented Athlete in Sport Scholarship) Award and is now having additional strength and conditioning training and regular physio support from a team of practitioners based at Surrey University. To quote the TASS website “These promising athletes are all eligible to represent England and have been identified as performing at the top of the Sport England Talent Pathway”.

James has already achieved scores to let him enter the selection process for the Great Britain Team for 2019 season as a cadet (U18) and is training hard with a view to represent Great Britain on the international stage next year.

In the first weekend of December James set out to become Junior National Indoor Champion and he has achieved it amongst a really tough field. He shot 590 (out of a total of 600) and took both the U18 category and the Overall Junior National Indoor Champion 2018.



Christopher Cole had a very successful 2018 cricket season. After a series of excellent bowling performances in Surrey's Performance match programme he was selected to represent Surrey U14s in four Cup and T20 matches. His adult league performances earned him a regular spot in his club's second XI promotion winning side.

Following a trial with Scotland, Christopher has been invited to train with Scotland U15s during the Winter and will be attending Surrey's Winter training sessions. Christopher also had a good season with the bat scoring over 900 runs including 107 not out for his club and 75 not out for Halliford.



**CRICKET**  
*Christopher Cole,*  
**Year 10**

Hayden joined Halliford this year in Year 7, he has proved himself to be a talented all round sportsman and has recently been invited to trial for the South East England Aspire Basketball programme.

Hayden had an initial trial in October and has been selected to take part. This means Hayden will get training once a month from an Aspire England coach. He was selected to trial via his club Richmond Knights where he plays for the U12 and U14 teams. We wish him the best of luck with this as the season progresses.



**BASKETBALL**  
*Hayden Barrett,*  
**Year 7**



Suzi joined Halliford in the Sixth Form this year. Suzi has been playing tennis since the age of nine, and has competed in tournaments across the country and around the world. It has become her main passion and something she wants to achieve great things in.

Suzi follows a strict training programme proving her true dedication to the game, waking up at hours when most are still asleep she is on court perfecting her strokes. Suzi currently represents Kent County along with Great Britain in international competitions. Mid way through the year she was selected to play for Kent in the 2019 County Championships which she has taken part in for the last three years and has successfully aided the team.

When traveling abroad and around the country Suzi automatically represents GB at an exceptionally high level. This August she had played the 2018 Korean Open. Singles had proved to be extremely demanding and a sad loss was gracefully accepted, whereas the doubles had proved to favour Suzi where she had reached the semi-finals with her partner.

In the fresh upcoming year Suzi looks forward to competing in the British ITF's where she will be taking on more expert players than herself, but will be gaining more knowledge and becoming more adapt in her game.



**TENNIS**  
*Susanna Skarlosh,*  
**Lower Sixth**

# Classics Trip to Warwick University

by Armaan Alavi, Lower Sixth



The beginning of our Classics trip to Warwick University began early with a prompt, 8:30 am departure. Upon our arrival, we were quickly greeted by staff members who directed us to the impressive main theatre. Our first lecturer, Emmanuela Bakola, gave us a brief yet insightful overview on theatre in the Greek world, describing the fascinating differences between ancient Greek, and modern theatres.

She developed her argument with an interesting description of the role it had in Athenian culture and how it was an essential part of their lives and that some of the practices are still celebrated to this day.

This short introduction was followed by Professor Michael Scott, whose work we've studied and seen in some recent documentaries. Professor Scott gave a fascinating talk on the history of the devastating events, and the total demolition of Athenian democracy and hierarchy between the years 406 and 404 BC. He led on to demonstrate how the structure and use of comedic theatre during that time period was able to have such a great effect on a city. We were asked to put ourselves in the shoes of an ancient Athenian, giving us a completely new perspective on ancient Greek comedic plays, allowing us to fully understand some of their underlying messages.

The third lecture of the day was orchestrated by Dr Marchella Ward, on the 'Staging of Aristophanic Theatre'. This lecture focused on the many layers of comedy in ancient Greek theatre – and in particular, its obsession with tragedy. After we were asked to compose a comic scene of our own it quickly became apparent that comedy is far from easy to write!

When Dr Ward's lecture came to an end we repaired to the nearest Costa and spent some time admiring the university campus. However, soon Mrs Rooke ushered us into the next lecture with was given by C. W. Marshall who took us through key moments in *The Frogs* by Aristophanes, the play we are currently studying, and the play we were all anxiously waiting to watch. Through his detailed analysis of how Aristophanes used external sources to create his characters, I think I can say for the whole group that we all were able to take some valuable information away from that lecture.

Finally, we came to the most anticipated part of the day where we were able to witness the incredible performance of *The Frogs* by the Warwick University Classics Undergraduates. The play gave an understanding of how a modern audience would interpret an ancient Greek performance, and after having read some of the play, it was interesting to visually witness how these students adapted the script to make it fit the taste of those watching.

All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable day at Warwick University. I can safely say that all the Sixth Form students involved were very grateful to Mrs Rooke for putting together such an enjoyable trip.

# Biology Trip – Science Live

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 a number of Sixth Form students visited the *A-Level Science Live* at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London. The day was filled with an assortment of interesting lectures, topics of which spanned from the MMR vaccine controversy, to how cells respond to bacteria.

We also had the privilege of hearing Professor Robert Winston lecturing on how we, as humans, have altered our own evolution. This made for a very worthwhile experience at expanding our Biology beyond the classroom.

Due to a combined love of Biology and History, I found one talk surrounding the genetics with the monarchy was particularly engaging. When I first read the lecture title *A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived*, conducted by Dr Adam Rutherford, I thought it would be too ambitious a topic for me to understand, but my apprehension soon disappeared as the lecture began. It primarily focused on the genetics of family trees in relation to four European kings and covered how genetics disproves the common historical idea that only the nobilities were “inbred”, and showed that to varying degrees all families are, as such, “inbred”. It was proven that the inbred coefficient of Charles II of Spain was an incredibly high 25.4%, meaning that the percentage of DNA he inherited from his parents that was the same, was just above a quarter.

Moreover, without a doubt the most interesting part was how genetics could be used to work out at what point does everyone’s family tree become interlinked or have a common ancestor. This was used to find out that everyone in the entire world, no matter where they came from, are all related to a person alive 3400 years ago! As well as almost everyone who is of Caucasian European descent being related to Charlemagne, the King of the Franks and first Holy Roman Emperor who lived in the 9<sup>th</sup> century AD. This was just one of the lectures we had the pleasure of viewing at this very stimulating and enjoyable day.

Thank you very much Dr Brooks for organising such a brilliant and memorable event.

– Finn Angell-Wells (Lower Sixth)

To my shame I must admit to being somewhat trepidatious before the trip. After all, how exciting could a series of science lectures actually be? However, I was bowled over by this event and found each lecture surprisingly engaging. A special mention must go to the third lecture of the afternoon by Professor Robert Winston. This was clearly a highlight of the day and the audience was most appreciative. As he spoke, I became completely enthralled – indeed, I was so lost in his ideas and theories that I forgot to take notes! After reading his work and seeing him on television, it was a real privilege to hear him in person.

However, the most interesting lecture for me was one given by Dr Adam Rutherford, who demonstrated how humans are connected with one another. With his boundless enthusiasm and cool manner, he managed to explain to us that the majority of the people sitting in the theatre were 1/5 cousins to each other, and that most people who have a mainly English background are directly linked to King Richard III, in some form or another. It certainly gave us all pause for thought!

Would I recommend this type of experience to other students? Absolutely!

– Armaan Alavi (Lower Sixth)





# Natural History Museum Trip

by Mr Wilcox, Head of Geography

Over the course of two days in January, the Geography department took Year 9 students to the Natural History Museum.

On each day, students enjoyed an engaging presentation by museum staff at the David Attenborough Lecture theatre. This helpfully summarised and extended core understanding of the Natural Hazards unit that students had covered in the first term. This included a hands-on demonstration of how the upper mantle acts like both a liquid and a solid as it remains in a non-Newtonian liquid state and getting to compete with one another over their ability to make the largest seismograph reading using just their jumping skills.

Following this, students either explored the Earthquakes and Volcanoes exhibit, learning about

super-volcanoes and how some eruptions may have provided inspiration for Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* through to the Kobe earthquake simulator and footage from the 2011 Japanese Tsunami. They also adventured around other parts of the museum including the 'Treasures' exhibition containing the most valuable items in the museum's collection and of course a visit to see the animatronic T-Rex!

My thanks go to Mr Aarons, Mrs Brown, Mr Purden, Mr Davis and Mrs Gilbert who all helped support the students as we ventured around.



## Rhineland Tour: 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

by Dr Yacoot



At 5:00 a.m. on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb a group of bleary-eyed boys and four adults set off by coach to visit Germany. We had a hassle free journey, arriving in Boppard (on the Rhine) early evening.

We met Joshi our excellent tour rep and enjoyed an evening meal and free time, allowing us to (partially) recover from the early start.

Sunday was a 6:30 a.m. get up so we could travel to Bonn, the former West Germany's capital city. A short bit of free time in Bonn city centre (enough for most boys to frequent MacDonald's) was followed by a self-guided tour around Beethoven's house. There were some interesting artefacts including a lock of his hair, life and death masks and his hearing aids (which seemed to resemble modern shower heads) alongside period instruments of all types and manuscripts.

On to Cologne to visit the highly anticipated chocolate museum with free samples and a well-stocked gift shop containing all manner of varieties and flavours. We then made our way to All Saints Anglican Church in Cologne, the venue for our first concert. They were very hospitable, providing us with refreshments before and in the interval of

our concert but confused us by applauding initially only at the end of each section of the concert (choir, jazz band, soloists and orchestra) rather than after each piece. After the return journey to Boppard, we enjoyed a late dinner and free time.

Monday was a slightly later start with a coach ride to Ruedesheim along the atmospherically misty Rhine and including a 5 minute ferry crossing. After a short tour of the Netto supermarket to stock up on snacks (which were noticeably cheaper than in England much to the boys' delight) we walked through the town to arrive at Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum, a family run affair which initially looked a little dour. However, the founder's granddaughter, who acted as our guide, was an excellent and amusing host showing us an incredible variety of mechanical instruments and enchanting the boys with demonstrations of most of them.

We drove onto the spa pavilion in Bad Muenster am Stein-Eberburg, the venue for our second concert. By now, we were a well-oiled machine under Mr Williams' ever efficient but cheerful guidance, unloading all the gear from the coach and setting up from scratch in a remarkably short time. This concert was better attended and applauded and we all left on a high, returning to the hotel for dinner and a brief break before heading off to Koblenz for a thoroughly enjoyable hour of ten pin bowling.

We were grateful for the later start on Tuesday and had a relaxing morning driving along the Rhine and then returning to Boppard for extended free time in the town centre. An afternoon visit to the stunning Marksburg Castle was followed by an early dinner and a drive to Vallander for a concert in the stunning Stadt- und Kongresshalle. This went well until the drum kit fell apart mid-piece but gave an excuse to do the appropriately named *It Is As It Is* for an encore to show how it should have sounded. We returned to our hotel tired but excited. Packing up followed for a reasonably early start on Wednesday and the long journey back to Shepperton. We arrived back at school early - before 7 pm thanks to our skillful driver Osmond and the M25 actually being quite clear and jam free.

We had an amazing five days – very long and tiring but unseasonably warm and sunny weather helped set off the dramatic beauty of the Rhine valley - especially in the misty mornings. We would like to thank staff and all boys involved in the trip for making it such an enjoyable and memorable experience but most of all to the ever cheerful and superbly organised Mr Williams for masterminding the whole event. Danke schön!

**Participants:**

**Upper Sixth:** Richard Ashe, Will Taylor-Young

**Lower Sixth:** Finn Angel-Wells

**Year 11:** Nicholas Atherfold, Oscar Gammon, Rob Pleasance, Tom Wittke

**Year 10:** Joe Baker, Cameron Collie, Lucas Dallon, Oscar Donovan, James Hanley, Will Jones, Will McGuigan, Freddie Needham, Arya Shafighian

**Year 9:** Ben Carrodus, Luke Elliott, Ben Gale, Ollie Hume, Will Jackson, George Phillips, Riley Whittington, Ben Wittke, Thomas Yacoot

**Year 8:** Zeph Berlemont, Will Mardon, Kajay Moss, Matthew Sanders

**Year 7:** Monty Savarino





# Rhineland Music Tour Report

by Will Jones, Year 10

The piercing sound of the alarm was not the most pleasant way to start the half term break, but a trip to Germany would make the early start just about bearable. We arrived at Halliford School, the musical equipment was loaded onto the coach in a careful and considerate fashion, and once everyone was on board we trundled off in high spirits.

Cue the 11-odd hour trip to our destination in the quaint and picturesque town of Boppard. Food was eaten, seas were crossed, and from good old Blighty to Germany just like the click of finger or that's how it felt anyway. We can't forget the singing on the bus, with our boys giving wonderful renditions of some old classics, including *American Pie*, *Bohemian Rhapsody* and Scotland's very own *500 Miles*. This was a wonderful introduction to the trip we had ahead of us.

Dinner was eaten on the first night and many boys were happy to be in Germany. Once dinner was eaten in the hotel, we separated and funnelled into our various rooms with some free time remaining.

Bright and early the next morning we were all ready for the day ahead of us. We departed the hotel at around half eight and were on our way to the house of the famous composer, Ludwig Van Beethoven, or Beethoven as he is more commonly known. The house was in Bonn, a city straddling the Rhine. We were all interested to see the house of the composer and when we arrived, we went inside to see the many artefacts and the broad collection of music which he had written at the time. At the end of the guided tour, we all had a chance to buy anything in the souvenir shop for the parents back home hoping for a gift of some sort. The coach driver who was doing a brilliant job so far was called into action again.

Cologne was the next destination. We arrived and took in the breath-taking city with many photos being taken. We found a suitable spot for lunch, looking out over the river at the many boats passing on to their various destinations.

Once lunch was eaten, which was prepared by ourselves and for me not to the best of standards, we were off to the chocolate museum in Cologne. The exhibits show the entire history of chocolate, from its beginnings with the Olmecs, Maya and Aztecs to contemporary products and production methods. Money was at the ready and all we had on our minds was the actual eating of the chocolate. Typical British students. On arrival, we were handed a sample chocolate which was brilliant, it certainly went down a treat with everyone and was a good introduction for things to come. We went around in our various groups and we were all hunting for the chocolate fountain somewhere in the museum. It was a great surprise and after we finally reached it we were handed a wafer and one of the assistants dipped the bare wafer in the warm and enticing chocolate sauce ready to be devoured by hungry mouths. Once our time was over, we all flooded into the shop ready to purchase the various items for the (parents) in brackets. I got the impression that not much chocolate was going to be shared with the family back home. It was too good to be missed.

From one extreme to another, we were off to our first concert venue in Cologne, not long enough for the first bites of the chocolate to begin. We arrived at the church and brought the musical equipment into the venue with a little help from Osmond doing a brilliant job as always. He was beginning to become a firm favourite amongst us. We set up in very quick style, with the German hosts making us feel very welcome. Final sound checks were in progress and everything was going to plan. The Chamber Choir opened the concert in wonderful

style. *Ave Verum* and *It Don't Mean a Thing* being the standout numbers. The sopranos held their own on the long final note in *Ave* and the tenors and basses finished with impeccable timing. The Altos were also brilliant considering the small number of singers they had in their section. It was a great way to start the concert.

The Jazz Band were next up, ready to inject some life into the concert. The choir had set them up nicely. The first song of the Jazz Band was *It Is What It Is*. This was very polished in rehearsals and the same must be said in the actual performance. A very uplifting performance, which got some of the oldies dancing. *Beyond the Sea* was next and this already rang a few bells as an instantly recognisable tune. The Jazz Band again were brilliant in accompanying me who had the mic for this song. Without the Jazz Band there would be no singer, hats off to the band. The soloists did a brilliant job too, with Richard Ashe and Will Taylor Young doing a wonderful rendition of *On Days Like This* from the brilliant the movie *The Italian Job*. It sounded wonderful to hear the mix between two different, unique voices. Monty Savarino was excellent on the violin, playing a very moving piece which made the audiences hair stand on end. A perfectly performed piece. Olly Hume was also brilliant in his individual piece, tapping away at the keys in wonderful style. Once again, a very moving piece. The orchestra were up next, and they didn't disappoint with *Pirates of the Caribbean* being the favoured piece. This song made it into the encore, once again performed impeccably. Overall, the first concert was in many respects a success.

Dinner was well deserved and so was a sleep which didn't go down to badly in the hotel. A very enjoyable first day, a lot was more in store.

We left the hotel on the Monday morning at around half eight and had the relatively long trip up to the beautiful town of Rudesheim. We were here to visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum which was very interesting indeed. Our guide for the museum was very knowledgeable informing us about its past and steep history. It was a fusion of all sorts of musical instruments, the highlight was the deafeningly loud organ, which nearly made our ears bleed!

Then we were off to our second concert venue in Bad Munster am Stein-Ebernburg. We arrived in peculiar style. The local villagers were probably alerted to a loud BOOM CRASH. Unfortunately our bus had ploughed into the street lamp and shattered the lamp into smithereens. I can safely

say that we Hallifordians know how to make an entrance!

The concert was a triumph and the German locals left in awe, leaving 'Lamp Gate' behind them. We left the small village of Bad Munster again, which I had been reliably informed only had four thousand inhabitants. We arrived back at the hotel and we were all in high spirits. Dinner was sehr schön – very nice for the non-German speakers. Chicken schnitzel making its first appearance.

After dinner, it was down to the lanes for bowling. Reputation and a sense of competitiveness was at stake. It was a big night for those involved. There were some wonderful individual performances, especially Richard Ashe who was one of the leading members of the brilliantly nicknamed "100 Club", leaving his singing talents and swapping it for sharp throwing. It was an enjoyable night and we arrived back at the hotel at around quarter to eleven very weary and were ready to hit the sack. We knew tomorrow was the last activity-filled day before the long journey back to Blighty. We were overjoyed to find out that we had 20 extra minutes in bed, before hearing the all too familiar sound of "Okay it's breakfast time" doors a knocking.

After a day of sightseeing which included the Marksburg Castle, we were back to the hotel for our final dinner of the tour, no schnitzel but a German burger which was equally as nice. Dinner was eaten and our best friend Osmond was brought back into the forefront of it all. We were off to our final concert venue in Vallendar. It was a beautiful sight, a spacious grand town hall. The beautiful sight was transformed into spectacular music, we bowed out on a high. The one highlight was Ben Gale's bass drum more or less falling apart mid song. It was a tough moment, a very untimely moment, but Ben soldiered on and the song that was affected was repeated in the encore. Hats off to Will Jackson for dealing with it so well, keeping a cool, calm and collected head in front of the respectable audience. After the concert was over, there was a short time for reflection on the way back. It had been a success for all three concerts, and was a strong testament to music at Halliford School.

The following morning, it was time to head off back to England. It had been a great trip but we as a group were ready to head back to enjoy the rest of our half term and of course give the teachers their deserved break. A huge thank you to the teachers for giving up their time to put up with us lot. A thoroughly enjoyable trip. Auf wiedersehen!

# Spelthorne Senior Schools' Parliamentary Event

by Mrs Wilbraham, History Teacher

Six Halliford Politics students attended the Spelthorne Senior Schools' Parliamentary Event in February at the Spelthorne Borough Council Offices. Having struggled through torrential rain to get there, once we had dried off we were shown into the Council Chamber of Spelthorne Borough Council where our Upper Sixth students made themselves alarmingly comfortable and commented that they felt right at home.

Our students were seated in the seats normally reserved for Councillors, complete with plush leather chairs and, most excitingly, a push button microphone to amplify their comments to the full Chamber. Once the other schools had arrived and taken their seats, we enjoyed a presentation from a representative of Parliament's Education Department about the history of parliament and democracy in the UK. We then heard from the Mayor of Spelthorne, Councillor Jean Pinkerton OBE, about her involvement in local politics and the reasons why she became a Councillor.

The main event was then announced: students would be split into two teams to debate the topic of whether internet access should be a human right. Louis Mercer, Alex McConnon and Brian Okwaisie were allocated to the side arguing for the motion while Richard Ashe, Joe Graves and Elliot Saunders were allocated to opposing camp. Students then had half an hour to start preparing their arguments

with the rest of their teams: each school's students had also been split up so there was plenty of discussion and excellent preparation to be seen, particularly from aspiring lawyer Brian who had brought along his A level Politics textbook and was furiously researching precedents and legal definitions of human rights.

Lunch was announced just as energy levels were beginning to flag and to general excitement, local Spelthorne MP Kwasi Karteng arrived in time to face sustained questioning on all manner of topics over the buffet table. Mr Karteng spoke at length to our students, who had prepared for the conversation by extensively researching his political career and his voting record. They were impressed by his candour on the ins and outs of Westminster politics, in particular given his position as Minister for Exiting the European Union and his views on the ups and downs of the last three years.

After lunch, we returned to the Council chamber for the debate, which would

take place in the style of the House of Commons style with Mr Kwarteng acting as Speaker. There followed a hugely thoughtful and at times impassioned debate, with the participants making well thought out points, but also using the debate format to rebut points from the opposition and develop their argument. At the end, the students were given a free vote on the motion and an overwhelming majority agreed that internet access should not be seen as a human right. Mr Kwarteng, getting into character as Speaker, declared the motion defeated and that 'the Noes have it, the Noes have it.' He then commended the quality of the debate, naming several students including Brian and Alex for their confident delivery and excellent arguments.

We look forward to next year's event and await the debate topic with eager anticipation, just as long as it has nothing to do with Brexit...





# One Day More!

## SLUGS Trip to *Les Miserables*

by Mrs Brown, Business Studies Teacher



The Sixth Form Enrichment Group known by the acronym SLUGS has participated in a wide range of events this year and in March they chose *Les Miserables* at the Queen's Theatre.

In a recent survey the 1986 musical *Les Miserables* was voted the nation's favourite. Frankly, I'm not surprised. It is a story about survival, forgiveness unrequited dreams and redemption set against a world of revolution in 19<sup>th</sup> Century France. Based on the epic novel by Victor Hugo, we follow the trials of Jean Valjean who, accused of stealing a loaf of bread for his starving family, is sentenced to years of hard labour. After his eventual release on parole he firmly commits to making a new, better life for himself and his adopted daughter Cosette. However, fate takes him on a different course and he is forced to break his parole. In terror he flees and assumes a new identity. However, his life is be-devilled by his nemesis – Javert – a police officer of high moral principles who vows to hunt him down and bring him to justice no matter what the cost.

The drama is completely sung-through, rather like a modern opera. The writers give us haunting ballads, stirring anthems and rousing choruses. The finale of act one makes full use of the revolving stage at the Queen's Theatre and has the entire company joined together as they cry *One Day More!* I wonder if anyone else had shivers down their spine at that moment? I certainly did!

During act two we witness acts of bravery, tragic losses at the battle front and even a suicide. But I must emphasise that, despite its potentially dark subject matter, the music lifts you in a way that mere words spoken by actors could never do. Ghosts from the past haunt the end of the show as Valjean finally finds peace and forgiveness. At this point in the drama I daren't look to my left or right as the tears welled up in my eyes. And this is the reason why *Les Miserables* is such a hit all over the world isn't it? It speaks to us of universal themes: love, friendship, loyalty, courage and bravery. Is it any wonder that after thirty years the show is still playing to packed houses just about everywhere in the world?



# Halliford School Young Musician Competition

by Mrs Head, Music Teacher

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Halliford School Young Musician competition made its return. This year, the standard was higher than ever with fantastic performances from students of all year groups.

The evening commenced with the Newcomer category which featured our new musicians in Year 7. The first performer to take to the stage was Daniel Bootle-Wilbraham who performed *Prelude* by Carl Reinecke. He impressed the audience with his stable yet fluid piano playing and is definitely someone to look out for in the future. Daniel was followed by Jamie Lamprell on bass and Ashwyn Needs on electric guitar who both impressed with their composure on stage and solid performances. Carter Robinson then stepped up to perform *Feel it Still* by Portugal

The Man. His performance could be described using three C's: confident, captivating and choreographed! Right from the beginning he had the audience clapping along with him whilst displaying an energetic vocal performance. The first category concluded with the *1<sup>st</sup> Movement of Concerto Op. 36* by Oskar Rieding, performed by Monty Savarino. Monty wowed the audience with his advanced violin technique and skill. He perfectly contrasted the beautiful legato lines with more rapid and rather intricate passages.

Next up was the Junior category where our Year 8 and Year 9 performers displayed their talents.

Oscar Wort was first on with a performance on drums of *Learn to Fly* by Foo Fighters. He gave a convincing performance, tackling the challenge of staying in time while facing complex rhythms which he handled brilliantly. Next to take to the stage was William Greaves who took on the bass part of *Rio* by Duran Duran. This appeared to be a difficult piece to play, however William made it seem effortless. He continued to display his advanced skills throughout the piece, using different playing styles and techniques which resulted in a very enjoyable performance. It was battle of the pianist with the final two contestants in this category. Federico Albertini was up first playing *Andante in A* by Haydn and was followed by Oliver Hume who performed *Kwela for Caitlin* by Richard Michael. Both students displayed great skill and conveyed the emotion behind the music with great success.

This year's competition saw the successful introduction of a new category, the Intermediates, where our Year 10 and Year 11 musicians are able to showcase their skills. This group began with Nicholas Atherfold performing *Rondo* by Mozart. He impressed with his advanced piano playing, taking on rapid right hand movement, and interplay between the left and right hands, which





is never easy. Thomas Wittke then sang a heartfelt rendition of *Stand By Me* by Ben E. King ably accompanied on the guitar by Christopher Jones. Lucas Dallon then performed a waltz by Brian H Kim, capturing the essence of the piece with ease and giving a very emotive performance whilst mastering the waltz style. Lucas was followed by James Hanley singing *I Attempt from Love's Sickness* by Purcell. James handled the complex melodic writing without fault, delivering a vocally excellent performance and entrancing the audience with his wonderful tone. William Ryan then took us back to the piano for some assured jazz rhythms in the form of *Cool* by Steven Wood. The final performer in this category was Arya

Shafighian who played bass guitar in *Love Games* by Level 42. He gave an energetic performance which delighted the audience. He demonstrated advanced playing techniques throughout the entire performance and held his own on the stage.

The Senior category gives the sixth form students a chance to show the audience the results of their years of hard work. It began with Louis De Schynkel performing *Blues in E Major* by Keith Wyatt on electric guitar. His performance was extremely musical and stylistically accurate, resulting in a fantastic performance overall. Next was Sam Murray-Smith with a piano arrangement of *Don't Stop me Now!* by Queen. His performance showed an extremely high level of skill and

astounding energy which was hugely enjoyable for the audience. The midpoint of the Senior category saw Estelle Warner take the stage to perform *Hopelessly Devoted to You* from the musical *Grease* (music written by John Farrar). Estelle showed great vocal technique, utilising different parts of her voice in order to ensure the most effective performance. She contrasted the softness of the verse, with the powerful high notes in the chorus to create an emotional delivery of the song. The penultimate performer of the night was Richard Ashe, singing *Some Enchanted Evening* by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Richard's vocal tone was very fitting for the piece and helped give a more authentic performance. The highlight of his performance came at the end, where he explored different vocal techniques in order to create a softer sound. The final musician of the night was William Taylor-Young who delivered a stunning performance of *Sea Fever* by John Ireland. The phrase "last but not least" most definitely applies here, as William presented an effortless performance, with many different vocal colours for the audience to enjoy.

Our adjudicator, Mr Timothy Hamilton, had a difficult task ahead of him deciding on the winners. After some very encouraging and helpful feedback for each performer, he announced the winners of each category:

*Newcomer:* **Monty Savarino (violin)**

*Junior:* **Oscar Wort (drums)**

*Intermediate:* **Arya Shafighian (voice)**

*Senior:* **Richard Ashe (voice)**



# Squeaky Clean!

by Mrs Brown, Business Studies Teacher

Year 10 Business students took part in the national Tenner Challenge in March. Each team had to invest £10 and then had the opportunity to see how much they could make from it; profits were then subject to a Tenner Challenge entry fee and a £2 donation to Charity Week.

The student's business ideas ranged from selling treats and pancakes to washing cars. The teams had to create a sales pitch, produce advertising and create financial accounts for the enterprises as part of the Challenge.

The Squeaky Clean enterprise team comprised Matthew Grimes, Alistair Clarke, Theo Rowsell, Sankaran Suseelan and Patrik Wanat. The team put flyers on staff cars which resulted in orders. As they spent a hectic lunchtime washing staff cars they received further orders from staff who were delighted with the result.



## WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...



### Joshua Turley *Year 7*

*I love Halliford because I can sing my heart out in music lessons and in the choir. In Drama lessons I have had the chance to play a dog, an evil wizard and then I was God in the school play! It's great working alongside boys from other year groups and making them laugh. I really enjoy going to lessons as my teachers know me really well. That is why I love Halliford!*

## WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...



### Lily Egleton *Lower Sixth*

*Coming to Halliford from a mixed state school into a mostly male-dominated environment seemed a bit of a leap! However, I'm really pleased I have as I've received many opportunities here. I took part as the lead role in the school play, Arabian Nights which was a brilliant experience for me as it was a great chance to express my creativity in a year where I am mainly concentrating on my studies. I have attended multiple school trips planned for our group for high-achievers, the "Slugs", such as an economics lecture at London School of Economics, a science lecture at Royal Holloway, and a trip to Les Miserables.*

*I would recommend Halliford Sixth Form to other students due to the brilliant standard of teaching. The smaller class sizes enable us to have more one-on-one time with our teachers where we can develop our independent ideas – a precious gift indeed!*



# BBC Young Reporters Interview the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey

by Oliver Hume, Year 9

On the 6<sup>th</sup> March, we interviewed a very important person in Surrey, namely the Police and Crime Commissioner, David Munro. It was a fantastic interview in which we got to ask some questions that were close to our hearts. Many of the people they questioned gave great answers.

Finley and I were able to lead the interview, with Ben Gale heading up filming with Mr Purden, which we were told was very successful and we were apparently very natural (although I don't know quite how much staged head-nodding it took to get it right!). Off camera, everyone asked at least one question; Mr Munro was very impressed with the wide variety of topics! And of course, the PCC turned out to be very interesting, giving us his professional view and opinion of the role he had in holding local police to account in Surrey. He also raised important points of other projects that are going on to keep our county safe. His main point was to abolish knife crime and in efforts to do this, instructed all of us never to carry a knife, even for self-protection. It puts people at great risk.

Meanwhile, during break the Year 7s headed up the Vox-Pops, which involved interviewing numerous people around the school for their opinions on their stories, which covered

diverse topics from popular online game Fortnite to news of Andy Murray's imminent retirement from professional tennis. They also got to participate in asking questions about Mr Munro's job and views, including how to become a detective and the debate of the need for armed policemen. After break, the Year 7s went to the library to interview the likes of Mr King and other students working there for their views on recent news. Overall, it was an amazing morning in which everyone learnt a lot.

It was a fantastic experience in boosting our interviewing and news-gathering skills, and a big thanks to Mr McElroy and Mr Purden for organising and leading such a successful day. The Year 7s who took part in the project included Aayush Bathia, Daniel Bootle-Wilbraham, Callum Dyball, Amar Ghotra, Harry Macefield, Arjun Pahuja, Samraj Satha, Cameron Terry and Oliver Whitticase.



# Arabian Nights

*A Review by Mr Cunningham*

*'He who is silent is safe!'*

There were plenty of secrets and adventures in this year's superb production of *Arabian Nights* which ran in the John Crook Theatre for three nights in March.

The beauty of this production – co-directed by Mr Bruno and Mrs Rooke – was in the tight ensemble work. A large cast drawn from boys and girls from all years meant that nearly everyone had a significant role to play. For this reason it is impossible to single out any one performer. They were all like the gems in Ali Baba's cave – sparkling!

Brave Shahrazad offers herself to the mighty Vizir in marriage. The price? Certain death if she fails to please him. Thus, every night she spins him a tale. Some are comic, some tragic, some downright odd but each one so engaging that her new husband begs to hear more! Over a series of nights Shahrazad wins over the affections of her husband and successfully manages to evade the axeman.

**Mr Bruno:** It is one of my favourite times of year when it comes to putting on a school show, and this year is no exception. I have been spoilt with an abundance of talented young performers who were willing to put in the hard work needed to pull off a great show.





Arabian Nights is a fun show, which is a little out of my comfort zone. It has elements of storytelling which were new to the cast and convincing them to break the fourth wall was an uphill struggle, but we got there in the end. It has been amazing as always to work with such a talented group!

Credit must go to Mrs Wain who organised the colourful costumes which brought us right into the heart of old Arabia. Mr Abbott provided a two-tiered set which served a wonderful back drop for every tale. Ben Gale ensured that the sound quality remained crystal clear while Charlie Poulter took care of the complex lighting cues. Can there be a more challenging job than stage managing a cast of over 40? James Woodgate, Oliver Fisk and Charlie Poulter stepped up to the mark admirably and kept everyone in order.

**Mrs Rooke:** It has been an absolute pleasure exploring the cave of wonders with our students this term! This adventure into the mystical story telling world of Shahrazad has enchanted everyone throughout rehearsals, with much fun had had from transforming our students into dogs, horses or cannibal demons as we made our way through the tales, not to mention the joyous chaos of Abu Hassan's magnificent guff! This glorious combination of pantomime, macabre and physical theatre has challenged and stretched both students and staff. What a fine time we've had!





# Spring Lunchtime Concert

by Mrs Head, Music Teacher

The Spring term lunchtime concert took place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in the Recital room. As a contrast to the Halliford School Young Musician Competition which took place in the school theatre a week previously, this was an intimate performance which suited some of our musicians better.

Five out of the six students who took part performed on an instrument that they had started at Halliford School in Year 7. Special mention must be made of Daniel Bootle-Wilbraham who played the trumpet after two terms of lessons, having also played the piano (his first instrument) in the Spring term Halliford School Youth Music Concert. Likewise, Monty Savarino who won the Newcomer category playing his violin in the Halliford School Youth Music Concert, performed on his second instrument, the piano which he had also just started.

The concert began with Daniel Wilkes playing a very dramatic rendition of the Title Theme from

*Star Wars*. Daniel is not a beginner and it was inspiring to see how he clearly found this piece extremely satisfying to play! Dominic Rose who had just taken Grade 2 then performed two of his exam pieces. By far the favourite was *Jupiter* from Holst's *Planets* Suite. Jivraj Singh played very expressively in two piano duets *Go Down Moses* and *Sugarfoot Rag* with Mrs Head and Joshua Turley bravely sang Schubert's *Minnelied* in German with both verses from memory!

Congratulations to all performers for stepping up and having the confidence to share their music with parents, teachers and friends. We look forward to hearing more from you soon.





# Year 7 Geography Trip to River Tillingbourne

by **Aayush Bathia, Year 7**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019, Year 7 had a trip to the River Tillingbourne. I thought that we might get directed somewhere else, as it was April fool's day but to my relief we weren't! First, we went to Juniper Hall to get all the equipment ready, and we met our tutors to help us through the day.

Then, we went to a classroom and filled out a sheet about River Tillingbourne to give us a better idea of the geography we were dealing with.

Once we all were ready, we went to our first site. The river at Juniper Hall meanders in many directions and our job was to measure the width, depth and velocity. We were shown how to do first by our tutor. After some false starts each group was able to demonstrate they could do this with some degree of accuracy. Finally, we had to figure out the velocity. For this you would get someone to hold a ruler and whichever way the current was flowing you would place a cork down. When it bobbed along to the ruler it was necessary to start a stopwatch and when it got to the end you would stop the stop the time and write the result to get the velocity.

After we had finished this we moved onto the next site where we also had our lunch and repeated our first experiments in a new location. We then returned to Juniper Hall and returned what we borrowed and then made our way back to school. It was a hard day's work and fun. I can't wait for more exciting Geography trips!



# Ski Trip to Obergurgl

by Mr Slocock

This year 55 students and seven staff travelled to Austria for the annual ski and snowboard trip. What was meant to be a hop, skip and jump in terms of journey time ended up as an epic commute as delays caused our big, yellow double decker bus to wind it's way around the side streets and, at one point, up the hard shoulder of grid locked traffic.

Our accommodation, Hotel Kleon in Vent, turned out to be an inspired choice as the school had the run of the town and the nearby slopes all to themselves for a few days.

Once students had their 'snow legs' back and our beginners had enough instruction, we started the daily commute to the enormous ski area that is Obergurgl and Hochgurgl. With the weather playing ball, we had fresh powder every day to help make the experience even more enjoyable. Solden was also a short bus ride away which allowed the group to visit the swimming pool and bowling alley for incredible après activities. Although I am not sure whether Mr Shales' head has recovered from all the slapping!

Amazingly, on a trip with this many students, there were no injuries to contend with and everyone enjoyed every minute of the trip on the slopes. None more so than this years MOSS winner (Most Outstanding Skier/Snowboarder) Freddie King.

Next year there are already 60 students signed up and we are getting excited for the next trip to Jasper, Canada.

# New York Trip *by Mr Bruno, Head of Drama*

In April, 2019 the Drama department had the opportunity to take 25 students to New York. While we were there we participated in Drama workshops, run by Broadway actors. We saw *Dear Evan Hansen*, a new coming of age musical that had us all (especially me) crying from start to finish, and *Avenue Q* a hilariously funny show all performed with puppets.

In our down time we got to eat some fantastic food and of course did a little shopping. Each day was so jam packed with activities and as a result we were constantly on the move and absolutely shattered with fatigue at the close of every day. However, I think I can speak for everyone concerned and say we loved every minute of our time in Manhattan.

At first I was terrified of the prospect of bringing so many students so far away from home. I needn't have worried. They were a credit to the school and this made the running of this trip a delight for myself, Mrs Rooke and Mr Abbott.

New York was a fun-filled experience that I will remember forever. Here are some comments from Lily and Estelle who clearly enjoyed the experience too.

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We were the only two Sixth Formers to go on the drama trip to New York in April 2019. It was a brilliant four-day trip on which we stayed in a YMCA with a great range of facilities.

On this trip we participated in three excellent Broadway workshops. These included: Broadway 101 where we had a question-and-answer session with a Broadway actress from the show, *Dear Evan Hansen*, which we later went to watch, improvisation with a professional comedian, and stage combat where we were taught how to perform fight scenes in the style of movies and TV shows. Later on, we watched two musicals, *Dear Evan Hansen* on Broadway, a heartwarming story about mental health in teenagers, and the Off-Broadway *Avenue Q*, which was a highly comical show involving live actors and their alter-ego puppet selves.

As well as these theatre-orientated activities, we also explored New York as a whole. This involved many shopping trips to Times Square, Macy's - the largest department store in the world- and even Tiffany & Co. and other entertaining trips to traditional New York tourist locations like the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building. In addition, we had many hearty meals at unique restaurants like *Bubba Gump Shrimp* and *Hard Rock Café* which truly immersed us into the American experience. On our last day we were able to explore wherever we liked, giving us



the freedom to go to places like Central Park where we hadn't had time to go in the midst of our several theatre trips.

Overall, this was an extremely exciting trip for us as all. New York certainly invigorates and excites!

– Lily Egleton (Lower Sixth)

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I have to admit that the New York trip and it was the most amazing week full of memorable moments which I shall treasure in the years to come.

Let's start at the very beginning... We stayed in a youth hostel about a twenty minute walk from the famous Times Square. Oh, Times Square! What a wonder it is - especially during the sunny evenings with the magical blur of colours and vibrant lights of Broadway. Of course, there's no denying that the plethora of clothes stores and Starbucks coffee shops made me love this part of New York even more. Lily and I often felt like we were in

fashion heaven during the generous amount of time Mr Bruno let us spend shopping!

On one of the mornings, Lily and I were even allowed to take a trip to 5th Avenue, taking a scenic stroll through Central Park to get there, not forgetting to visit Tiffany & Co, Audrey Hepburn style, where we admired the beautiful jewelry and pretended not to be shocked at the disappointingly high prices. Perhaps when we make our Broadway debut we'll actually be able to buy something from here next time?

Speaking of Broadway, we were lucky enough to all be able to see *Dear Evan Hansen* which I loved. We even had the chance to take part in a Q&A with one of the incredibly talented stars of the musical, another experience I will never forget. The show itself was so moving and on a more serious note, I truly believe that everyone should see it as it conveyed the mental health issues that teenagers face from a completely different perspective.

By contrast, we saw a very contemporary, off-Broadway show called *Avenue Q*, which featured puppets and human characters throughout. Truthfully, I was a bit apprehensive at first about seeing this one, but I actually really enjoyed it and am so glad we got to see it. It certainly left quite an impression on me. I especially admired the talent of the actors and actresses who were able to throw their voices when controlling the puppets, so much so that we were able to forget they were there and focus completely on the puppets and their crazy lives. It was odd how quickly we became invested in these puppet characters. Which just goes to prove the old adage about the magic of theatre!

Probably the most useful part of our New York trip was getting to go to three different theatre workshops - *Broadway 101*, *Improvisation* and *Stage Combat*. They were all so helpful and the instructors gave us some invaluable tips which we will all be able to use to our advantage in future Drama exams and performances. Also, one of the main things I liked about taking part in these workshops is that I was able to work in a group with the other students on the trip, which was particularly helpful for Lily and I as it was an opportunity for us to get to know everyone better, because, being Sixth Formers, we don't normally get the chance to mix and interact with students from the years below us.

Of course, we must not forget about the magnificent sights we saw in New York and the amazing trips we took, getting to eat in lovely restaurants each night, my favourite being *Bubba*

*Gump Shrimp*, which was inspired by the movie *Forrest Gump*. I also loved visiting the top of the Empire State Building and the historic Ellis Island, passing through Battery Park (*Desperately Seeking Susan* style – if you know, you know!), and even spotting the Statue of Liberty when we were on the boat that departed from there. Finally, we also got to visit the memorial for the victims of 9/11, which was extremely poignant and moving.

Overall, our trip to New York was honestly unforgettable and an amazing and special memory that I will cherish forever, all thanks to the wonderful Mr Bruno, Mrs Rooke and Mr Abbott who organised it all and gave up their holidays to take us all there.

– Estelle Warner (Lower Sixth)



# HALLIFORD LIFE



SATRO Science Heats – KS4 Finalists



Business Economics Trip to Brooklands



Charity Week



Charity Week

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# HALLIFORD LIFE

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*Young Enterprise Team Avenir Taking Part in the Surrey Young Enterprise Festival*



*Open Morning Student Tour Guides*



*Easter Service at St Nicholas Church*



*Year 7 Spelling Bee*



# German Exchange to Neumunster

by Daniel Wilkes, Year 10

At the end of the Easter break a small cohort of Halliford Students, accompanied by Mrs Cotton and Mr Todd, set off aboard a Eurowings flight to Germany. After a short flight and a transfer of about an hour we were standing in the bus stop of Neumunster waiting to meet our exchange families.

That night we all went our separate ways before meeting each other the following morning for our first excursion. The excursion in question was a high ropes course in Kiel, allowing us to enjoy ourselves messing about in the trees and capture some of the beauty of that Kiel's bay provides. The next day we were able to see more of the picturesque landscape from on top of a maritime war memorial that overlooks the bay and then a ferry ride along it back to the city centre; that day was the best in my opinion, as we were able to explore a U-boat and see the view from the top of a naval monument on a glorious day. Friday was a little closer to home, as we received a tour of Neumunster, before gathering to enjoy a Barbeque at the school later on, this allowed us to try some of the meat that Germany is famous for, and it didn't disappoint.

The weekends activities were up to the discretion of our exchange families but included activities such as bowling and kayaking to cycling around Neumunster across the board. Monday and Tuesday were spent exploring Hamburg, the famous opera house, the city centre (including the Rathaus) and a zoo and mini golf- exploring the city was brilliant as it gave you an insight into the different culture that Germany has. The final day of activities was spent in a hands-on science museum in Flensburg, near the Danish boarder, which was thoroughly enjoyable but a combination of darker weather and tiredness meant that our visits to Hamburg and Kiel as well as our many travels on double-decker trains would be the highlights of the trip. The following day was devoted to travelling back and meeting our own families again.

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## The Woman in Black

A Review by Mr Bruno, Head of Drama

The GCSE Year 11 drama students went to see the West End production of *The Woman in Black* in the early spring. This trip is intended to prep the students for their written exam in June. However, it is also an opportunity for them to witness some first class theatre in the West End.

*Accompanied by the indefatigable Dr Brooks we started, as always, with a trip to Pizza Express for an early pre-theatre supper. Our appetites sated, we made our way to the wonderfully atmospheric Fortune Theatre on Drury Lane. Can there be a more suitable venue for this wonderful play? It's small and intimate which only heightens the atmosphere.*

*I could feel the students getting quietly unsettled as the narrative progressed. The boys were all told that this was a horror story before the performance, nevertheless there was a lot of early bravado before the lights dimmed. 'Sir, how can theatre possibly be scary?' they asked. They were soon to find out! I sat back and relaxed, waiting for my class of Rugby-playing boys to experience*

*just how scary live theatre can be.*

*Not for nothing has *The Woman in Black* been running for over 30 years. The performance lived up to everyone's expectations with its simple but effective use of lighting sound and set. Despite being only a three-hander, somehow the actors bring the entire cast of characters alive in vivid detail. As the atmosphere darkened it was amusing to witness so many of the boys jump out of their seats!*

*The coach ride back to school was filled with lots of chatter about how terrified the boys were and trading notes about moments they liked best in the play. They all concurred that live theatre can, indeed, be scary. And that was music to my ears.*



# Spring Term Sports Report

by Mr Greggor, Director of Sport



## FOOTBALL

U12

Mr Greggor

The sports department has once again been extremely busy this term providing as many sporting opportunities for our students as possible. We have had Spring term football training and competitive fixtures, cricket nets in preparation for the summer term, rugby sevens, Inter House cross country and football competitions, in addition to before school strength and conditioning sessions which continue to be a success.

A Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
9	2	0	7	19	32	-13

B Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
8	0	1	7	6	48	-42

Year 7 continue to be a pleasure to work with, numbers a training have remained superb and there have been some fixtures this year where we have managed to field A, B, C and D teams, which for a school of our size is fantastic. As playing records show we have come up against some strong opposition this year however the boys have really improved as the season has progressed due to their commitment to training and experience gained throughout the season.

A team players Carson Curtis and Luke Harrison have impressed this year, Carson has been a key player contributing with goals and also proving to be a versatile player in midfield and as a forward. Luke has also impressed on the left of midfield, his tenacious, hard working attitude has made him a difficult opponent for opposing teams. Captain Joshua Rowe, William Hamilton and Oscar Shephard have also proved to be key players in the A team this season.

For the B's Thomas Gavey has proved to be an important, adding stability to the defence. Carter Robinson has also developed greatly throughout the season having started in the D's he now holds a starting place in the B team.

Convincing victories came against St John's School Leatherhead and Radnor House at the start of the season. Fixtures played have been very competitive, however we have often been on the losing side of some close encounters highlighted by a 5-6 loss to Hampton School, 1-3 loss to Claires Court School and 1-2 loss to Glyn School.

**U13**  
**Mr Morriss**

A Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
8	1	0	7	17	37	-20

B Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
5	2	0	3	13	29	-16

The U13s have endured a tough season this year, following considerable improvement throughout their rugby season. Boys were brilliant at training, with large numbers attending on Thursdays and again for games on a Saturday. Despite outstanding commitment and encouragement from the outset, the boys didn't quite manage to make the transition to match day.

The A-team was captained this season by Lucas Lindstrup who was instrumental in the middle of the pitch throughout the season, often rallying the boys in less than favourable conditions to keep pushing until the final whistle. The boys played some beautiful football in patches and it was such a shame that this could not be extended throughout the game to make them more competitive, often letting small lapses of concentration make the game much harder work than it should have been.

Nate Broadhurst has been an important player at both ends of the pitch this season often turning his goal-scoring feats into goal-saving ones at the other end when asked to play in the heart of defence. This was with assistance from most improved player of the season, Callum O'Brien who put in a couple of hearty performances at the back, clearing anything that close to him. Another player who had more than his fair share of work at the back was Ted Reardon, who played as a utility defender and was more than capable in this position having been moved back from the midfield. He provided quality with his strength, vision and attacking football when needed.

The U13 B-Team continued to provide depth to the whole squad with many of the players training and/or playing in the A-team throughout the season. Co-captained by central midfielder Oliver Wingrove and top goal scorer Matthew Avery, the other boys very much wanted to be part of the squad. The depth of which was truly tested throughout the season, with almost every boy representing one of the teams in what is the smallest school year group.

Standout attacking threats came from Harry Curling, Calum Reynolds and Mannat Virk who shared their playing time between the teams, and being ever reliable in whatever position they were selected. In defence, it was the stalwarts through-out the season who provided the sternest test for any opposition attacker and this was credit to Ben Hughes, Zephan Aavaan and Oscar Wort.

A special mention must go to a couple of players who really invested their time within training this year and showed how much improvement can be made with regular practise, listening to advice and a thirst for learning and those are George O'Loughlin and Jivraj Singh.

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**U14**  
**Mr Davis**

A Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
10	4	0	6	22	22	0

B Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
6	1	2	3	9	17	-8

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The Year 9 teams have performed well throughout a busy season. The A team was co-captained by Jack Emery and Oliver Powell, who did an excellent job of setting the example for the group. The term started with a tricky fixture for the U14 A's against Reading Blue Coat School, which we lost 2-1, but showed positive signs which could be built on across future weeks. Once the squads were established the boys began to pick up positive results, firstly beating Radnor House 5-0 in a comprehensive display showcasing our ability to pass the ball and find the back of the net. While narrow defeats to Claremont Fan Court School, Claires Court School and Glyn School provided the footballing lessons the boys needed to learn. A brilliant 2-0 win against Salesian College was another highlight of the Year 9's campaign, especially good seeing as this was a school who beat us in previous fixtures. The season reached it's close for the U14 A's with a home fixture against local school Thamesmead School. The aim of the match was to bring together all we had learnt as a group, in the hope of putting on a display of focused attacking football while remaining solid and organised in defence. The boys took an early lead through a well worked move culminating in Jack Emery firing into the bottom corner. A sustained period of pressure led to a brilliant long shot from Alexander Whicker, which caught the Thamesmead School goalkeeper off his line to double the Halliford lead before half time. The second half was controlled and focused, no mistakes allowed us to keep a clean sheet and an excellent win was secured. The A team finished with 4 wins and 6 defeats. Special mentions must go to the 'Back 5' Marley Tavaziva, Jamie Hepworth, Freddie Chandramohan, Max Hobbs and Paul-Louis Howard. They have all defended brilliantly, performed consistently and showed excellent attitude and application. While going forward Alexander Whicker, Daniel Madden, William Roake, Harry Roberts, Oliver Powell, Charlie Simpson, Frederico Albertini and Theo Lloyd showed excellent skill and quality in the attacking thirds to create countless chances for Jack Emery upfront, who finished top goal scorer and was brilliant throughout the term with his strong aggressive running and ruthlessness in front of goal.

The U14 B's have had an excellent season, albeit results haven't always gone their way, the attitude and commitment the boys have shown is a real testament to the school and to themselves. The team was led really well by Noah Warner and John Archibald, our two goalkeepers. The highlight of a really competitive season for the team was a 3-1 win at home to Claremont Fan School. When the U14 A's lost, the B's stepped up and se-cured a brilliant win against a good Claremont Fan School side with goals from Archie McGuff, Euan Cole and Keaton Mengers. While another stand out result was a 2-2 draw with Salesian College, the efforts the boys have shown to compete with strong footballing schools has been really commendable. Notable outfield performers have been Oscar Peacock, Archie McGuff, William Greaves, Keaton Mengers, Ben Carrodus, Alex Batty, Finley Broekhuizen, Euan Cole and Louis MacDonald. The application of these boys, as well as the captains made this season really beneficial to the group, especially some of the boys who played B team football before moving up into the A's.

### U15 Mr Hodgkinson

A Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
7	3	0	4	9	13	-4

B Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
4	1	0	3	4	11	-7

The U15A team have had a tough season but the boys have always played with a positive attitude and have demonstrated great resilience and team comradery. The boys were always going to be up against it when the first match is against Reading Blue Coat School. Despite some strong defending we were unable to stop regular attacks on our goal, and the lesson learned was that we were going to have to get fitter in order to compete. Our next game saw a comfortable win over Radnor House before there were a

couple of narrow losses to Claires Court School and Claremont Fan School. The strongest performance of the season was definitely against Salesian College. In windy conditions the boys adopted a physical intent from the whistle which stunned the opponent's free flowing football. The boys were relentless in 50:50s and never gave Salesian College any time on the ball. Such pressure gave an opportunity for Anthony Robins-Kent to cross the ball in only to see it swerve into the top corner. That proved enough in the end after the boys defended valiantly and attacked with purpose and style for the duration. A well-deserved win and an emphatic performance. Our final match saw a very strong Glyn School side win comfortably despite the heroics of Barny Mather in goal.

The boys have performed valiantly this term and have been led well by Alex Donnelly and Charlie Barker-Broe. Notable performers have been Ted Luckins for his uncompromising defence, Jack Pearce for his work rate and physicality and Chris Cole and Theo Rowsell for their consistent performances. I wish the boys luck as they go into senior football next year.

U15B's have also maintained a fantastic attitude towards their football this term. We have not ever struggled to get a team out, and the season was more successful than on paper above. All matches were very competitive close encounters. A fine 2-1 win against Salesian College was the last game of the season and showed the progress the boys had made. In all other losses the boys were very much in all of the matches, losing 0-2 to Claremont Fan School, 2-4 to Claires Court School and 0-4 to Reading Blue Coat School.

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**Senior Football**  
**Mr Morriss**  
**Mr Greggor**  
**Mr Davis**

1XI Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
8	4	2	2	26	15	11

The Senior football season has been a fantastic success this year with the school being represented by 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> XI teams throughout. The new coaching format on a Monday with three coaches and a 'train to play' attitude was set out from the start, and this proved popular with great numbers attending throughout theseason. This made selection competitive for the first two senior teams and allowed us the opportunity to have a Year 11 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and Sixth Form 4<sup>th</sup> XI. There were vast improvements made from last season, and credit must be given to a huge number of Year 11's who stepped up this year to prove extremely valuable. This side was captained by Joe Sinsbury who showed commitment to the team every week and led by example throughout training and matches alike, with an intense work ethic and controlled demeanour.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI football team had a successful season winning the majority of their games. We started the season with a well fought draw showing great perseverance scoring late in the game and set the standard for the rest of the season. The highlights of the season included a stand out performance over Claremont Fan School winning 7-0 and another comfortable 6-0 victory over Reddam House. These results showed our attacking prowess, with the midfield and attack combining very well. Special mentions from these results go to striker and top goal scorer Samuel Clifton, with George Rowe contributing with several goals from midfield.

We also grinded out a few tough victories, which displayed the courageous nature of the defence and goalkeeper Sam Martin in particular. Our 3-1 victory over Leighton Park School was an example of this, with lots of credit to defensive trio, Jowed EL-Hadi, Edward Salmon-Smith and Alfie Edwards. We came up against some tough opponents including eventual league winners Salesian College. This was character building for the squad and we responded well to these defeats bouncing back with good displays against Ranelagh School and LVS. Important credit most go to Year 11's Jayden Hutchings and Bradley Marshall for always keeping the midfield ticking, as well as Joseph Shedden for his great work in defensive midfield and breaking up the play. This strong season will hopefully continue into next year with many promising players still in the first team.

– Joe Sinsbury (1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain)

2XI Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
7	3	1	3	16	15	1

Halliford 2<sup>nd</sup> XI started the season with a strong squad filled with a balance from all year groups. Captained by Oliver Chadwick, the team always looked a strong outfit and got the ball rolling with a hard worked draw against one of the best teams in the league. Showing great spirit and heart all through the season, they managed to grind out results every week. The defence was filled with quality players such as Gallagher Dillon and Lewis Job, which meant goals conceded were rare and they were always going to be a tough side to break down shown. Throughout the season they showed great control in the centre of midfield to keep possession which was gained impressively by the hard work of duo Seb Omorojor and Remy Matthews. They showed their superb stamina and determination every week, winning the ball back and showing great distribution around the pitch.

The team managed an excellent goal tally through some big wins, including an 8-2 away win against Leighton Park School, and the well worked 4-0 victory against Reading Blue Coat School. These considerable score lines are a testament to the attacking line up lead by the towering figure of Kamran Jafarov and Alex Lindstrup. The link up play throughout the team was superb and the use of direct set pieces from Oliver Chadwick into the area to force the use of all round upper body strength of the team constantly led to numbers on the board. A lack of concentration in some games led to some results not going their way, but the effort and willingness displayed in training and fixtures was commendable.

– Oliver Chadwick (2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain)

3XI Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
7	3	0	4	20	19	1

Halliford 3<sup>rd</sup> XI has predominantly been made up of Year 11 students this year, they have applied themselves to senior football successfully this term. Their record of played seven, won four and lost three reflects a strong season. William Bourne has proved to be a key player providing an attacking threat on the wing, Johnny Davies has cap-tained the side superbly and led by example with his work ethic on the pitch.

4XI Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference
5	3	1	1	18	8	10

The 4<sup>th</sup> XI Captained by Adam Clarke this year have had a fantastic season, in the league format the boys play in they finished second beating Claires Court, Reading Blue Coat School and Holyport College. Having finished second in the group this led them into a playoff week to qualify for the final. They were drawn against Salesian College last years winners. The fixture could not separate the two teams and at full time the score was 1-1. This led to a dramatic penalty shoot out in which Halliford were victorious advancing them to the final against Reading Blue Coat School.

In the final Halliford were dominant and ended up winning the fixture 3-0 and winning the 4<sup>th</sup> XI league. For us this is a particularly satisfying achievement, as a small school it shows we have some depth currently in our senior sides.

## Headmaster's Select Football Squad 2019

Once again Halliford's football coaching staff have sat down together to pick a Headmaster's XI, this is always a very tough decision and as with Rugby selection we have opted for a bench. Students are selected based on a number of criteria including their commitment to training, influence in competitive fixtures and attitude.



## Football Colours Ties

Colours ties are presented to senior students who have performed regularly for and impressed in our first XI this term, they were awarded to the following students:

**Year 11:** Bradley Marshall, Jude Shury, Ethan Hart, Jayden Hutchings, Samuel Clifton

**Lower Sixth:** Sam Martin, Alfie Edwards, Joe Shedden, Archie Laird

**Upper Sixth:** Edward Salmon-Smith, Rory Fossett, Jowed EL-Hadi, George Rowe, Oliver Chadwick

## Inter-House Football

This competition is always keenly anticipated by the students, and a nice way finish the final games afternoons of the term. Below shows the competition for each age group, the winners are listed as the top house in each column.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 7	Russell	Desborough	Wadham	Greville
Year 8	Russell	Desborough	Greville	Wadham
Year 9	Russell	Greville	Wadham	Desborough
Year 10	Greville	Russell	Desborough	Wadham
Senior	Russell	Desborough	Wadham	Greville

Junior Champions (U12 & U13) ■ Russell Intermediate Champions (U14) ■■ Russell & Greville  
Senior Champions (U15) ■ Russell

## Inter-House Cross Country

The junior competition comprises of a 3.3km route along the towpath by Walton Bridge, onto Desborough Island and finishing at Weybridge Vandals RFC. Seniors run 4.2km, a perimeter run around Weybridge Vandals ground is added to the junior route. The scenery by the river is stunning and students competed in their games afternoons .

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 7	Russell	Greville	Desborough	Wadham
Year 8	Desborough	Russell	Wadham	Greville
Year 9	Russell	Desborough	Greville	Wadham
Year 10	Wadham	Russell	Greville	Desborough

Junior Champions (U12 & U13) ■ Russell Intermediate Champions (U14) ■ Russell  
Senior Champions (U15) ■ Wadham

## Top Three from each Year

Year 7: 1. W. Hamilton 2. C. Curtius 3. O. Hepworth  
Year 8: 1. H. Tuckman 2. C. Green 3. M. Lindstrup  
Year 9: 1. D. Madden 2. J. Emery 3. J. Hepworth  
Year 10: 1. S. Bateman 2. J. Pearce 3. C. Cole



## RUGBY SEVENS

### U12

Rugby sevens season is always greatly anticipated by Halliford staff and students. We always aim to get the boys at least two tournaments in the half term to compliment the football season. Although a couple of tournaments entered were cancelled, plenty of rugby sevens was still played.

Lunchtime practices proved to be popular among the boys, complimented by some last minute preparations in games afternoons prior to tournaments.

Our U12s took part in their first rugby sevens tournament together at Orleans Park School. Once more preparations had gone well and we squeezed a couple of extra training sessions in prior to Friday's tournament to prepare the boys as well as we could.

The group games at Orleans Park School went very well with the U12s winning 15-0 against Cardinal Vaughn Memorial School in their first game, and 15-5 against Grey Court School in the second group game. This saw the boys advancing to the cup competition having finished top of the group. In the afternoon Orleans Park School, Gunnersbury School and St James' School also topped their groups to join Halliford in the cup. First came Orleans Park School, in a very close, game Halliford lost 15-10 in the last play of the game. His match also resulted in a couple of injuries to key players for Halliford. Next came Gunnersbury School followed by St James' School, Halliford played some good sevens, passing the ball effectively and using the width of the field. However some large specimens in the opposition were the difference which saw us losing our other two games. A good days work though and impressive performances from Max Smith and Oliver Hepworth.

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### U13

Year 8 at Halliford is traditionally the busiest year with sevens tournaments. The season started at Millfield School on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, this is a waterfall prep school tournament which sees the boys playing three fixtures in a group stage, and based on placings they move into another set of fixtures later in the afternoon. Millfield School is always a stunning setting to play rugby sevens and the competition naturally attracts some very strong teams. Louis Patterson was our top try scorer on the day, and the boys really improved as the tournament went on. A good win against Llandovery College was picked up 15-5, with other close losses against Cathedral School Llandaff 10-20 and King Edwards Bath 10-25 to name a few.

U13 sevens players entered the City of London Freemans sevens competition. Having gained experience at Millfield School and Orleans Park School previously they were well seasoned in tournament play. A couple of injuries to key players from previous sevens tournaments and a football fixture meant that this was potentially going to be a tough day out. However the boys competed tremendously well. Six fixtures were played on the day a win, a draw and four losses was the outcome, this is again valuable experience in a different format of the game for our U13's.



**U14** After disappointment with the cancelling of St James' sevens tournament the boys were keen to play at Orleans Park School. They had trained in good numbers at lunchtimes and were well prepared. This was evident in group fixtures beating Grey Court School 42-14 and Perins School 47-7. This saw Halliford progress into the cup competition along with London Oratory School, Gunnersbury School and Orleans Park School. Afternoon fixtures saw our U14's beating Orleans Park School 29-12 and losing to both London Oratory School and Gunnersbury School.



**U15** Following awful weather and the cancelling of the Surrey sevens tournament our U15s approached John Fisher School with great anticipation.

Halliford drew Hampton School in the first group game, losing 19-0. Next was Wimbledon College, we played very well in this game winning 24-10, finally Langley Grammar were the last group stage opponents, Halliford picked up another 20-12 win.

This saw progression into the cup competition where Eton were drawn in the quarter finals, in a really close match which could have gone either way the boys lost 19-22, with a try coming in the final play of the game. Congratulations must go to Eaton who went on to win the tournament.

## U16 Rosslyn Park U16 National Sevens

Preparations went well for nationals this year, the boys were keen to train and test themselves at this very prestigious tournament. Our U16s are a talented bunch and the overall standard of play at this competition along with the organisation of such a huge tournament was impressive. 160 teams entered the U16 Colt competition this year, our group and results are displayed below.

A win, a draw, a close loss and a heavier loss were the results from the day, finishing mid-table with only group winners advancing to the second day. Nevertheless a fine days work, an excellent experience for the boys and lots of development for the future.

Position		Team	Season's Results	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Points
1		 Clifton College Boys-U16A		4	4	0	0	158	24	134	12
2		 St John's School, Leatherhead Boys-U16A		4	3	0	1	72	55	17	9
3		 Halliford School Boys-U16A		4	1	1	2	51	74	-23	4
4		 Monmouth School for Boys Boys-U16A		4	1	0	3	22	91	-69	3
5		 Oundle School Boys-U16A		4	0	1	3	36	95	-59	1

**U18** The Society of Heads U18 tournament was our first tournament of the season. It saw our U18s run out at London Irish's Hazelwood facility. In wet and windy conditions the boys played well, and after losing their first match and winning all other group games they progressed into the plate competition. Winning quarter finals and semi finals they met Shiplake College in the final of the plate. They were victorious in the final, and played some very good sevens rugby throughout the day.

### Halliford Floodlit Sevens

Our U18s ran out in our annual floodlit sevens competition held at London Irish's training facility Hazelwood. Starting at 5.30pm with the finals being played at 9.30pm it as always was a fantastic event. This year we went with two pools of four teams followed by semi-finals and finals. Teams attending were Reed's School, Hampton School, Culford School, Windsor Boys, Claires Court and City of London Freemans, and due to our depth at the Senior end this year Halliford fielded a first and second team.

In a great evening of Senior Sevens Halliford 1 lost their opener to Hampton 12-17, beat Claires Court 36-5 and Windsor Boys 33-0 to progress to the semi-finals of the Cup competition. They drew City of London Freemans, and in a close encounter lost by a score. City of London Freemans drew Reed's School in the cup final and Reed's were winners at full time.

Thank you to staff, students and old boys who contributed to the smooth running of another excellent event.



**Halliford's  
1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain  
Griff Williams**

The final 4-months of my school boy rugby has provided highs and lows, I have needed to quickly learn how to balance demands to train in Wales and with the London Irish Academy, with the need to complete A-level coursework. Having made the final Welsh U18 trials and travelling to Scotland with the squad, I then had to face the unhappy news of not being selected in the final 30 of the remaining sessions that lead up to the U18 Six Nations in April.

Non-selection at age grade has however brought a really positive upside. Having played rugby at London Welsh since I was four, I found I had time to make myself available to play adult rugby. A few training sessions gained a couple of starts with the 2<sup>nd</sup> team called the Druids. A few good performances and then the opportunity to play off the bench for the 1<sup>st</sup> team in London Leagues, a try in 20 seconds made me one of the youngest players to at 17 to play and score for the only club I have ever played for. In the last few weeks I have played 1<sup>st</sup> team rugby again, this time in a match that saw the clubs largest ever score in a competitive fixtures 113-0 and this weekend playing in front of 700 people at Old Deer Park another first team game off the bench for my 3<sup>rd</sup> game and 3<sup>rd</sup> try in a game that saw London Welsh win the league and get promoted for the second year running.



**Harlequins and  
London Irish  
U16 Selection**

Our Year 11s continue to progress well in their development outside of school, Halliford Boys Jack Walsh, Jonah Peppiatt and Ollie Parsons can be seen below in the line up for the U16 London Irish Academy v Harlequins Academy a few weeks ago. In this same match Halliford students Conor Manzi and Christian Tait were playing for Harlequins.

**County Rugby  
U15**

Jack Pearce (Flanker) and Seb McGill (Fullback) have now played two fixtures for Middlesex County in against Surrey, winning 17-12 and Berkshire, winning 19-17.

James Taylor (Prop) played in the Middlesex Development squad also against Surrey and Berkshire. Kian McGrath (Flanker) has also been selected for the Surrey county development squad playing against Middlesex and Sussex.

**Harlequin  
Developing Player  
Programme (DPP)  
U14**

Congratulations to Halliford Year 9 Paul-Louis Howard who following the trial process was selected for Harlequins DPP Academy Programme. A key player for our U14s and Captaining Weybridge Vandals RFC for his age group we look forward to seeing his development over the coming seasons.



**ARCHERY  
James Woodgate,  
Lower Sixth**

James has been nominated by Archery GB as one of four cadet recurve men to represent Great Britain at the European Youth Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Leg as part of their development programme. This is obviously an exciting opportunity for James and shows how highly the National Governing Body regards his potential on the international competition stage.

The trip takes place from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019, we wait with anticipation to see how James gets on competing on this stage.



## CROSS COUNTRY

**Harry Tuckman,**  
**Year 8**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Harry secured a top 20 finish in Year 8 Surrey Schools cross country competition, he has qualified to represent Surrey at the South East Counties competition, he ran a good qualifying race despite injury.



## BIATHLON AND XC

**Spencer Bateman,**  
**Year 10**

### Biathlon

After competing in the British Biathlon Championships last year Spencer also qualified for the British Schools Biathlon Championships in March at Crystal Palace where he will represent Halliford.

After discovering Biathlon last year and really enjoying it, he has decided to compete again this year and will be travelling to Cheltenham for the European qualifier – possibly another opportunity to represent GB. He will also continue competing in Triathlon when the season starts around March/April time although now he has moved to the Youth category he may not compete as much as last year and spend some time focusing on track and seeing if he can improve his 800 & 1500m times – as running is his real love.

### Cross Country Results

**Surrey Bruce Judd Relay** – 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest leg, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for his team

**Surrey XC League** – series of four XC races over the winter, the top three results are taken and Spencer finished in joint 3<sup>rd</sup> position in U15 and they also achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their team

**Surrey Schools XC** – representing NE Surrey team – finished 18<sup>th</sup> (Years 10 & 11) and qualified for the Inter County Schools XC which unfortunately was cancelled due to the snow

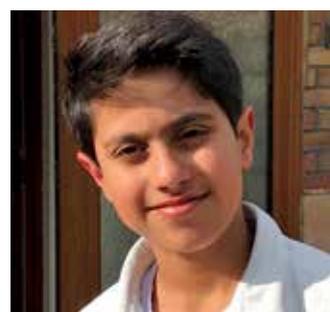
**Surrey County Cross Country Championships 2018-2019** – 16<sup>th</sup> place  
Chosen as a reserve for Surrey for the **UK Inter-County Championships**



## CRICKET

**Jivraj Singh,**  
**Year 8**

Jivraj has been selected to attend the Richmond Borough Cricket Academy programme for U13s / U14s. Jivraj has worked very hard to achieve this milestone. Players who are selected for the final borough summer squad and perform well may then be selected for the regional programme, which takes place during the summer holidays.



## Christopher Cole,

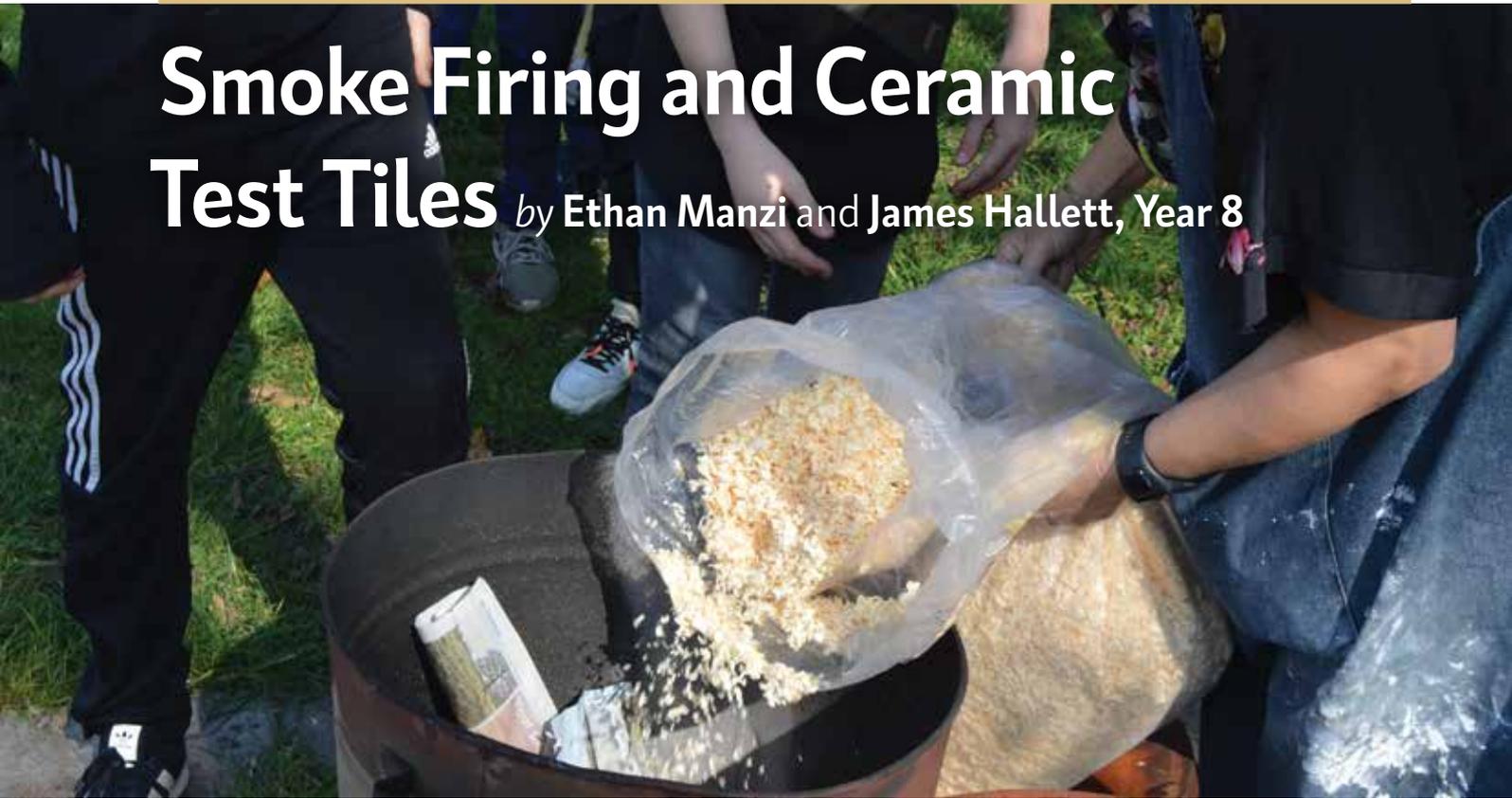
**Year 10**

Since our last sports report in the Autumn term Christopher has trained with Scotland U15s during the Winter after being selected for their squad. He was also asked to attend Surrey's Winter training sessions. Christopher will be playing in a Scotland training game and from this will hopefully gain selection for fixtures in the Summer against Northumberland, Durham, Cumbria, Lincolnshire and Ireland.



# Smoke Firing and Ceramic Test Tiles

by Ethan Manzi and James Hallett, Year 8



On a beautiful sunny day in April, Year 8 had the amazing opportunity to go out of their usual classroom for their Art lesson to learn about Smoke Firing.

The whole class got involved with preparing for the Smoke Firing by carrying newspaper, wood, cardboard and sawdust. One by one each of us took it in turn to pack the incinerator dustbin with rolled up newspaper and handfuls of sawdust. We had to take care to pack and load our delicate ceramic tiles in amongst the layers of materials. Mrs Bannister had to have heat resistant gloves, a sand bucket and a fire extinguisher on hand for health and safety purposes. We all stood back from the cordon when the fire was lit and watched the swirling smoke. The porous nature of the bisque tiles allowed the smoke to be absorbed into the clay body. This created attractive black, white and grey markings on our tiles.

We made lots of different ceramic test tiles during clay practical lessons. First of all we took a slab of clay and rolled it out between two equal sized wooden sticks. Once the clay was flat enough, we cut out a circle with a cookie cutter to make a perfectly round circle. Next we learnt how to make embellishments by pouring plaster to build our own sprig mould. To create these we used stoneware clay because it can be fired at a higher temperature. To attach the embellishments we learnt to first create score marks on both the embellishment and the test tile then apply slip or liquid clay to almost glue the sections together.

The techniques we have learnt will be used in Year 9 when we make our hand built coil pots and on to Art GCSE.





## Year 11 Paintballing *by Mr King, Librarian*

What could be a better way to send off Year 11 onto study leave, a better celebration of their time at the school, than by allowing their long suffering teachers to shoot them repeatedly with paintball guns? Absolute perfection if you ask me!

General Carrington led the staff into battle, his tall stature and easily recognisable haircut acting as a beacon to draw fire from the other teachers, in effect he was the diversion! Turns out he is also a very good shot and had a complete disregard for his own safety and wellbeing, preferring to charge headfirst into a volley of ammunition than to miss out on the action. Staff Sergeant Turner-Smith bravely outfitted herself with double body armour and three neck warmers for protection; she was to be the staff's survivalist and managed to get through a full day's paintballing without being hit once! Quite an achievement, especially considering that she held her own, defending objectives like a Special Forces operative. Major Gruner arrived to the field of war, a guerrilla warrior ready to do battle- his face set with steely determination, ready to cross names off of a target list. His accuracy was second to none and his ferocity led to him being feared by all who faced him! Double O Morriss was the Daniel Craig of the group – quiet and calm, an air of confidence given off by his outfit of Halliford shorts and a t-shirt. Nimble and fast on the ground, Morriss proved a fierce adversary who was very difficult to hit.

I was the final member of staff and I was taking it very seriously. I made a mental note of every student who made a comment about my camouflage trousers – they would be painted later. Sure enough, Max Jackson was the first to

be taken down: "I got done", he shouted as he was hit by a wall of paintballs, "By a librarian I replied", my evil laugh echoing around the field, instilling fear into all who crossed my path. The second game I spotted him once again making a run for the objective, darting from cover I opened fire and poor Max was once again lit up in luminescent orange paint. I didn't realise he could dance until that point, as he hopped foot to foot in an unflinching barrage of incoming fire. My rifle spat round after round down upon the hapless students. Harry Curtis was the next to go down. I made a calculated decision, I would accept the burning pain of a few paintballs in return for a chance to take the post he had valiantly defended all round. Charging his position I rounded the corner, weapon first, and saw a look of fear and regret on Harry's face before I callously took him down, remorseless to the end. My victory was not without pain, as I was promptly shot to pieces by their entire team, all eager to avenge their fallen friends. These are but a few excerpts from the day and every single player on the battlefield had their own selection of war stories to tell.

For example, Mr Carrington was heroic in his efforts as he single-handedly charged the opposition and decimated their ranks, picking up the objective and running through a crossfire to make ground for Desborough. Time seemed still as he travelled in slow motion towards the enemy bunker. He more closely resembled a

rugby player charging a try line than a soldier, so focussed was he on making distance. The enemy were so surprised by his brave charge that they held off shooting him...at least they did for a while, and quickly they regained their composure, picked their jaws up from the floor, took their guns off safety and swiftly ended Mr Carrington's hopes and dreams, paintballing him into oblivion. Once he had been shot down, it was up to us to take the reins and the battlefield turned into a vicious skirmish for the objective, both sides using tactical manoeuvres to try to get the upper hand. But for me the highlight of the day was seeing how teams worked together; the comradery and friendship between everyone. It was my favourite event of the school year as everyone had such a good time, staff and students together taking up arms in the name of good sporting fun. Seeing how students and staff interact and the happiness on everyone's face at the end of the day epitomised the Halliford ethos and in my opinion demonstrated what amazing young men attend our school. Thanks guys for a great laugh.

To give you an idea of the student experience, I asked two Year 11s from different houses to write a report on their escapades of the day:



**Gallagher Dillon:**

It started on the coach journey, loud music blaring from the rear of the bus, and shouts of excitement mirroring the anticipation of Year 11s delta force. Adrenaline was already flowing as we entered the battle zone. On a buzz from the San Pellegrino and a Twix sugar rush, provided courtesy of chef, we gathered our armour and artillery. Splashing the cash, a number of the lads opted to upgrade

their weaponry to include silencers and scopes. It was getting serious.

We were thrown in at the deep end with our first match being speedball, a close confined arena, with only a few barrels to act as a poor imitation of cover and defence. This arena is designed to purposely give players a false sense of security, right up to the minute you are shot repeatedly through tiny gaps in the defences. Speedball is the most feared and brutal of all paintball arenas and was to be the site of an epic duel between Greville and Russell house. To describe this experience in one word, it would have to be: "painful"! The game itself was only 10 minutes long but as soon as the guns opened up, time seemed to stretch on forever, longer even than a double lesson of Biology on a Monday morning.

Paintballs flew viciously fast, coating everything with a film of paint, leading to everyone cowering behind the limited cover. Year 11s fell honourably, shooting wildly, Rambo style, from the hip spraying down the other team. I dived into cover with a loud resounding clang from the barrels, sliding in the slick mud and almost losing my balance. I peered over the top of the barrel, spotting a team mate, Sam Imperato, bravely holding his own in a fierce battle. I saw him crouching down, desperate to get out of the line of fire. Out of nowhere an enemy appeared and shot him twice in the lower back. Before I had a chance to react and return fire, Harry had disappeared back behind cover. The round ended in a hard fought draw, both sides smiling ear to ear with the excitement of it.

**George Bailey:**

Meanwhile, Wadham house were engaged with Desborough in a similarly fierce battle. This time the arena was a mock version of London, complete with London buses and miniature Big Ben, both bullet scarred and streaked with the paint of past battles. I was forced to fight blind, my mask had fogged up to the point, I had almost zero visibility. This led to more and more difficulty with aiming as I tried to flank around behind the enemy team. After taking out a couple of Desborough players, I was forced into the cover of the London buses and had to wait out the battle as I couldn't see beyond my hands! Unfortunately my lack of sight meant I ended up putting a couple of paintballs into Sam Clifton (who was on my team) because I could not see who it was! Great fun had by all!

# Duke of Edinburgh at Halliford School

by Mr Bown, Deputy Head



At the end of June Mr King and I had the great pleasure to visit our Duke of Edinburgh students in the Surrey Hills, where nearly 100 Hallifordians were taking part in either a Silver Training or Bronze Assessed Expedition.

The Mill campsite was a hive of activity on our arrival. Tents were pitched, walks were over and plenty of pasta and Bolognese was being prepped by students on their Trangia. Staff from *Rock the Boat* were delighted with the attitude and conduct of the boys, and the atmosphere at camp was excellent.

Earlier that weekend, in high temperatures, the boys had walked many kilometres with their groups, demonstrating excellent countryside stewardship and orienteering skills.

The leadership and teamwork on display was outstanding, and I hope all of the students taking part in the awards this year gain greatly from it.



## WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...

### Daniel Bootle-Wilbraham *Year 7*

*My favourite lessons are in Computer Science as we have some great new facilities at the school and every Monday morning they give me a reason to get out of bed as I'm so excited! I really like the fact that we have been able to learn to code and also created a small website. It's a great chance to learn new and useful skills and to work together with my friends in the class.*

# Chess Club Report

by Mr Cunningham, Head of Classics

There is an old saying, 'Great things grow from small' and this is certainly true of the Halliford School Chess Club! This year it has grown in number to the point where G3 is sometimes bursting at the seams with boys from practically every year group!

We are fortunate indeed to have, as our president, Matthew Turley – winner of the 2016 Halliford School Chess Championship Trophy. Matthew has also been completing his Duke of Edinburgh award this year and part of it includes overseeing and running the Halliford School Chess Club, something he has done with aplomb. He has overseen the 24<sup>th</sup> UK Chess Challenge of 2019, organising matches and getting everybody ship-shape. This is an event which takes place over 1,200 schools with at least 40,000 children taking part. I wonder how we will fare this time?

After last year's low numbers, and the loss of Mr Nelson, I was unsure of the future of the Halliford School Chess Club, especially when I heard that Mr Cunningham (a man who can't play chess to save his life) was taking it over. However, with the new lot of Year 7s joining, and Mr Cunningham's undoubted enthusiasm, it has all turned out splendidly. I can honestly say that the club isn't what I'm used to (a hushed atmosphere of intellectual rigor) but it's certainly an improvement over me trying to beat Mr Nelson one-on-one! Onwards and upwards for 2020!

– Matthew Turley (Year 10)



## WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...

### Monty Savarino Year 7

*I really enjoyed the Rhineland Music Tour as I am a passionate musician and music scholar. It was great fun and we got to perform in lots of different locations and also had a lot of fun visiting interesting places between concerts. At school I have many chances to perform and sometimes I even get the Headmaster to accompany me on the piano when I play the violin.*



## Work Experience *by Will Jones, Year 10*

Work Experience is a programme undertaken by students across the nation in which participants are sent to assist (or irritate) obliging employers. The aim is to create an accurate and often awakening taste of the “real world”. It is designed to develop fundamental core skills such as problem solving, teamwork and communication skills. Though the length of time spent on the course can vary from school to school, this year, members of Year 10 here at Halliford laboured for five days in late June.

The experience itself was organised by the ever-trustworthy Mr Gale, Head of Business Studies, whose help proved invaluable. In assembly he taught us about techniques which would be helpful to take into a working environment. A huge amount of gratitude and thanks goes to Mr Gale for his tireless work over the weeks building up to Work Experience. As in the past, a good percentage of students found their individual placement through the ones offered by the school, such as British Airways and BP, which were local and great for building up necessary experience. This year, there were no students who opted to work abroad – however there were quite a number who opted for the “Big Smoke” to fill their working hours. It was extremely encouraging to hear such positive feedback from the firms about how well Halliford students have performed, below is just a flavour:

Ryan Alavi spent the week at *Parsonage & Co*, a legal firm with a strong reputation. Ryan’s work experience was based in Teddington, one of the many branches of the firm. He worked on a variety of projects including learning how to make a client feel comfortable, delving into the client’s backstory, helping her situation improve. Of course, not everything is as interesting as this. He was given responsibility to file key cases, even shredding!

According to Ryan, there is a substantial amount of work to get through including cases based on more sensitive matters such as divorce settlements. It is fair to say he has learnt a lot while working at the firm and in the future. In fact, this could be where his education leads him in the near future.

Anthony Robbins-Kent had a productive week at *The Village Pottery and Craft Centre* based in Shepperton. This is a family run business focussed on providing pottery and crafting services to the local community.

During this time Anthony made intricate moulds, which in turn could then be crafted into beautiful looking pots. He described the environment at the firm as different to that of school. In his role there he was required to have a sense of independence and self-motivation. Thankfully, the surroundings were relaxed – meaning work could be completed to the highest of standards without the usual disruptions. According to him, the people he worked with were helpful and inspiring.

Interestingly, just like Ryan, Anthony asserted that, having enjoyed his week with the craft centre he could envisage a future in that world one day.



# Year 7 Trip: Harry Potter Experience

by Mr McElroy, English Teacher

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, a group of Year 7 embarked on a wondrous pilgrimage to the Warner Brothers Studios in Leavesden to partake in our inaugural Halliford trip to *The Making of Harry Potter Experience*.



Traversing through the *Forbidden Forest* and avoiding its scary spiders, our intrepid adventurers completed fun activities along the way. From embarking on the *Hogwarts Express* at platform 9 and a half to marvelling at the majesty of the castle, the boys were able to explore the original sets used in the *Harry Potter* films and, of course, let's not forget the copious amounts of butter beer that were guzzled. Records must have been broken. My thanks must go to Mrs Mitchelmore, Mr McElroy, Mrs Butler-Smith, Miss Foster and Mr Hackland-Crowther who all offered sterling support. Here are some of the boys to tell you a bit more about it:

I really liked the *Harry Potter Experience* because of when the dragon image came out, got closer and closer to you and sprayed fire at you. I also love gulping down the luxurious butter beer and spending money on the fizzing, golden honeycomb and coloured lollipops.

– Carson Curtis (7R)

It was extremely enjoyable and felt like we were in the movie. They displayed many of the actual sets that were used, such as the *Hogwarts Express* and how the actors used the broomsticks in *Quidditch*. At one point in the tour, there was an illusion where a dragon broke out of the bank. There was a really cool display of *Hogwarts Castle* as well. In the gift shop, they were selling all sorts of things from wands to sock-flavoured Jelly Beans. It was a trip I'll never forget!

– Jack Warren (7R)

I am a massive *Harry Potter* fan so it was a dream come true when I heard we were going on the trip! I really enjoyed everything I saw – especially being able to work through the sets and seeing the *Hogwarts* model. What a super day!

– Ben Mills (7G)

YEAR 9 and YEAR 10



# Trips to the World War One Battlefields

by Mr McMillan, Head of History

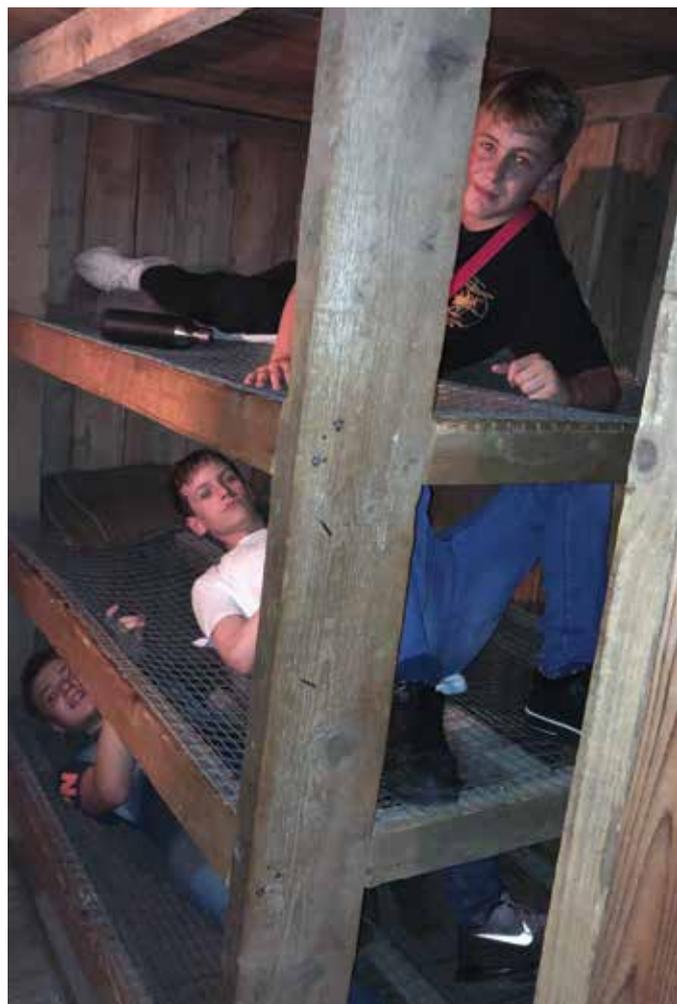
The academic year 2018-2019 continued the long Halliford tradition of visiting the sites of the Western Front in World War One and paying our respects to those who fought and in many cases died. In November, it was the turn of Year 10, who spent three days visiting the Somme and the Ypres Salient.

The trip started with a visit to the Etaples Military Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in France, situated on the site of a large hospital complex during the war. We then travelled on to Vimy Ridge, and visited the Canadian Memorial and Trenches, before moving to Thiepval Memorial to the Missing.

The next day, we visited a number of other cemeteries and sites on the Somme, including the German Cemetery at Neuville St. Vaast and the Notre Dame de Lorette French cemetery. This provided the boys with the opportunity to compare cemeteries and approaches to remembrance of some of the different countries that fought in the war. We then travelled to Belgium to visit the Memorial Museum in Passchendaele. The boys found this to be a fascinating museum. They particularly enjoyed the underground dugout complex dugout in the basement, based on the excavations of the dugout under the Yorkshire Trench. Here, men lived, slept, ate, and even received medical care, in hollowed out quarters deep underground. The museum also has a reconstructed trench complex with a variety of different features that have been discovered by trench archaeologists in recent years.

The final day was spent in Ypres. We started with a fascinating guided tour of the Ypres Salient, including a variety of cemeteries. We then visited the In Flanders Field Museum, a superb museum sited in the Cloth Hall in the centre of the town, which focuses very much on the tragic human cost of the war. Before leaving for home, we rounded off the trip with a visit to the trench layout system at Sanctuary Wood, which allowed the boys time to let off steam and explore the network of trenches, bunkers and tunnels.

This year also marked the moving of the trip from Year 10 to Year 9. This new trip, which will also be an annual event in June each year, has been designed to focus specifically on the war in and around the Ypres Salient, and allows for the boys to use the trip to directly enhance and support the learning on World War One that they have done in their history lessons during the year. Many of the places we visited are the same as on the Year 10 trip, but





this new itinerary allows for more in-depth learning and study of the places visited. Thus we started the first day by also visiting the Memorial Museum. This allowed the boys to understand the historical context and geography of the area and of the places we were visiting. We then moved on to Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest British and Commonwealth cemetery in the world, and which contains the graves of over 10,000 soldiers, and yet still just a fraction of the number of soldiers of so many nationalities on both sides who died during the war. After Tyne Cot, we headed to the trenches at Hill 62, and then to our accommodation in the centre of Ypres. After a well-earned evening meal of chicken and chips in a local restaurant, we paid our respects at the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate.

The second day was spent in the centre of Ypres. We returned to the Menin Gate, where the boys completed worksheets designed to help them study the different aspects and features of the memorial. We then visited the In Flanders Field Museum, where again the boys were given a variety of written tasks to complete. After all that hard work, the boys were rewarded with some free time in the centre of town, where they were able to look around the shops, and buy chocolate, chips and waffles! All in all, both trips were highly successful, and allowed all the boys to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the Western Front during World War One.





# Halliford School Basketball 2019

by Mr Arriandiaga, Spanish Teacher

Students from all year groups turned up in numbers to basketball sessions in the first term this year. While not everyone took the chance to play for the school, all teams were given the opportunity to do so, principally in some fantastically competitive fixtures against Claremont Fan School.

In the lower years, Hayden Barret has made a much needed impact, after the departure of Oscar Leigh-Hales at the end of last season. He has pushed not only his year group, but also the Year 8 players, to become better. The team captained by Kajay Moss has displayed a constant willingness to practise come rain or shine, indoors or outdoors, and the numbers in the squad together with their skills continue to grow and has now become consistent.

In a similar way, Jay Toor quietly led the intermediate side to very tight results time and again, showing how important having confidence in your own ability can be. Speedy fastball became the trademark of a team that have the potential to reach a fantastic level next year, if its members continue to practise together and believe in their game. Our tribute to Marley Tavaziva, Harbin Thaper, Jai Toor, Louis MacDonald and Freddie Chandramohan for their dedication.

We were also visited by a superb Salesian College team, whose members are regular club players outside of school. Tired after a rugby fixture, and only after they had taken a shower to clean the mud away, our seniors entered the sports hall to see their opposition slam dunk in the warm-up. It was a great learning experience that enriched our squad for future reference.

## Inter-House Basketball

Congratulations go to Russell house, since they proved how important it is to be a true Hallifordian and to turn up to ALL events for your house. Their victory overall is heavily rooted on the fact that their Year 10 team did turn up, while the rest of teams forfeited their games. Below that, the intermediate competition was an absolute pleasure to watch. The game of this season's competition was the Desborough-Wadham. The 14-10 victory for the Desborough came after great basketball had been played by all players who took to the outdoor court. Although Greville could have scraped a win against Russell in the last fixture and thus could have won the competition overall, they chose to forfeit and handed the trophy to Jai Toor, Harbin Thaper and Noah Evans. It was a great effort from each and every one of the students who represented their house, and they do deserve the praise.

The junior contest highlighted the club experience that Hayden Barrett brings to the court. Greville's points balance of +50 proves that the other houses will have to plan their approach carefully next year. However, this category of the competition made us all think of the great potential for future years across the houses.

Congratulations to all who took part in such great spirit!

# LAMDA *by Mrs Rooke, Drama Teacher*

Academic year 2018-2019 has seen the momentous launch of LAMDA qualifications at Halliford School. Students from all year groups have signed up to study a range of courses including; mime, acting, speaking in public and speaking verse and prose.

It has been wonderful watching the students develop in their speech and confidence over the course of the year. The LAMDA rehearsals have been joyful and challenging with many personal achievements along the way; students often surprising themselves regularly with the amount of lines they could learn and the characters they could take on. The LAMDA evening 'clinic' was especially competitive as boys performed their pieces to one another.

Exams were held at the end of the spring term and although nervous the students approached their exams with fierce determination which all paid off with a clean sweep of distinctions and merits, all students were thrilled with their results and we are so excited to move up to the new grades and start new pieces.

It has been hugely successful this year and it is all down to the hard work and bravery of the students taking part. We are especially proud of our students performing at medal level who have now gained valuable UCAS points for future university applications.



## WHAT HALLIFORD MEANS TO ME...

### **Harbin Thaper** *Year 9*

*Halliford means so many things to me, it is a school where I am constantly challenged to learn new things and I think the teaching we receive is fantastic. The school has recently introduced sessions on good mental health and I have found this so helpful and I know lots of my friends have too. The fact we are supported to learn good manners and that these are recognised is really encouraging.*



# Trip to Le Touquet

by Zach Johnson, Year 7

On Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 58 boys travelled to France on the annual Year 7 trip to Le Touquet with the Modern Foreign Languages Department. What a brilliant day it was!

After an early meet at 5 am, we took the coach through the Channel tunnel to France. Our first stop was a French market in Wissant where almost all of us bought some waffles, crepes, plenty of sweets, sunglasses and other things to keep us entertained throughout the day.



The highlight of the day for me was our trip to the beach in Le Touquet. It was a beautiful sunny day. The yellow, sandy beach called *Le Touquet Paris Plage* was huge! We ate our lunch and some boys went off to buy other sugary treats like pancakes, waffles. I got an ice cold slushy and some lovely churros. The teachers had brought a football and a Frisbee and the whole year group enjoyed playing on the hot soft sand. Some of us buried people in sand and we all got really gritty. It didn't matter because we had so much fun!

After a short walk along the High Street we went back on the coach to England. It was a tiring and long day, but it was great to spend a day with all my friends in France, practising our French and having a day out of school.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION:

# Plastic in our Oceans

by James McCummiskey, Year 7

This year, Greville House won the Public Speaking Competition for KS3 in nearly every category. The winning team came from 7G and was led by James McCummiskey. Here is his speech:

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I am here to tell you all about a serious crisis that is going on right now in our oceans; plastic pollution.

Now before I start, I would like to give you a few facts about this topic:

- We have produced more plastic in the last 10 years than in the entire last century
- Around 8 million pieces of plastic end up in the oceans every day
- 100,000 marine animals and 1 million seabirds die because of plastic every year
- Marine plastic pollution has been found in 100% of turtles, 59% of whales, 36% of seals and 40% of seabird species examined.
- Not a single beach is untouched by plastic pollution; some of the most remote places on the planet are affected by our waste. We've even found traces of it in the Antarctic ice

It really makes you think, doesn't it? Especially that last one: not a single beach. If you think about it, after a while that plastic bottle you threw into that stream could end up choking a turtle all the way in the Caribbean. Eventually, it will break down into tiny pieces and find its way into a food chain. From there it could contaminate a dolphin mother's milk and poison it's baby. We've all seen pictures of these beautiful creatures, jumping gracefully out of the deep blue waters and plunging back in. Pretty soon they might not be diving anymore; they'll be floating. Lifeless.

On a brighter note, many people are devoting enormous amounts of time cleaning our waters. Charities like Surfers Against Sewage, the Marine Conservation Society and Plastic Ocean all fight for the same idea; plastic free oceans. Now I bet you're listening to this and thinking to yourself, "That's all very well, but I can't do anything, can I?" Well you can. There are many ways you can cut down on how much plastic goes to waste in your home.

- Try to use as little single use plastic as possible, such as plastic straws, food packaging, and single use plastic bags
- Always put rubbish in the bin and recycle anything you can

Such simple things like this can really make a difference. Remember, it's your choices as a consumer that dictate how producers use plastics. And it could be a lot easier than most people think to significantly lower the amount of plastic going into the sea; 90% of all the plastic pollution comes from just 10 rivers. Most of these rivers are in poorer African and Asian countries with not as much access to recycling or proper waste disposal areas. If we can focus on helping these places, it could go a long way to putting a stop to plastic pollution.



I would like to finish with a quotation from Sir David Attenborough:

"We have to act. We have to act now to try and clear up some of the appalling damage we have made to the ocean ... and that is going to require positive action."

Consider what Attenborough says. It as an urgent warning to take action right here, right now!



# An Interview with Mr Carrington

by Will Jones, Year 10

Here is the only interview Mr Carrington has given about his time at Halliford School. I had the privilege of catching up with him during the Summer Term.

**WJ: What was the School like when you arrived?**

**JC:** At the time, John Crook was the Headmaster, and he was a somewhat ubiquitous figure. Firstly, his big Welsh voice gave him an air of dominance, but secondly, as all good headmasters do, he was able to show his softer side on many occasions. He initially interviewed me over the phone - which was rather challenging in itself - but he clearly thought I had something to offer as he gave me a job!

**WJ: What was Halliford School like compared to your previous schools?**

**JC:** Compared to my previous school, Halliford was much smaller and tighter as an all-round community. As I was employed to teach Design and Technology however, my main thoughts were about the department. I liked that the workshop was well-resourced and I could see myself getting on well with Tony Nelson, the Head of Department and Roy Seabrook, the technician. It was a good introduction to Halliford life.

**WJ: Did you feel welcome?**

**JC:** Oh yes! I settled in very quickly. The staff here were wonderful - very eclectic

with a wide range of personalities - but the overarching feeling was one of friendliness. But it was also the students who made such a huge impact. Of course, they can challenge you at times but any clashes are quickly forgotten. The wonderful thing about Halliford then, as now, is its family atmosphere.

**WJ: Do you think that is important, the 'family atmosphere'?**

**JC:** Absolutely. It's at the very heart of the place. What is most important to me is the nature of the school and how it continues to produce well-rounded students who work hard but who are also keen to improve in every other aspect of their lives. I truly believe the most valuable piece of advice for the new Year 7 embarking on their Halliford adventure is not to possess a "them and us" attitude towards staff. At Halliford, students and staff work together as a community and that, in my humble opinion, is of paramount importance.

**WJ: What impact do you feel you have made in your time here?**

**JC:** That's difficult to say. I eventually moved in the direction of Pastoral Care and while it's interesting and challenging it's not

something you can easily quantify. There have been some extremely low points and I tended to dwell on many of the problems I was faced with for a long time. There are still some things that have affected me deeply. The fact is, you can't always find a solution to every issue that comes your way. But I'd like to think I have been a good listener and someone who has empathy with the students. I myself went through the boarding school system and so I know first-hand how wonderful and scary school can be! I tried to bring that experience, as well as my role as a father of two boys, into play as a pastoral leader. When I had my leaving party it was very touching to see so many of 'my' Old Hallifordians who took the time to come along and wish me well. So, I suppose I must have made some sort of impression!

**WJ: How has Halliford changed since you began here?**

**JC:** The school itself has changed significantly since 2001. Ground-breaking projects such as the Theatre and Dining Hall, the Sports Hall and the Philip Cottam Centre have been completed, improving and changing the physical appearance of the school, almost beyond recognition. Once you fill the school with students, however, it is unmistakably "Halliford".

**WJ: You mentioned that you started here in the year 2001. How did your career progress?**

**JC:** In the year 2005 I took over as Head of Design and Technology, a role which I enjoyed tremendously. In the first year of my new role, the department continued to excel. We undertook some very adventurous projects with the A level students at that time. I remember William Grimwade designing and building his own scooter powered by a petrol motor! GCSE students were also producing wonderful work, with a wide variety of projects being produced.

In 2006 I joined forces with Penny Fahey and the Art Department and put on a show named Art, D.T. 'N' All that Jazz! with a stunning display of work from both subjects, DT work ranging from a key cabinet and a knife block through to a football table and a fruit juicer. The exhibitions were shown in a celebratory atmosphere with parents enjoying a live jazz band and PTA bar. All this reaffirmed what a fabulous group of talented and creative students we had. As we speak, the DT department is still thriving and producing excellent work, and long may it continue!

I also had spells as Head of Russell House and Examinations Officer, I liked to keep busy!

**WJ: I know you also get involved with many other activities outside D&T...**

**JC:** Well, firstly, there are the trips. As you all know, Halliford offers many of these and I've been on many in my time here. I guess the most profound was when I accompanied a group of 15 teenagers from Halliford School to Ethiopia. There, we travelled to Ediget Feleg Secondary School in Gondar and helped paint their classroom blocks. As well as this, our students gave the boys and girls QPR football shirts and two brand new laptops bought with money raised by the visiting students. Everyone was so welcoming and generous despite not having the same material possessions that the Halliford Students had.

The best part of this experience, however, was when Halliford took on the Ediget Feleg Football Team in a match. It was highly amusing because the students and staff who were in attendance on the trip were not selected because of their sporting prowess! Instead, they were a group of students who had come along for the experience of visiting such a fascinating part of the world. So, there we were - a real bunch of football mis-fits, with one or two who rated themselves more highly. Our boys and girls were wearing hiking boots - something they would come to regret as soon as the whistle blew for the first half! The Ethiopian team, however, took a much different, more competitive perspective on proceedings. They arrived on to the field, fully kitted, looking the real deal. The hefty crowd in attendance were certainly ready for battle and the match commenced once the grazing donkey had been removed from our left wing. Unfortunately, Halliford were beaten and beaten convincingly but this match encompassed the spirit and community between our two schools. It was a trip which showed off us Hallifordians in our best light and one that I will be proud of for a long, long time to come.

**WJ: What about sport?**

**JC:** Well, I love sport and over the years I've supported many matches by ferrying around teams in the mini bus etc. I have coached students and stood on side-lines on many a cold winter morning barking out words of encouragement. I've refereed dozens of rugby matches, in fair weather and snow! It has meant giving up my Saturdays to support the students but it has never felt like a burden, the sports department at Halliford is amazing and I am glad to have been associated with them.

**WJ: Getting back to your roles at Halliford, what else can you tell us?**

**JC:** In 2010 things changed somewhat, one of my proudest individual moments was taking up the post of Senior Tutor - not an easy task as it meant following in the footsteps of the indomitable Mrs Crosby.

It meant handing over the reins of the department and also relinquishing my roles as Examinations Officer and Head of Russell House.

The role as a Senior Tutor is one of immense responsibility but it really seemed to fit me like a glove. As I have mentioned, it can be quite stressful because you are responsible, on a daily basis, for all welfare and pastoral issues and part of this role has included organising Activities Week in the Summer Term. This is an opportunity for the students to get immersed in something different, something challenging, or simply something fun! It takes ages to organise but it's very rewarding. The students really seem to enjoy being out of the classroom and bonding in different environments.

**WJ: What next for you, Mr Carrington?**

**JC:** I'm going to teach at Wellington College. In a curious sort of way my life is coming full circle. I started my life in a boarding school and it looks like I shall retire in one!

I was extremely flattered to be asked to be the special guest speaker on Speech Day. There were two of my previous headmasters in attendance, Mr Crook and Mr Cottam, all Governors, and a number of old Hallifordians. It was certainly a privilege and an honour to end my time here like that. Because my speech was at the end it gave me time to scan the hall many times and see the entire school, staff, parents and students. Young faces and old faces, but all, as I will always remember Halliford, friendly faces. It is a moment I shall never forget.

**WJ: On behalf of us all here at Halliford School we wish you every success in your new post. Our loss is, truly, Wellington's gain!**

# Young Enterprise

by Leila Brown, Business Studies Teacher

*Young Enterprise* was launched for the first time at Halliford School this year. Our first team was called *Avenir* comprised Sam Adams, Oliver Hunter, Joe Sinsbury, Huw Morely, Philippe Karidis, Rowan Spencer, Roman Nicholls, Ed Salmon-Smith, Jowed El Hadi, Kamran Jafarov.

Over the course of the year they produced the first Halliford Christmas, made Christmas decorations, ran cookie sales and produced *Aromabags* - lavender bags that could be heated up in the microwave.

*Avenir* had a stand at the *Shepperton Big Tree Night* in December where they demonstrated their sales techniques in the style of the TV show *The Apprentice*. The team also participated in the first A Level Business workshop to be held at Brooklands Museum.

The team ended the year with a profit which meant all the shareholders got a dividend. They have set an excellent target for future *Young Enterprise* teams to beat!



# Year 8 Enterprise Day

by Mr Gale, Head of Business Studies

Year 8 took part in an Enterprise Day during activities week. The aim of the day was to launch a new chocolate bar. The students had to design, cost and market a new chocolate bar and pitch it to three 'Dragons in the Den' - the ruthless Mr Slocock, the business minded Mrs Brown and the enterprising Mrs Samarasinghe.

The day was also an opportunity to meet the new students who will be joining Halliford in Year 9 in September.

The students were put into groups of four or five and spent the early part of the day brainstorming. It was clear that a great deal of thought and creativity went into the design and names of the new product. Later the teams had a mini workshop with Mrs Rooke on presentation skills and how to do a pitch.

In the afternoon the groups had to pitch to the 'Dragons' and answer tough questions from them. All of the groups did very well in their presentations. The overall winners were *Voyager* (Calvin Harrington, Bailey MacDonald, Roald Aschim and Thomas Ballard) who beat off strong competition from *Crunchy Continent* and *Trio* both of which were great concepts.



by **Mr Greggor**, Director of Sport



**CRICKET**  
**U12**  
**Mr Hodgkinson**

The Summer Term has been packed with cricket training and competitive fixtures, athletics competitions, year group Inter House basketball, cricket and golf competitions, national golf competitions and Sports Day. Thank you to students who always remain enthusiastic to be involved and the energy of staff for providing all of these extra-curricular opportunities.

Big training numbers and contagious enthusiasm has made a difficult season in terms of results a real pleasure to be involved in. The boys, playing in both the A and B teams, have developed enormously across the season and this is testament to all the hard work put in starting way back in October with winter nets.

The A team, led brilliantly by star player William Hamilton, have been resilient and defiant improving game after game. Rain ended a promising position in our first fixture against Radnor House School with us well on the way to chasing down a fairly low score. A closely fought second fixture against Salesian College saw our opponents chase down a 103 with just five balls to spare. We then got a first win against Claremont Fan Court School. William Hamilton and Cameron Terry starred with the bat scoring 36 and 29 not out respectively. Halliford's total proved too much and some tight bowling from Monty Savarino and Cameron Terry ensured runs were hard to come by. We then faced an impressive Churcher's College who were most certainly the best team we came up against this season. They knocked 147, probably slightly fortuitous with Halliford missing some simple chances, and we struggled to get any foothold in the game with Churcher's College bowling superbly well. It was a lesson learned and the boys gained a lot of experience from this. The remainder of matches saw some narrow defeats, but a particular highlight was almost chasing down a solid Tiffin School total. A great last gasp attack from Felix Labaki left us ten runs short and if someone had managed to stay in with him it could have been a different story.

The team has developed very nicely especially in the field. In the years to come they should focus on their batting and really develop this area. Star performers were William Hamilton who batted and bowled superbly well. He was extremely unlucky not to get a 50 getting out by LBW on 49 batting against a good Latymer Upper side. He has a bright future in the sport. Cameron Terry also performed well and was a very consistent bowler taking some crucial wickets. The A team's most improved player has to be Felix Labaki and he epitomised the endeavour and resilience of the entire squad.

The B team have been one of the stronger teams in the school. They have had some great performances and Amar Ghotra was extremely reliable with ball in hand. Aayush Bathia was a great captain from behind the wickets and was brilliant at getting his side motivated. Their success has been based around a strong training ethic and eagerness to learn. They are also extremely tight knit and they work for one another very well. The batting has been led brilliantly by Jack Warren, Carter Robinson, Arjun Pahuja, Thomas Gavey and Dominic Connor. While the bowling and fielding has been fantastic with key performances from Archie Ferguson, James McCummisky and Sammi Matorian-Pour.

### **U13** **Mr Davis**

The Year 8s have worked really hard on their cricket this term. The A team has been led brilliantly by Jivraj Singh while the B team has been looked after by Matthew Sanders, who has also been fantastic. With such a small year group, it is a real credit to the boys that we have always got two sides out, and competed in all fixtures. Training has been well attended and everyone has bought into what we have tried to achieve as a year group.

The A team have enjoyed three excellent wins this season, batting first has been our preferred option at each toss, which has allowed us to apply scoreboard pressure to every school we have played. The top three players have been absolutely fantastic this season with Mannat Virk and Oliver De Gruchy opening the batting. The pair have set fantastic foundations for Jivraj Singh to come in and demoralise opposition bowling line ups. Consistently we would score between 100-130 in each batting innings, however it has been the bowling and the fielding which has let the side down. A mixture of conceding a lot of extras, dropping catches and avoidable miss-fields has seen the team generate defeats when we looked in strong positions to win. One thing this group cannot be faulted for though is attitude, taking to the field each week with more excitement than you have ever seen. The superb wins the side have gathered have always been a real team effort, although the top three batsmen have scored the bulk of the runs, contributions from the likes of Lucas Lindstrup, Oliver Wingrove and Harley Reynolds can't be ignored. The bowling and fielding has been led by Carter Green, Kajay Moss, Ben Hughes, Nathaniel Broadhurst and Harry Tuckman. The season highlights have been three fantastic wins, a brilliant century partnership between De Gruchy and Jivraj Singh against Latymer Upper School, Mannat Virk and Jivraj Singh's consistency with the bat throughout the campaign, as well as excellent bowling spells from Carter Green against St. James School and Latymer Upper. A massive well done and thank you for all your work as a team this term!

The B team have not always been on the right side of results this year, however that has never been through a lack of trying. The boys who have fought for the team each week have been absolutely magnificent. Matthew Sanders as captain, batsmen and wicket keeper, Calvin Harrington, Louie Paterson, Freddie Robinson who has been called up to the A team numerous times, Bailey MacDonald who has played in the A team and has improved his bowling so much this term and many others. As mentioned earlier the guys who don't necessarily play cricket as their primary sport have brought into the target of competing in two fixtures each week and have given a fantastic account of themselves. There is plenty of sporting talent and more students in the year developing their cricket which will hopefully lead to a wider group of boys looking to compete in fixtures throughout Year 9.

Overall, a massive well done to each and every boy who has represented Year 8 cricket, you have all done the school proud and produced some excellent spells of cricket along the way.

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### **U14** **Mr Morriss**

The U14 cricket season started off with a lot of promise in the glorious early summer weather and some well-attended practices. Unfortunately, some torrential rain just after half-term caused some cancellations and the team stuttered somewhat to get their season back on track. However, a new look team from previous years due to a number of boys joining the year group has made a fantastic impact.



The boys started the season with a comfortable win in a friendly against Radnor House School away at the Lensbury Sports Ground. After restricting the opposition to 124, the opening three batsman batted with poise and attacking and achieved the total in 11 overs. Archie McGuff top scored with 46 before chipping back to the bowler in an attempt to score his 50 with one last blow, whilst James Naylor (30no) and Isaac Dixon (20no) also contributed.

The second game of the season was against a tough Salesian College squad who they failed to beat for the third consecutive year. It was a good start with the ball and the bowlers kept runs to a minimum with a total of 108 being set, Oscar Peacock the pick of the figures with 15/1 from his 4 overs. Unfortunately, the Halliford inning started with a diamond duck for Keaton Mengers before Oscar Peacock settled down and helped the opening four batsman reach 52 at the half way point. Unfortunately, a batting collapse saw the remaining six batsmen only manage 10 more runs and the game came to a swift end.

The game against Claremont Fan Court School was a local fixture the boys were looking forward to and they certainly meant business early on, reducing the opposition to 84 runs and adding their own attacking presence by contributing 39 of these in extras. Oscar Peacock impressed again with two wickets from his single over, but the pick of the bowlers and man-of-the-match was Isaac Dixon who took a hat-trick on his second attempt and finished with 5/13 off his four overs for a superb display of pace bowling. The openers Archie McGuff and James Naylor then steered the team to victory with a composed partnership without loss to finish the game in style.

The game against Churcher's College is another tough fixture in the diary and they know they have to be top of their game. The boys batted fairly well but unfortunately a lack of runs saw them set a measly total of 86. This energised them in the field however and the boys were amazing with the ball and in particular, their hands, taking all seven wickets with catches.

Match five was arguably the game of the season with it going down to the last ball. Batting first and losing a couple of early wickets, it looked to be a difficult game. But Keaton Mengers (30) and Max Hobbs (41no) piloted the team to 113/5. The opposition looked to be on track to make this easily with their opener scoring 50, acknowledging his feat and then lofting the ball to Jake Fernandes in the field. The remaining bowlers delivered a number of excellent deliveries and kept them from scoring, but with five needed from the last over and a miss-field gifting them four of these, the game was all but over and St. James' breathed a sigh of relief getting the win.

Match six against Latymer Upper once again proved a tough test for the boys and was a close game to call until their opening batsman grabbed the game by the scruff and scored an unbeaten 53. Captain Euan Cole was the pick of the Halliford players bowling a couple of tidy overs for five and scoring 26 with the bat, getting caught shortly after hitting a magnificent six.

Match seven was yet another close game after no-one particularly got going with the bat, Isaac Dixon top scoring with 15 before holing out to an amazing catch in the field. The team possesses some excellent bowling depth and this was clear to see. Eight bowlers shared the overs and restricted the opposition throughout the innings, but an outstanding haul from Harri Roberts sealed the win in the final over. He finished with figures of six wickets for eight runs off of his three overs and was left on a hat-trick ball as the game came to a close.

The season concluded with some poor performances against Tiffin School and St. George's College, which was a disappointing way to finish the season after some excellent displays and a great demonstration of teamwork throughout the term. There is no doubt that with the same level of commitment next season that the boys can turn a few of these losses in to wins as Year 10's.

The B team have performed admirably this term with a squad size that wouldn't look out of place in the rugby season. A number of players have represented the A team and moved between the two as the season progressed, but captain, Lucas Davies has organised and steered the ship on every occasion.

The first match really was a tough season opener against Churcher's College and unfortunately there wasn't much to be learned other than they had an exceptional side at this age group.

The second match was a much closer affair, and perhaps without a few injuries and illnesses to the squad throughout the week could have gone the other way. Riley Whittington, Oliver Powell and Paul-Louis Howard all scored in double figures with Lucas Davies top-scoring on 32no. Fielding with less than ideal numbers proved tough for the boys and they lost the game going into the last over despite some great bowling from Charlie Simpson and Louis Macdonald.

The third match saw the boys record their first win of the season in a good display against a spirited Wimbledon College team. After ten overs of an opening partnership between the two regular openers before being retired, William Roake then came in with a superb knock of 37no. This gave them a total of 131 to defend and with excellent bowling all round and particular good overs from Jai Toor and Josh Loughlin-Fitzpatrick.

Much like the As, the boys struggled considerably against Tiffin School and St. George's College and finished with disappointing results. They worked tirelessly throughout the season and were great fun to be around on a Saturday, despite some of the outcomes. A huge number of boys represented the team throughout the term and a huge thanks to those who stepped in when required to ensure all fixtures were fulfilled.

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### **U15** **Mr Greggor**

This year group are a talented batch of cricketers with great depth in the year group. Their season has been a little disrupted with the need to bolster the first XI. Archie Evans and Christopher Cole have represented the 1XI a few times season ahead of the U15s, with Joshua Burson, James Taylor, Alexander Donnelly also helping out in a fixture where they were needed.

The season has been a little inconsistent with some convincing victories, a draw and some losses in matches where we were lacking a complete performance. The team bats far down the order and we have up to eight bowlers to call on in our bowling attack which reinforces the depth in the side. In games lost this season however it was due to lacking in one key discipline, in some matches where we fielded and bowled superbly runs were lacking. In others where runs seemed abundant fielding and bowling was a little loose.

When this team put in a complete performance they demonstrate real quality and are a difficult side to beat. The most satisfying result was in fact a draw, not one of the wins this season! In a 25 over innings we restricted Tiffin School to 139-2 by bowling in good areas and limiting extras in the field. We set about chasing the runs down in what was a very tight game, James Taylor was the linchpin of this innings batting steady at one end against a strong bowling attack. Archie Evans hit a few quick boundaries to bring us back up to the required run rate with Barney Mather and Joseph Baker rotating the strike successfully in the last couple of overs to secure the draw with the last ball of the game. A thrilling watch for spectators.

I have no doubt the depth in this year group will significantly bolster our senior cricket next year, congratulations must go to Christopher Cole and Archie Evans who are awarded cricket sports colours for consistently representing Halliford's 1XI. This is very rare for a Year 10 to achieve as senior sports colours are only usually awarded to Year 11 and Sixth Form students. A huge congratulations to them both.

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### **1XI** **Mr Shales**

It has been another difficult season for the 1XI. It seems that no matter how strong a side we managed to put out, the opposition are always just that little bit stronger. Sadly, three early season games were called off by the opposition, which meant that we only had five matches this season. The first of these was against Gordon's School. It was a very close match throughout, however despite a very good knock from Jack Healey we fell just short in the run chase. Next saw a trip down to Churcher's College. On a tricky batting wicket, we posted a respectable score of 120 in 20 overs. In reply we bowled accurately, however Churcher's chased it down for the loss of two wickets.

Next we travelled to Latymer Upper. Thanks to an unbeaten 50 from Christopher Cole we posted 110 off 20 overs. Sadly, despite from good bowling they chased down our total without losing a wicket. We then hosted the MCC at Shepperton Cricket Club. The team was a mixture of old boys and current students from Years 10 to Upper Sixth. A very strong bowling display from Alistair Kinder and Jonah Peppiatt saw a strong MCC side reduced to 50 for 4. A very good fifth wicket partnership enabled them to declare on a score of 223 for 5 off 43 overs. Our reply stuttered somewhat thanks to some very fine MCC bowling.

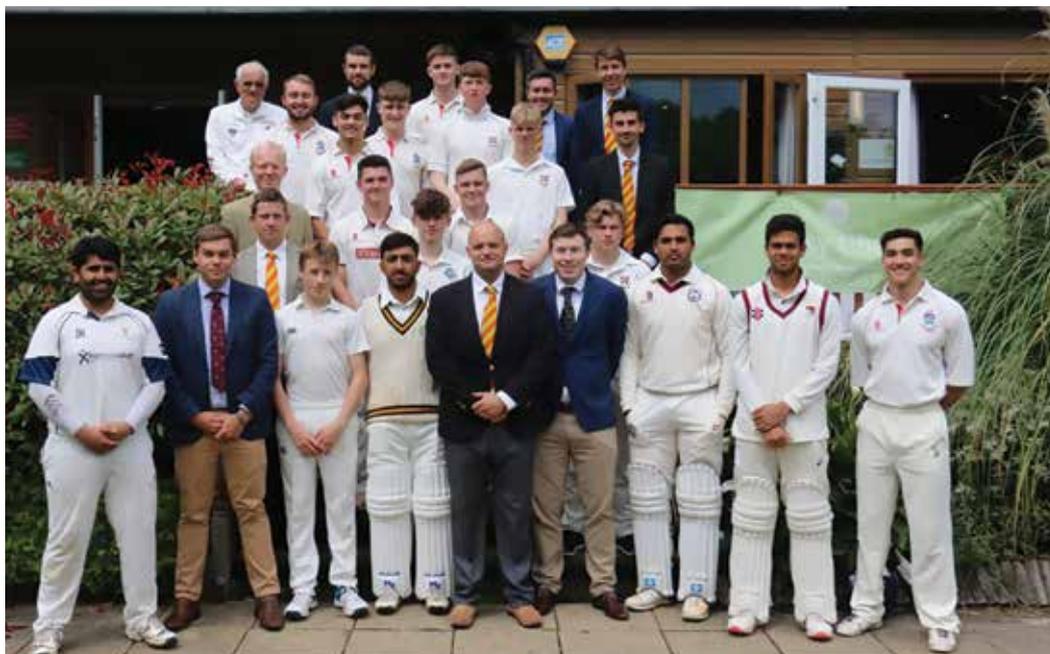
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A brilliant captain's knock from Oliver Davies of 75 not out saw us to a total of 123 all out. It was a great day, with old boys and younger students coming down to watch. The MCC side were extremely complimentary about how well the boys played.

Our final game of the season was against Tiffin School. We fielded a very young side, including five Year 10 boys. Alex Donnelly and Joshua Burson made particularly impressive debuts with bat and ball. We bowled and fielded particularly well, dismissing Tiffin School for just 122 off 16 overs. Sadly, our reply never really got going, and despite some good hitting from Christopher Jones we fell 20 run short.

A number of boys made debuts this season and all looked at home playing 1XI Cricket which bodes well for next season. This year colours were awarded to William Reed, Lewis Job, Archie Laird, Samuel Clifton, Christopher Jones, Jonah Peppiatt, Ben Cooper, Timmy Hamilton, Christopher Cole, Archie Evans.

*Pictured Halliford's XI and the MCC XI*



*Old boys Gavin Kinder, Alistair Kinder, Jujhar Mann, Harry Churchill and current gap year student Oliver Davis who scored 75\* in the game.*



## Headmaster's Select Cricket Squad 2019

As every sporting season draws to a close the sporting staff sit down and always face the difficult decisions associated with putting Headmaster's squads together. The cricket season is no different, below is what we have settled on for the Headmaster's XI this year.



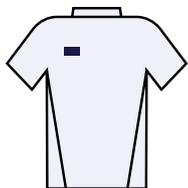
**Christopher Cole**  
Captain  
Year 10  
*All rounder*



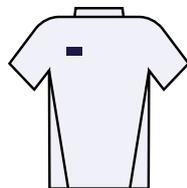
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Year 8  
*All rounder*



**Will Hamilton**  
Year 7  
*All rounder*



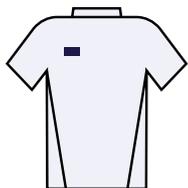
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Year 9  
*All rounder*



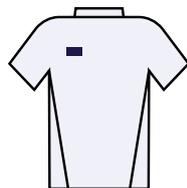
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Year 10  
*All rounder*



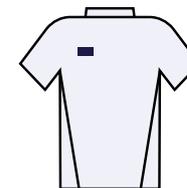
**Cameron Terry**  
Year 7  
*All rounder*



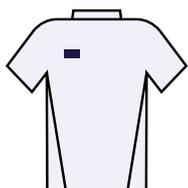
**Jivraj Singh**  
Year 8  
*All rounder*



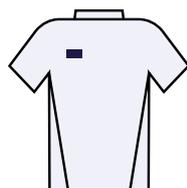
**Alex Donnelly**  
Year 10  
*All rounder*



**Archie McGuff**  
Year 9  
*All rounder*



**James Taylor**  
Year 10  
*All rounder*



**Isaac Dixon**  
Year 9  
*Wicketkeeper/  
Batsman*

## Cricket Colours Ties

Colours ties are presented to senior students who have performed regularly for and impressed in our first XI this term, they were awarded to the following students:

**Year 10:** Christopher Cole, Archie Evans

**Year 11:** Samuel Clifton, Christopher Jones, Jonah Peppiatt, Timmy Hamilton, Ben Cooper

**Sixth Form:** William Reed, Archie Laird, Lewis Job

## Inter-House Cricket

Inter House cricket took place during allocated Games afternoons this term, houses played each other in eight over innings in an 8-10 aside format depending on the year group size and availability of cricketers in each form.

Good fun was had and the results are below:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 7	Russell	Desborough	Wadham	Greville
Year 8	Wadham	Russell	Desborough	Greville
Year 9	Wadham	Russell	Greville	Desborough
Year 10	Wadham	Russell	Desborough	Greville



Junior Champions (U12) ■ Russell Intermediate Champions (U14) ■ Wadham  
Senior Champions (U15) ■ Wadham



The athletics season has been a busy one with us entering an increased number of competitions. We have attended numerous Claremont Fan Court School and St George's College athletics competitions over the course of the Summer Term for Years 7-8 and 9-10. Each year group has had at least four athletics meetings over the course of the term.



## ATHLETICS

For the first time we also attended Orleans Park School's athletics competition with our Year 9 and Year 10 boys who enjoyed the occasion. Due to the frequency of competitions boys representing the school have been rotated where we can to give more opportunity for individuals to participate. Harry Tuckman and Spencer Bateman have particularly impressed, a special mention must go to Hayden Barrett who won the Year 7 shot putt in his first competition.





## GOLF

On 4<sup>th</sup> October, Halliford entered two teams into the Southern Schools Invitational at Reigate Heath Golf Club. Team one was Lewis Job and Joseph Graves, team two was Daniel Hamilton and Max West-Cameron. Against a very stiff opposition of the best golfing school in the South of England, the boys performed well and both teams finished around the halfway mark.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, we held the annual Halliford golf and Inter-House tournament. This year thirteen boys entered from Year 7 to Lower Sixth. There were three competitions all run at the same time and all of them were extremely competitive. In the competition for the less experienced golfers with an official handicap, Matthew Fallon was victorious. The Halliford Golf Trophy for experienced golfers was hotly contested; in fact, only one point separated the top three. Max West-Cameron and Joshua Rowe just missed out, with Lewis Job emerging as the winner. The Inter-House trophy was equally as close. One point separated the top two. Wadham just missed out, with the Greville team of Matthew Fallon and Archie McGuff winning.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June a team of Lewis Job, Daniel Hamilton, Timmy Hamilton, Archie McGuff, Max West-Cameron and Joshua Rowe travelled up to Leamington Spa in preparation for the National HG Trophy on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Forest of Arden Golf Club. On the Sunday night, we warmed up with an evening of ten-pin bowling. The course was set up to play with difficulty but the boys tried their hardest in very tough conditions. Sadly, we did not bring home any silverware.

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, the Sixth Form played against the staff in the Taylor Cup. Four matches went out on the course. The first match saw Lewis Job with a little assistance from Archie Laird defeat the team of Mr Davis and Mr Hodgkinson. The second match saw Mr Greggor and Mr Shales battle Huw Morley and William Wishaw. This was a very nip and tuck affair, with the staff side emerging victorious on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr Carrington and Mr Howard had a fairly comfortable victory of Richard Liao and Sam Murray-Smith. The final match saw Samuel Martin defeat Mr Slocock. This left the result as 2-2, resulting in the staff retaining the trophy they have held for the last few years.



## Inter-House Basketball



## BASKETBALL

Fixtures					
Year 7		Years 8 & 9		Years 10+	
D v G	2-22	D v G	4-2	D v G	F-F
R v W	4-0	R v W	10-4	R v W	10-0 (F)
D v R	5-6	D v R	4-8	D v R	F-F
G v W	16-0	G v W	6-4	G v W	F-F
D v W	2-4	D v W	14-10	D v W	F-F
G v R	14-0	G v R	0-10 (F)	G v R	F-F

Win – 3 points, draw – 2 points and loss – 1 points.  
In the event of a tie, head to head scores count first, then overall points difference.

### Junior table:

	Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points	Diff
1	Greville	3	0	0	9	+50
2	Russell	2	0	1	7	-9
3	Wadham	1	0	2	5	-18
4	Desborough	0	0	3	3	-23

### Intermediate table:

	Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points	Diff
1	Russell	3	0	0	9	+20
2	Desborough	2	0	1	7	+2
3	Greville	1	0	2	5	-10
4	Wadham	0	0	3	3	-12

### Senior table:

	Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points	Diff
1	Russell	1	0	2	5	-10
2	Desborough	0	0	3	3	-30
	Greville	0	0	3	5	-30
	Wadham	0	0	3	3	-30

### Overall Winner

1st: 21pts ■ Russell   2nd: 17pts ■ Greville   3rd: 13pts ■ Desborough   4th: 11pts ■ Wadham





## Sports Day 2019

Sports Day took place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July this year, it always rounds off the sporting year at Halliford superbly, achieving a true mass participation element. It was the second year we used Walton's Xcel running track and the high class facility certainly inspired some superb individual performances. Throughout the day boys and girls competed in a range of track and field events. There were many excellent performances all around from students however some highlights included comfortable 1500m victories for year 7 William Hamilton, Year 8 Harry Tuckman and Year 10 Spencer Bateman. Harry and Spencer also won 800m races in their year groups. Off of the track Anthony Robins-Kent won U15 Long Jump achieving a distance of 5.68m, he did have a foul jump of 6.18m which shows clearly he has some more distance to come over the course of this athletics season.



	<b>House</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>Russell</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Desborough</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Wadham</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Greville</b>

<b>Sports Day Awards</b>		
<b>Award</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Student</b>
<b>Junior Sports Champion</b>	Most Successful Junior Athlete	Joshua Rowe
<b>Intermediate Sports Champion Cup</b>	Most Successful Intermediate Athlete	Jack Emery
<b>Grimwade 100m Cup</b>	Fastest Winning Race Time	Shaan Suseelan
<b>Carrington High Jump Cup</b>	Highest Jump of the Day	Philip Karidis
<b>Long Jump Open</b>	Furthest Long Jump	Anthony Robins-Kent
<b>Senior Shot</b>	Furthest Senior Throw	William Wishaw
<b>Senior Discus</b>	Furthest Senior Throw	Alexander McConnon
<b>Senior Javelin</b>	Furthest Senior Throw	Archie Laird
<b>Senior Hurdles</b>	Furthest Senior Throw	Henry Gulliver
<b>Victor Ludorum</b>	Most Successful Senior Athlete	Archie Laird

Congratulations go to Russell House who won on the day but as mentioned everybody who competed was a real credit to themselves and the school.





## RUGBY

### Staff v Upper Sixth Leavers Touch Rugby

The traditional Staff v Leavers touch rugby match took place before Upper Sixth departed for study leave. This is always a very enjoyable event, taking place on the school field at lunchtime, it often results in most of the school watching creating a lovely atmosphere. This year both staff and student sides were strong and both teams felt the win would be theirs. The staff entered this match having lost the last two previous years.

In a closely fought contest staff were victors 25-20, tries coming from Greggor, Hodgkinson, Davis x2 and Morriss.



### *Jack Walsh and Jonah Peppiatt, Year 11*

Year 11s Jack and Jonah have been key players for Halliford's 1XV this season, both Jonah and Jack were selected to play up an age group for London Irish U17s v Worcester and both in the starting XV in their last rugby match of the season. Both boys are now enjoying an extended summer following the completion of their GCSE examinations. Jack and Jonah are considering rugby scholarship offers next year results permitting. We look forward to following their Rugby careers as they develop in the future.



## CRICKET

*Jivraj Singh,  
Year 8*



Based on his performance in the two trial matches, Richmond Borough has selected Jivraj as a 'core' team member of the U14s Richmond Borough summer squad. Jivraj scored a match winning unbeaten 49 runs in his last game which caught the eye of the selector.

Despite a back injury curtailing his bowling Christopher has had a successful summer to date:

He has been selected as a batsman for London Schools U15's, scoring 44 v Kent. He has made his Surrey Championship club debut first X1 club debut and scored 55 not out for Halliford's First X1 v Tiffin. He has been selected for Scotland U15 as a top order bat in July against Durham and Northumberland in the ECB Cup. We will continue to follow Christopher's progress this summer and his back injury rehabilitation.



**Christopher Cole,**  
**Year 10**

British Swimming have confirmed that Brin has qualified for the British Nationals and also the English Nationals. The British Championships will take place at the Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> July and the English Nationals is based at Ponds Forge in Sheffield week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Brin, in the 16 years age group, has qualified for 50 freestyle at the British meet ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in Great Britain and 50 backstroke at the English Nationals ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in Great Britain. The top 10 fastest swimmers will then go through to the finals. He has also qualified in the 14-16 years 100 freestyle relay with three other Woking swimming club swimmers. We look forward to hearing how Brin gets on and keep fingers crossed he takes some medals home.



**SWIMMING**  
**Brin Dorrell,**  
**Year 11**

Hayden has been selected to play for the U13 Surrey basketball team. He will be playing in an inter- county tournament on the 29<sup>th</sup> June at Surrey Sports Park. It was a tough selection process with three trial sessions, so Hayden has done very well to be selected.

The selection process for the U13 South East England team continues and Hayden is progressing well. He will find out if he has made the final team of 12 to go to the national tournament on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July in Manchester in a couple of weeks.



**BASKETBALL**  
**Hayden Barrett,**  
**Year 7**

James has been selected for the squad at the second leg of the European Youth Cup in Bucharest in July. Four boys have been selected in his category of recurve cadet men. Three of these are expected to be selected for the World Youth Championships in Madrid in August.



**ARCHERY**  
**James Woodgate,**  
**Lower Sixth**

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# HALLIFORD LIFE

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*Leading Mental Health Awareness Writer and Campaigner, Natasha Devon, spoke to students*



*Sensational Summer Concert in the Courtyard*



*Upper Sixth Form Leavers' Prom*

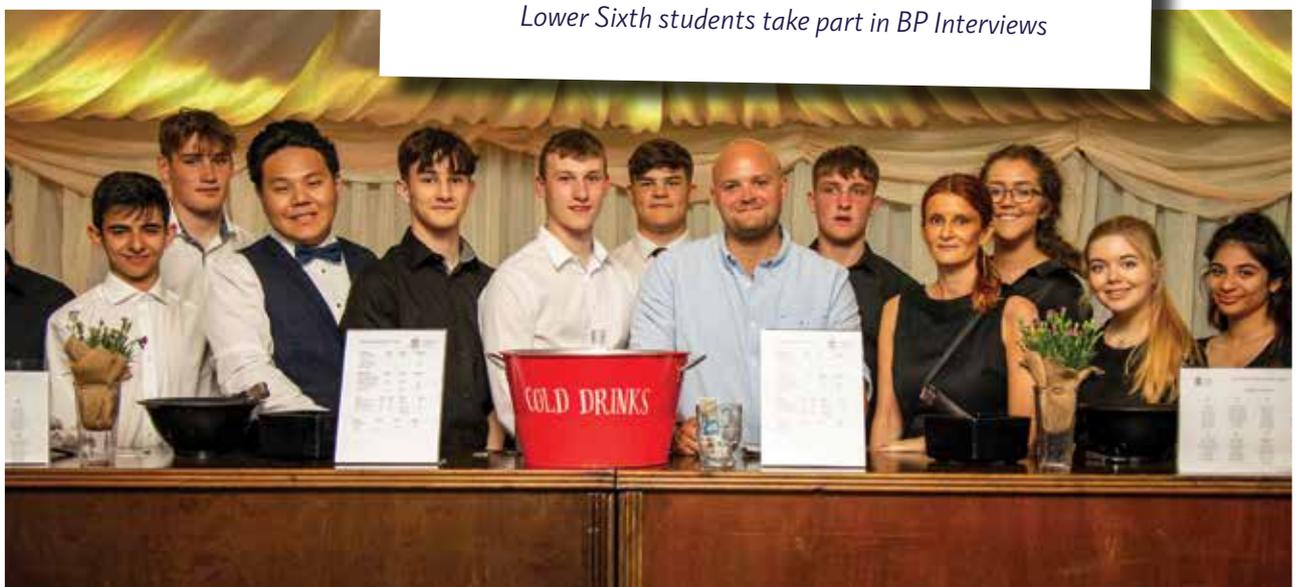


*The Joseph Garden of Remembrance opens*

# HALLIFORD LIFE



*Lower Sixth students take part in BP Interviews*



*Sixth Form students help at the PTA Ball*

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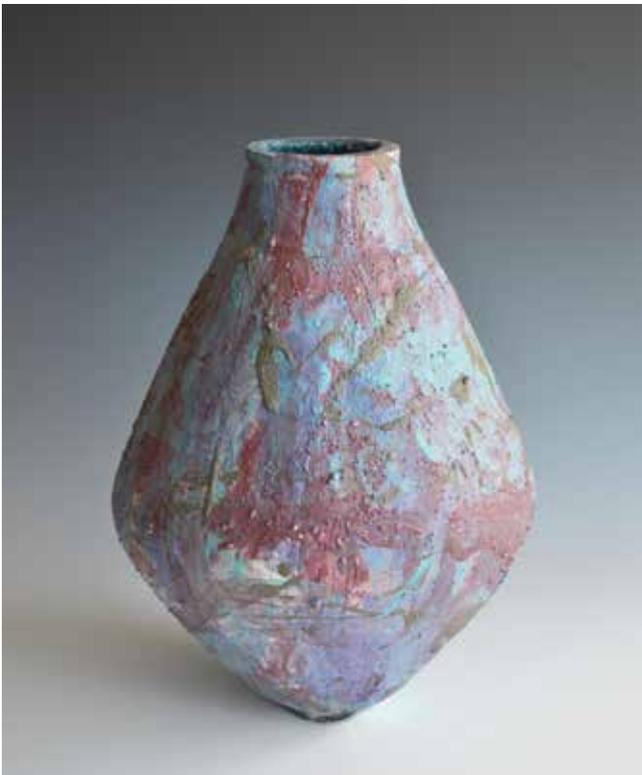
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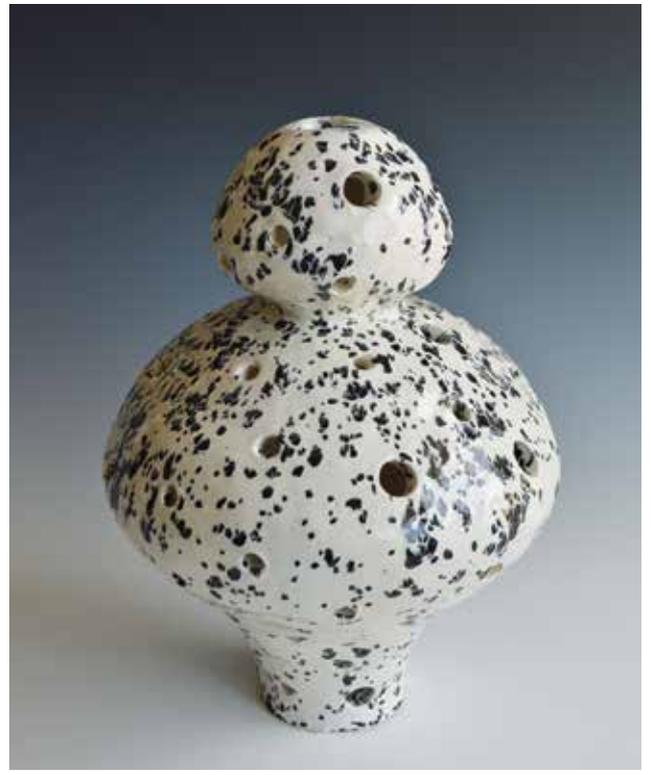
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Archie Rabett  
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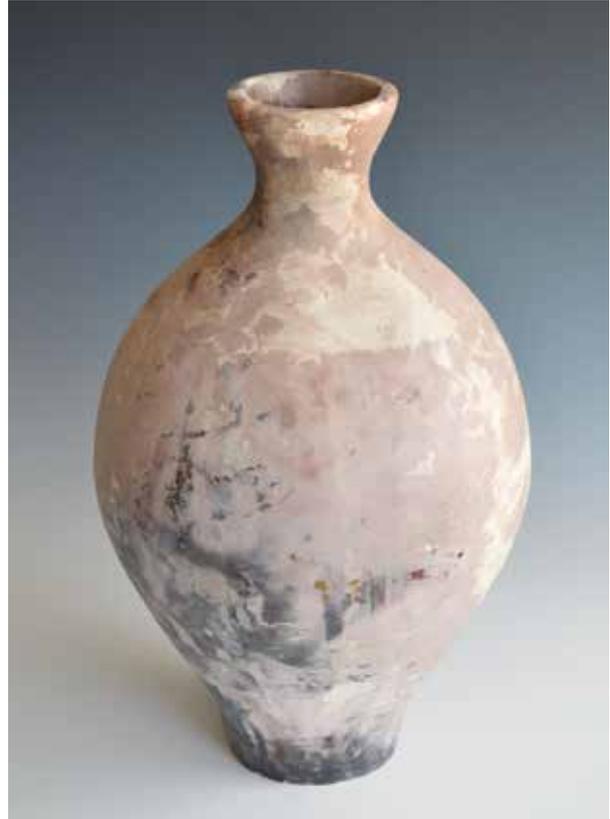


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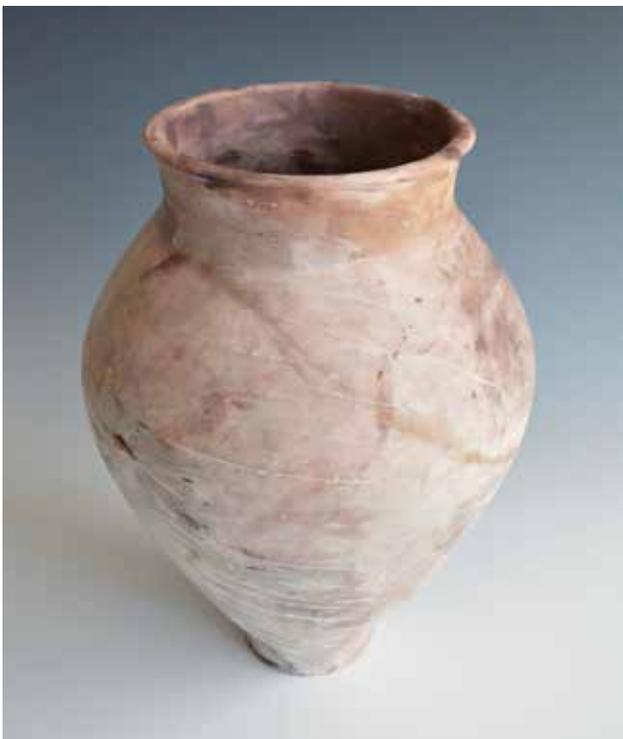
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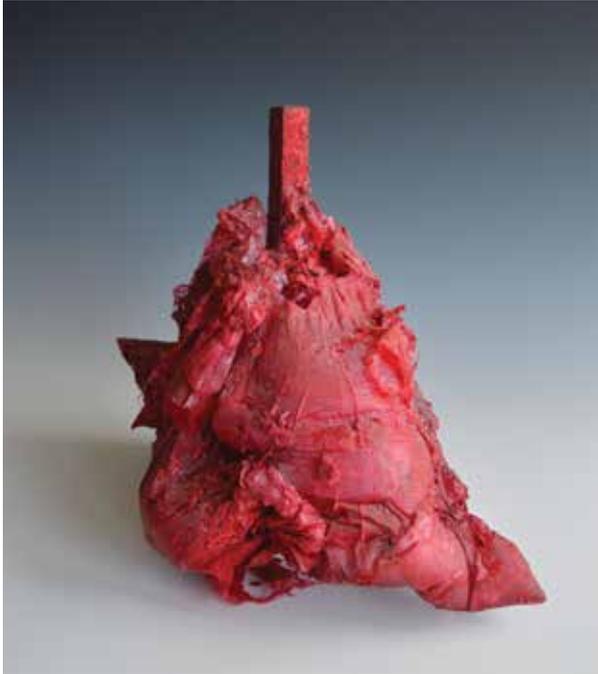
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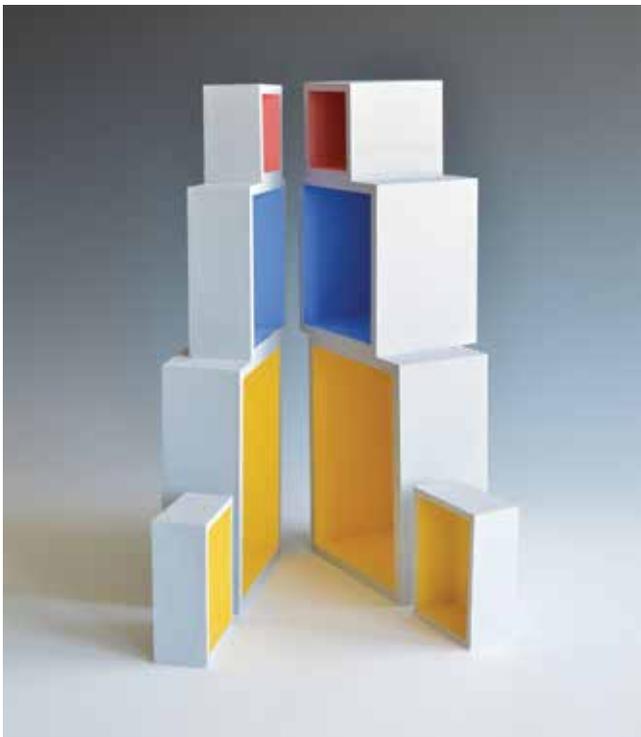
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# DESBOROUGH House Report

by Mr Harden-Chaters, Head of House

To summarise the academic year 2018/19 for Desborough House I will begin with a quote from the Greek philosopher Seneca when he mused, 'Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labour does the body'. This year has certainly been full of both and I am beyond proud of the achievements made by the students.

My first thanks go to Desborough House Captain Adam Clarke who passes this mantle onto Louis De Schynkel. Adam has been a superb role model in this position – a true 'Desboroughite' in every sense.

The year started in earnest with the Halliford Song Contest. The role of conductor, choirmaster and overall mastermind of our entry fell to our expert in all things musical, Richard Ashe. The song selected was Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*, a truly iconic anthem and one that the students would not only be singing but would also be providing the accompanying music – the *only* House to do this might I add. Sadly, despite our best efforts, we came a close second. The students were tremendous and special mentions go to Richard Ashe and Adam Clarke for organising the singing rehearsals and to the band of Louis De Schynkel on guitar, Finn Angell-Wells on bass, Ben Gale on drums and stepping in at the last minute to save the performance the outstanding pianist Aarman Alavi.

The latter half of the first term saw the students take part in the Inter-House Rugby. We started with Year 7 who, despite putting in some valiant performances, were sadly overcome by strong opposition. The Year 8 boys however did not disappoint and some dominant performances secured the U13 competition. With many new students into Year 9 they struggled to gel as a squad and in a similar vein to the U12 competition finished in fourth place. The U15 competition saw some new faces represent Desborough and they didn't fail to disappoint finishing in second place. Overall, we finished joint 3rd in Junior competition and 2nd in the Senior.

Moving into February we saw another opportunity to demonstrate our prowess in the Cross-Country Competition. As the boys run around Desborough Island it often feels like they have a home advantage. The U12 competition was always going to be tough and the boys put in a respectable performance finishing 3rd overall. In the U13 competition we dominated last year, and we didn't disappoint with Harry Tuckman finishing first in this age group by some margin. He was accompanied on the podium by Lucas Lindstrup who finished in 3rd place. Adding to these impressive results the rest of the students helped secure us with a 1st place again this year. The U14 competition saw Jack Emery place in 2nd and the boys finish 2nd overall. Finally, the U15 competition saw

some valiant displays but alas the students were not able to achieve some former glories and finished in 4th place.

Also played in the Spring Term was the Inter-House Football. With some of the most prolific goal scorers and stalwart defenders in the school we were more than able to take advantage of our strengths here. Indeed, we did with the U12, U13 and Seniors all producing some quality displays but alas each finished in 2nd place in their competitions. To round up the competition the U15 team finished 3rd and the U14's finished 4th.

Moving into the Summer Term saw an opportunity to further develop the achievements of the year in the form of the cricket competition. With many newcomers to the sport in the U12 group they didn't disappoint securing 2nd place. Hopefully this will make them hungry to secure the win next year. The U13 and U15 teams both finished in 3rd place with some real moments on brilliance especially in the field. The U14 did struggle at times and finished in 4th place but I don't think I have seen any group of boys enjoy the game of cricket more.

Also taking place in the Summer Term was the Basketball Competition. The U12 boys were so unlucky losing by one point in one match and two in another. Sadly, they were unable to win any of their games, but they showed real grit and determination throughout. The U13 and U14 have a composite team and so this allows for a much stronger field. However due to some tough competition we finished in 2nd.

Moreover, this term also saw the Inter-House Public Speaking Competition – another event in which we have a history of success. The Junior competition began with the Year 7 team of Bootle-Wilbraham, Whitticase and Butler-Smith. This was followed by the Year 8 entry which included Manzi, Aavan and Tuckman. The Junior competition was rounded off with the Year 9 team of Archibald, Manzi and Gale. Special mention goes to Ben Gale who delivered the best Vote of Thanks in Year 9. The Senior event took place on the last day of term and Year 10 fielded a team which included McGill, Cornew and Farnell who presented a very well researched piece on the growth of the internet in China. The Senior entry was a last hurrah for our outgoing House Captain Adam Clarke who reflected on his time at Halliford in his speech and was given the largest round of applause in the whole competition. Supporting him was Finn Angell-Wells who did a spectacular job as Chairman and new House Captain Louis De Schynkel giving the vote of thanks.

The penultimate competition is, as ever, Sports Day. With so many students taking

part it was truly a sporting spectacle to see. It would be almost impossible to discuss all the achievements here and so I will try to give a brief overview of the highlights. To start with Year 7 special mentions go to Cameron Bird who won the Shot Put and Sam Griffiths winning his Hurdles race. Year 8 highlights include a 1, 2, 3 finish in the 800m with Tuckman, Lindstrup and Reynolds. Special mentions must also go to Ethan Manzi winning Javelin and Zephan Aavan winning Shot Put, almost a whole meter further than the nearest competitor. Final mentions here go to Harry Tuckman who sealed the Triple Jump crown. Year 9 also did not disappoint with Jack Emery being the stand out performer winning the 100m, Hurdles, Triple Jump, 400m B race and 200m C race. This, in addition to his heroics in the Relays, allowed him to win the Inter-House Sports Champion Cup. Moving into Year 10 and again one young man really stood out not only for his sporting prowess but his willingness to fill in for absent competitors so special thanks go to Henry Gulliver who as a last minute entry to the Hurdles won the race and placed the fastest time of the day at 13.50s. He also won the High Jump with an astonishing leap of 1.45m. In addition, I must also thank Seb McGill and Joe Martin who, in addition to Henry, doubled up to run two lots of Hurdles races as well as taking part in their own events throughout the day and more than doing themselves justice in how they performed. Last, but not least, I must thank the Senior students who turned out in force. Special mentions go to Will Wishaw who won the Shot Put, Louis De Schynkel who entered almost every single event and Philip Karadis who won the Long Jump with a 5.14m jump and the High Jump with a height of 1.60m, this also secured him the Carrington Cup for the highest jump of the day. My thanks go out to all the boys for this year's efforts and helping secure Desborough House a second-place finish in a highly competitive day.

As the final day came, we were looking at a year of close calls and almost victories. Having failed to win any competition outright the last chance we had to end this year with any silverware came down to the biggest of the competitions. The Merit Shield. My heart soared to hear that we had not only won the shield but we had crushed the competition with a total of 6434 merits.

To finish I would like to return to the quote I began with, 'Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labour does the body'. As you can see, we have faced those difficulties and labours head on, learnt some important lessons and pushed ourselves beyond what we thought were possible at the start of the year.

# Desborough

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Richard Ashe



Ben Chamberlain



Adam Clarke  
House Captain



Finley Holder



George Gulliver



George Rowe



Edward Salmon-Smith



James Simpkin



Elliot Stammers



# GREVILLE House Report

by Mr Howard, Head of House

The Autumn Term commenced with the Halliford Song Contest. *Sweet Caroline*, the 1969 Neil Diamond classic, was finally agreed upon the Greville House entry.

Under the musical leadership of Will Taylor-Young, the performance began to take shape. On the day, the judge commented that she had enjoyed our entry and even wished that the song had gone on longer! Sadly we conceded to Wadham. But it was an excellent effort all round.

As the Autumn Term closed in on Christmas, Greville and the other Houses went head to head in the Inter-House Rugby competition. This year, again, saw some great team performances as many of the different year groups' matches were nail bitingly close. Second place in both Year 7 and Year 8 meant that Greville obviously came second in the Junior competition. This was one place better than last year, so well done. In the intermediate competition, our Year 9 came third but with Year 10 being victorious in their competition, the honours were shared with another house. Thank you to all those who put your bodies in the firing line as you made those crunching tackles and ensured that the House acquitted itself with pride.

The start of the Spring Term saw us facing the Inter-House Cross Country Competition. Daniel Madden won the Year 9 event and Spencer Bateman came first in the Year 10 race. Although the Year 9 managed to secure numerous top twenty positions, they were unable to capitalise on this strong position and unfortunately, failed to win their age group. An encouraging second position, from the Year 7, was the best we could muster and without the individual year group victories, overall success was never going to be on the cards this year. A massive thanks to all the runners who took part during a rather warm week and gave a committed performance in this race.

In the last few weeks of the Spring Term, the Inter-house Football Competition took place. Although Greville were fiercely competitive in many of the matches, a couple of debatable refereeing decisions and of course, the ever immovable, pesky woodwork once again played a crucial role in deciding the outcome of some of the football competitions. The Year 10 won their age group and with a second place in Year 9, the intermediate competition was jointly with another house. With the rest of the year groups finishing either third (Year 8) or fourth (Lower Sixth and the Seniors), there would be no other football trophies on Greville's Honour Board this year. A huge thanks to all the 'Grevillites' that took part in the Inter-House football teams.

During the Summer Term, the Inter-House Basketball Competition reached its conclusion. Greville's overall performance in this

competition, which runs on various lunchtimes throughout the Autumn and Spring Term, was affected by player availability as some players forgot when games were scheduled. The Year 7, with three wins, dominated their competition but unfortunately, a third position in the intermediates (Year 8 and 9) and a joint second in the Seniors meant that Greville finished second overall this year. Hopefully, if we manage to remember match dates and field our strongest teams next year, we will have more success in this competition. Thanks to all those 'Grevillites' who gave up their time to shoot some hoops this year.

In May, the Inter-House Golf Competition took place and the trophy was closely fought over this year. Only one point separated the top two houses but the Greville team of Matthew Fallon and Archie McGuff managed to put their way to a fine victory.

Due to the large number of matches played, against other schools, in the various games afternoons, lunchtime inter-house cricket matches was back this Summer Term. Spectators were treated to feast of competitive, limited over matches and there is no better way to spend a sunny lunchtime than supporting the House. When the bails were removed, after the final ball had been bowled, only Year 9 (3rd place) had managed to come higher than fourth. This year, Greville's name would not be appearing on cricket trophies but a huge thank you to all the boys who gave up their time to represent Greville in these games and to the staff that umpired those matches.

Whilst the future of the Walton Excel Sports Centre maybe in some doubt, there was no disputing that this year's Sport's Day would be another enthralling event. Even though a lot of students in Year 9 and 10 had only just completed their gruelling Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, in hot and humid conditions, it was good to see that most of these weary explorers had managed to struggle in to compete in their allocated events. After the usual bit of gentle badgering, it was good to see everyone so keen and enthusiastic to participate that any gaps were soon filled. Although Ben Mills (U12C 200m), Max Hobbs (U14B Hurdles), Noah Acheson-Fenton (U14A Hurdles) and Spencer Bateman (U15 800m) managed to win their events, first places on the track were too few and far between and Greville found itself languishing in last place early on. As the wins on the field started filtering in, Greville seemed to be managing a slight resurgence to stay in contention. James McCummiskey (U12 Triple Jump), Alvin Starbrook (U14 Javelin) and Anthony Robins-Kent (U15 Discus and Long Jump) all managed to come first in their events. Whilst many 'Grevillites' probably achieved their personal bests on the day, I apologise for

not having enough space to mention them all in this report. With the Year 9 recording victories in the A, B and C relay races, the day finished with a flurry of successes. Unfortunately, Spencer Bateman could not repeat his record-breaking performance of last year. Although winning the 1500m, he fell short of breaking the Senior record by 4 seconds. Let's hope that he manages to achieve this goal next year. Although finishing fourth, your contributions, to team Greville, on the day were sincerely appreciated

The Senior Inter-House Public Speaking Competition was the last event of the year. When the Juniors had their turn a week before Speech Day, it had been an impressive clean sweep with the Year 7 picking up the best overall. In all three age groups, the main speakers: James McCummiskey (Year 7), James Hallett (Year 8) and Finley Broekhuizen (Year 9) were awarded Best Speakers. They were extremely well supported by their Chairmen: Cater Robinson (Year 7), Harry Curling (Year 8) and Oliver Hume (Year 9) who were also awarded best for their age. Hayden Barrett (Year 7) and Calvin Harrington (Year 8) were also best Vote of Thanks for their ages and a special thank you goes to Ollie Powell (Year 9) who performed admirably as a last-minute replacement.

The Seniors had a tall order to follow this performance in their competition which took place on the final morning of the Summer Term. Although the Year 10 had their backs against the wall, due to their main speaker not bothering to write his speech and then failing to attend the last day, Alex Clifton performed excellently as a last-minute replacement and won best speaker for that age. This was due to Mr Cunningham for working with these boys on that morning and salvaging the situation. Thanks to Mr Cunningham both the Year 10 Vote of Thanks and Chairman (Barney Mather and Anthony Robins-Kent) were also awarded the best in their Year. Although giving a good performance, the sixth form team (Chairman: Sam Martin, Speaker: Susanna Skarosh and Vote of Thanks: Sam Murray-Smith) were, unfortunately, unable to maintain this winning streak. A massive thank you to all those who took part in this final competition at the end of a long tiring year.

Thank you, Joe, for your help as House Captain this year and for organising our contribution to the Inter-House charity day. Whilst having another lean year on the sporting front, we have plenty to cheer about with some fine victories in other areas. I hope we will build upon this and Greville goes on to have an even more successful time next year. Finally, it just remains for me to thank you all for your hard work this year whether it has been collecting merits or participating in the numerous competitions. I hope that you all have a restful break.

# Greville

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Faizan Dharamsi



Ben Ellis



Rory Fossett



Joe Graves  
House Captain



Roman Nicholls



Will Reed



Toby Rowsell



Tom Saunders



Joe Sinsbury



Will Taylor-Young



# RUSSELL

## House Report

by Mr Shales, Head of House

Another year has flown by! I can't believe that I have been the Head of Russell for four years now. The boys continue to surpass my expectations, and their constant efforts and achievements fill me with a great sense of pride. Unfortunately, due to family circumstances I missed out on the last week of term. On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank all the boys and staff for all their support. It is amazing how the boys, without even knowing it, bring me such a great sense of joy and pride just by being themselves. I really am truly blessed to be doing the job that I do.

It is never easy saying goodbye to the Upper Sixth, but this year is particularly hard as many of these boys joined the school at the same time as me, seven years ago. It has been an absolute pleasure witnessing these boys grow and develop. I have been very fortunate to spend a lot of time both in and out of the class, and I can honestly say that they have become a cracking group of young men. I wish them every success for the future. It would be wrong of me to single any of them out individually, however it is only fitting that I praise Cameron Gildersleve for all his efforts this year as House Captain. He has been up for all the challenges and has been a great example to the other boys of what it means to be a 'Russellite'.

This year Cameron took the bold decision of wanting the whole House to participate in the Halliford Song Contest. He chose *Three Lions* by The Lightning Seeds and Baddiel and Skinner to perform. We also had the secret weapon of Harrison McCormack performing the John Barnes *World in Motion* rap at the start. Everyone put in a great amount of effort, and this was recognised by the judges who rightly said that we looked like the House that had the most fun on stage. Sadly, it was not enough to win the competition though. Special thanks must go to the Mr Williams, George Holmes, Max Pillinger, and Rob Pleasance who played in the band.

Russell had two boys in the Halliford Young Musician Competition. Federico Albertini and William Ryan, both on the piano, performed very well indeed and were both deservedly highly commended.

This year's school play was *Arabian Nights*, and in my humble opinion it was the best production in my seven years at Halliford. Lots of boys from Russell, from all year groups, were involved either on stage or back stage. There were many great performances, with Jonny Davies playing one of the leads, King Shahrayar, a particular standout.

The Junior Public Speaking Competition was the highest quality event that I have seen. The Year 7 team of Chairman Arjun Pahuja, Main Speaker Cosmo Sumner and Vote of Thanks Oscar Shepherd spoke very well on the topic of dyslexia.

The Year 8 team of Chairman George O'Loughlin, Main Speaker Nate Broadhurst and Vote of Thanks Callum O'Brien gave very interesting talk with the title *Plastic Straws v Paper Straws?*, while the Year 9 team of Chairman Jai Toor, Main Speaker Freddie Chandramohan, and Vote of Thanks Noah Evans gave us a fascinating insight into the issue of body image. Unfortunately, the boys lost out to stiff competition, but they all performed very well indeed.

In the Senior Public Speaking Competition, the Year 10 team of Chairman Mischa Edwards, Main Speaker Kian McGrath and Vote of Thanks Cameron Collie spoke about the effects of caffeine on the human body. The Senior Team of Chairman Brian Okwaisie, Main Speaker Louis Mercer and Vote of Thanks Jonny Davies delivered a heartfelt speech on the dangers of social media. All the boys performed to the best of their abilities. The judges decided that Cameron Collie was the best Vote of Thanks in Year 10, Brian Okwaisie was the best Chairman, and Jonny Davies the best Vote of Thanks in the Senior Competition. This all meant that Russell were announced as Senior Inter-House Public Speaking winners. This was a brilliant achievement and a first victory during my tenure.

The Junior Inter-House Rugby got off to a successful start with the Year 9 side winning their competition in a close fought final against Wadham. In a tough competition the Year 8 side were unfortunate to finish third. In their first tournament the Year 7 won their match by a narrow margin in a very tough competition. This meant that we were crowned the victors of the Junior Competition. In the Senior Competition the Year 10 side battled hard to finish third.

Once again, the Inter-House Cross-Country took place along the River Thames, finishing at Vandals RFC. There were some superb individual performances, including a Russell 1st (William Hamilton), 2nd (Carson Curtis), and 3rd (Oliver Hepworth) finish in the Year 7 race. What pleased me so much was the overall effort of the boys to do their very best, especially those for whom cross-country is not necessarily a strength. The determination of the boys was great to see, and they got their just rewards. Year 7 and Year 9 both finished first, while the Year 8 and Year 10 came in second. This meant that we won both the Junior and Intermediate Competitions and finished second in the Senior Competition.

It was another very successful season on the football pitch. In the Inter-House Competition the boys performed brilliantly across the board. Year 7 continued their sporting dominance to win their competition and Year 8 worked put in a great display to finish second. This meant that we won the Junior Competition. Year 9, who came third last year, won their competition

this year thanks to a last minute free-kick from Federico Albertini. Year 10 were very competitive and finished second. This meant that we came 1st equal in the Intermediate Competition. The Seniors were very dominant and ran out winners also. This is another fantastic achievement from the boys and highlights the teamwork that epitomises the boys in Russell.

Russell were also well represented in the Headmaster's XI. Jowed El-Hadi made the team in defence, Bradley Marshall made it in the midfield, and Carson Curtis made it as a striker. William Hamilton was on the bench for the side.

This year we performed very well in the Inter-House Basketball. The Juniors were very competitive and finished second. The Intermediates and Seniors went one better and won their respective competitions. This meant that we were the overall winners of the whole competition. A huge congratulations for all those who took part.

This year's Inter-House Cricket Competition was hotly contested. In the Junior competition the Year 7 team achieved the clean sweep of sporting competitions with another victory and the Year 8 team finished second. This meant that we won the Junior competition. The Year 9 and Year 10 sides both battled hard to finish second in their respective competitions. Sadly, our wait to lift the Inter-House Golf Competition continues, however Lewis Job did win the Halliford Golf Open.

Sports Day was yet again a very competitive competition. There were some very close track and field events. The turnout from the boys was outstanding, as was their combined effort and endeavour. There were many superb individual performances with winners including Kian McGrath, William O'Loughlin, Alexander McConnon, Jonny Hayward, Ben Hughes, Louie Patterson, Oliver Wingrove, Max Pillinger, William Roake, Cameron Terry and Sankaran Suseelan. Apologies to anyone I forgot. Sadly, I had to leave half way through the day, but I was delighted to get the news that Russell House had won Sports Day for the fourth year in a row. This is a truly staggering achievement, and one that the boys should be incredibly proud of.

After another highly successful year for Russell House, I would like to thank all the boys for their tremendous commitment and efforts. I would like to finish with a couple of congratulations. Firstly, to Alexander McConnon, who becomes the second boy to be made Head Boy in the last three years. Secondly, to Lewis Job on being appointed House Captain for next year. I am certainly looking forward to working with him. I wish everyone a very enjoyable summer holiday.

# Russell

## LEAVERS 2019



Jowed El-Hadi



Cameron Gildersleve  
House Captain



Jack Healey



Edward Hodge



Oliver Hunter



Harrison McCormack



Darius Tomlin-Fosh



James Weatherall



Aaron White



Matthew Younge



# WADHAM House Report

by Mrs Butler-Smith, Head of House

Well, another successful year for Wadham! Every member of the House has truly exemplified the Wadham mantra non vobis. Our peer mentoring and Sixth Form prefect system continues to go from strength to strength and the House continues to strive to support others wherever possible.

In terms of sport, Wadham have excelled themselves in school and out of school. On sports day, Alex Whicker, George Whicker, Joshua Burson and Archie Laird flew the flag for Wadham in the field events, while Jivraj Singh, Paul-Louis Howard and James Woodgate showed outstanding stamina on the track. Archie Laird received the Victor Ludorum Cup and was celebrated as the 'most successful senior athlete at the end of the day. Additionally, Wadham celebrated first place in the Inter-House cricket competition, coming first in U13, U14 and U15 competitions. In line with this achievement, First XI cricket colours were awarded to Christopher Cole, Archie Evans, Chris Jones, Timmy Hamilton and Archie Laird for their contribution to Halliford Senior Cricket. Jivraj Singh's success in cricket for Richmond Borough cannot go without a mention. Jivraj has been selected to play as part of the Richmond Borough core team after an unbeaten 49 runs in his last game! I would also like to congratulate James Woodgate who has made the second leg of the European Youth Cup for Archery in Romania. I am sure all of Wadham will be wishing all of these Hallifordians all the very best as they pursue their respective activities.

It is not just in sport that 'Wadhamites' seem to excel. Our very own Estelle Warner, Lily Eggleton and Jude Deeno

all performed admirably in our school production Arabian Nights. The Michael Woolard Public Speaking Award was given to Lily Eggleton following a Wadham win for the Senior Inter-House Public Speaking Competition. Lily was the main speaker alongside Richard Liao and Estelle Warner as the Chairman and Vote of Thanks – a very impressive performance indeed!

The Halliford Song Contest came around very quickly this year and as usual Wadham stepped up their game. For the second year running, the entire House took to the stage and gave a rousing rendition of This is me! from The Greatest Showman. Was it our musical prowess or enthusiasm that helped us to the scoop the shield for the second year in a row? Whatever it was, it was a golden moment for all concerned! A special thanks must go to our Music and Drama Prefect, Jude Deeno, for his support in the build-up to this magnificent triumph as well as our wonderfully talented musicians and soloists. Many House assemblies this year have focused on our individuality and our right to celebrate being who we are and these assemblies were the springboard for our song choice.

To this end, one of our many House assemblies addressed the need for charity and how we could contribute to the schools wider commitment to charitable fundraising. Each Wadham tutor group came up with fundraising ideas that could be implemented during charities week. There were many fantastic ideas, but the overall winner was the 'Make-up Challenge'. Our Year 11 boys were delighted to be given the opportunity to make up the face of a teacher voted

for by the rest of the student body in front of the entire school! Many brave teachers put themselves forward for public humiliation, but the overall winner was Mr McElroy. As a result our Wadham boys set about making Mr McElroy look as ridiculous as appropriately possible and collected a good deal of money in the process. Following this, the year Wadham Sixth Form students and I conducted a doughnut sale and between both events the House managed to raise over £350. Every single member of Wadham House has contributed to its success this year and for that I want to thank each and every pupil.

The end of an academic year is always a bitter-sweet time. As we say farewell to our Upper Sixth and some of our Year 11 too there is always a mixture of sadness and pride. For those who are leaving us this year, Wadham will not say goodbye, but rather farewell as you will always be welcome back to Halliford and will forever be a 'Wadhamite'! A special thank you must go to our retiring House Captain, Oliver Chadwick, who has shown great leadership during his time in this role, so thank you from all of Wadham, Ollie!

We must now look towards the future and all of the wonderful opportunities await us. In the academic year 2019/20 Wadham House will be led by new House Captain, Estelle Warner who will be supported by the Vice House Captain, Lily Eggleton. Along with a team of excellent Prefects and Peer Mentors, I am sure our Senior Prefects will continue to take Wadham House from strength to strength.

# Wadham

## LEAVERS 2019



Sam Adams



Oliver Chadwick  
House Captain



Joshua Deakins



Jude Deeno



Oscar Fanti



Kamran Jafarov



Felix Taylor

# Old Hallifordians Christmas Social 2018

by Sam Lawrence



The annual Old Hallifordians Christmas Social saw Old Hallifordians from across the years come together at the Red Lion in Shepperton.

Alongside alumni from the student body, former staff members including Headmaster Philip Cottam, Mike Woollard (History and RS), Paul Sweeting (Modern Languages), plus many more joined the festivities which have been consistently a success over the last number of years.

The event was also well attended by current staff members who took up the opportunity to catch up with former students and old colleagues, not to mention a few well-earned beverages at the end of the winter term!

The event also saw many Old Hallifordians gather in memory of Richard Currie, who sadly passed away in 2018. Drinks were raised in Richard's memory as OH's from across the years looked back through previous school photos, reminisced and immersed themselves in nostalgia for their school days.

The OH committee would like to extend a warm thanks to our Alumni Secretary, Kim Smallbone, Alex Bailey for her wonderful photography, The Red Lion pub for being such gracious hosts as always and of course, to all those who attended and created such a vibrant ambience! Bring on next year!

# Football Tournament 2019

by Sam Lawrence



The end of the Spring Term saw the return of the ever popular OH Football Tournament seeing the alumni face off against a Year 11 team, a Sixth Form team and the formidable staff team in a round robin tournament.

The Old Hallifordians turned up ready to rumble with a barbarian squad including several former 1<sup>st</sup> XI players, some of whom had returned from international training camps (read: Gap Year) just to compete for the bragging rights that come with the tournament win.

The afternoon started brightly with an opening game between the OHs and the staff. A commanding performance from Mr Carrington in the midfield provided some early scares for the alumni, distributing the ball forward into the staff teams' veteran forwards.

Those early scares were quickly waylaid by a quick attack comprised of Chris Eyre, Harry Foster and Chintu Bari and ended with Foster tucking the ball passed Mr Shales in the bottom right-hand corner. The OH side was hugely bolstered by Harry Churchill in goal, utilising his experience and leadership to command a tight-knit defensive line to protect his goal.

The attacking football continued through all the games, successfully securing wins against the Sixth form and the staff only to be held to a 0-0 draw against a very competitive Year 11 side. The Year 11s provided some tough competition to the OH's remaining unbeaten only to come second in the tournament through another draw with the staff team.

After plenty of celebrations on the pitch, the OHs and staff retired to the Red Lion pub where the day continued as more OHs joined the fun off the pitch. A wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all and the Old Hallifordian Committee looks forward to welcoming the outgoing Upper Sixth to both the team and the wider OH community.

Once again, the OH committee would like to extend a gracious thanks to Kim Smallbone, the sports department and the kitchen for preparing some refreshments to be enjoyed after the game.

# Rugby Sevens Report

SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2019

SUMMER SOCIAL RICHMOND ATHLETICS GROUND

by Joe DaCosta



The day started off by showing the OHS's lack of game time and cohesion through defeat at the hands of a much weaker side.

The next games were a different story altogether. The boys played some fantastic 7s, creating chances, offloading in the tackle, and dominating the tackle and breakdown for some fantastic turnover possession.

There were family, ex-staff, and supporters down in force and the OHS catering team did another superb job in keeping everyone hydrated, fed, and sheltered from the scorching sun in Richmond.

After a fantastic day of rugby the boys were beaten by a well-drilled Old Georgians side in the semi-final.

The evening kicked-off soon after the obligatory 'champagne' shower and by all accounts finished the day with style.

A great day had by all.

# Old Hallifordian Society

After enjoying another busy calendar full of events, the OH committee looks forward to developing the calendar for the year ahead with more events including socials, trips and the usual sports fixtures. As always, we encourage any Old Hallifordians to get involved and help us to develop the society and those involved.

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### Old Hallifordian Committee

Chairman - **Sam Lawrence**

Committee Members - **Joe da Costa, Alex Lenoel, Justin Holder, Ben Connop**

Are you vibrant and enthusiastic? Then why not come along and join the OH Committee? For more details contact Kim the Alumni Administrator.



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