



# BROMSGROVIAN

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## Editorial

Brian Dyson, Coca-Cola's former CEO (1986-1991), addressed the priorities in life using the metaphor of juggling five balls.

He said, "Imagine life is a game of five balls which you juggle in the air, trying not to drop any of those balls. One is made of rubber, and the rest are glass."

These five balls are: Work, Family, Health, Friends, Soul.

If our pupils substitute 'work' for 'school', which ball would they say is made of rubber and which are glass?

Mr Dyson said that it would not be long before you realise that work (school) is a rubber ball. Whenever you drop, you will jump again, while the other balls are made of glass. If one of those falls, it will be cracked or damaged beyond repair. Throughout the Bromsgrovian, you will see the determination and resilience of our pupils wanting to succeed, as well as helping others both in School and in the local community and enjoying time outside of the classroom on trips such as the World Challenge and sports tours.

Going back to Mr Dyson's analogy, whilst it might not be possible for you to juggle all five balls at the same time, the Coca-Cola CEO was trying to make you aware of the following: Manage your work (school life) effectively, take the time you need to refocus, give time to your family and friends, rest and look after your physical and mental health.

All of this has never been more evident than during the last few years of the pandemic, and whilst we are now slowly coming out of the 'New Normal', what you will see throughout the pages of this Bromsgrovian is the staggering breadth of accomplishments of our students from age 2 to 18.

Enjoy this 2022 edition.

*M Griffiths*  
Editor

## Headmaster's Introduction (and Farewell)

In my final Commemoration Day address, I charged the Leavers of 2022 never to refer to themselves as the "COVID Generation". Or at least, never to use that term in the pejorative sense. If living through the pandemic is to be recalled in the future as part of their life story, I encouraged them to wear it as a badge of honour, rather than carry it as a burden. Or worse still, use it as an excuse.

I would make the same plea to every pupil at Bromsgrove School as this year, and thankfully the pandemic itself, draws to an end. No matter what their age, every child in our care endured significant disruption to their life and learning. The very youngest, eager to start School, found that milestone postponed. Those in their final years were robbed of the chance to prove themselves in public examinations. Each and every one in between had their own unique disturbance and disappointment. Yet if any of them go through life dwelling upon what was missed, they will miss the bigger point.

Which is that the pandemic brought out the best in most people. Especially young people and especially those at this School. The word resilience has been over-used during this global crisis, yet it is no less applicable to the remarkable achievements that fill the pages of this edition of The Bromsgrovian. The magazine that you hold right now chronicles the heights of optimism and positive spirit that have been the hallmark of each of our four Schools as they have bounced back from dreary lockdowns and frustrating restrictions.

Along with the willingness of our pupils to re-engage so swiftly, praise must also go to the remarkable staff whose initiative and professionalism also pepper these pages. To every teacher, and every member of a remarkably loyal and dedicated Support Staff, must go thanks beyond measure for steadying the ship through troubled waters and then regaining Bromsgrove's momentum so quickly.

History will no doubt review, revisit, and perhaps even revise the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic many times in the years to come. But let this bulging almanac of the academic, cultural, sporting and service accomplishments of 2,000 wonderful young people remain as a positive entry in that record. Not to mention a reminder of why Bromsgrove School has not just survived, but flourished, for five centuries.

*Floreat Bromsgrovia.*

*Peter Clague*  
Headmaster



## Prep and Pre-Prep Headmaster's Overview

As the curtain comes down on another highly eventful year in the Pre-Preparatory and Preparatory Schools, I'm left with a sense of wondering how on earth it is all over, so quickly. When reviewing the events of the year at both the Year 2 and Year 8 Prizegiving ceremonies, I was filled with a sense of nostalgia – so much had passed with so many wonderful moments that it felt slightly saddening to have to see it end. It reminded me of the sensation people feel after their wedding day; a huge amount of planning, an incredible experience (hopefully), but then the wedding day is over and you feel a little bereft.

The spectrum of emotions, however, is hugely important in preparing us for the eventualities of life. This is something that we want to instil in the pupils in our care. Our core values sit at the heart of our education, and successes in the academic, performance based, spiritual or any other field rely on our children understanding that they are the ones who determine their own destiny. The resilience to carry on despite challenges faced, the confidence to try again in spite of a set-back, the determination to be their best selves regardless of how hard it can sometimes be, and the kindness demonstrated to all, are captured in the articles and pictures that follow. Not every success is detailed, not every kindness shown, but there is a large enough sample to reflect the importance that we place on the experiences on offer.

In my address to the pupils at Prizegiving, I shared the following Dr Seuss quote:

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory"

I hope that our Year 8 leavers can look back on their years in the Preparatory School valuing every moment and remembering all the joyous times they shared together. I wish them every success as they move to the next chapter of their educational journey at the Senior School and I look forward to welcoming our Year 2 Leavers into the Preparatory School in September for the beginning of a brand new adventure in their lives.

Returning to my opening paragraph, this volume hopefully provides something of a welcome antidote to the 'bereft' feeling – the wedding day photo album, if you like. The memories evoked in the following pages will, I am sure, bring joy to those who look through them either in the next few days or months, or even in years to come sat with family members who don't exist yet, looking back fondly on 'simpler' times. Of course, what these pages won't necessarily capture is the impact of the pandemic – we can now think of ourselves as aboard the slowly bobbing raft, surrounded by debris from the storm that took over for the last couple of years. The sun is shining down, there are reminders around us of what we have been through, however, there is a determination to come out of it stronger and with renewed positivity for who knows what the next year will entail – I, for one, cannot wait to get started once more.

*M Marie*  
Headmaster of Prep and Pre-Prep





## Nursery

In the Michaelmas Term, the Nursery children learnt and performed some lovely songs and poems linked to the Harvest Festival. They enjoyed creating a farm shop as well as using real money to buy produce. As part of our Harvest theme, the staff and children came together to pause, reflect and discuss all the things they are grateful for. A 'Kindness Pumpkin' was created and the children wrote on it all the things they were grateful for.

We celebrated Diwali by making rangoli patterns, clay diva lamps and exploring light and dark. The children also enjoyed dressing up for Children In Need and meeting Pudsey Bear whilst participating in a ramble across the school grounds.

A highlight during the Michaelmas term was a visit from some newly hatched chicks. The children discovered what chickens eat, how they behave and continued their acquired knowledge creating chicken paintings and feather collages.

We finished the Michaelmas term by making natural Christmas decorations, learning and re-enacting the Nativity Story in our outdoor Christmas Barn and decorating our beautiful Christmas tree. The children also enjoyed an entertaining pantomime organised by the PA, a Christmas party and a delicious festive lunch.

Our busy Lent Term began with the children participating in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. They made bird feeders and spotted many different species of birds from the Bird Hide in the Nursery garden.

We celebrated Chinese New Year by participating in animal races, Chinese writing, making tiger masks and enjoying a delicious Chinese style meal in the dining room. We also dressed up for World Book Day and the children thoroughly relished parading around the School grounds in their fantastic costumes. It was wonderful to see the author Cat Wetherill back at Pre-Prep retelling some of her own stories to the children.



During Wellbeing Week, we discussed the importance of having a healthy body and a healthy mind. We made dream catchers, healthy smoothies, participated in gardening activities and stretching our bodies with yoga poses.

We celebrated World Poetry Day by reciting spring poems outside under our beautiful blossom tree. The children thoroughly enjoyed using the digital microscopes to observe common insects they found in the Nursery garden on World Wildlife Day and were amazed at what they could see when the insects were magnified on the Interactive White Board. We also planted potatoes, made bug hotels in Forest School and observed the symmetrical patterns on a butterfly.

Comic Relief has been another fun filled event. The children iced their red nose biscuits and took part in a Red Nose Day themed treasure hunt.

The Lent Term ended with an Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Hunt to find a chocolate egg. We even had an exciting visit from the Easter Bunny!

A memorable event in the Summer Term was celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. The Nursery children dressed up in red, white and blue, went on a 'virtual tour' around London, had snack time with the 'Queen' and painted some wonderful portraits of Her Majesty. Our celebrations ended with a memorable Jubilee Party, a surprise visit from the ice cream van and a picnic in the Nursery garden.

The children had a wonderful time participating in a variety of activities during Sports Day including an egg and spoon race, hurdles, javelin and an obstacle course. The children were thrilled to be observed by their families.

This year, the children have particularly enjoyed participating in Forest School, Cooking, PE, French and Music.

We would like to wish our Rising 4 pupils happiness and success as they continue their journey into their new Reception classes.

*J Townsend*





## Year 1

Our Creative Curriculum topic during the Michaelmas Term was 'Into The Woods'. They have been learning all about wildlife, starting their learning journey with hedgehogs. They completed a science experiment, used their maths skills to make hedgehog bread, built a hedgehog den and created some wonderful artwork. The creativity didn't stop there though, their 'Tree of Life' pictures were inspired by the artist Gustav Klimt.

In October, the children completed a plethora of activities in music, computing, DT, problem solving and drama based on *Little Red Riding Hood*.

As part of their Harvest celebrations, the children dug up the potatoes from the School garden and took part in a STEM lesson hosted by the National Farmers Union. The children learnt about how different fruits and vegetables are grown and then made their own rainbow salads. Year 1 celebrated the end of their learning journey with a woodland party. The pupils invited their woodland hand puppets to share a joyful day, collecting and identifying special treasures found in Forest School, and testing their knowledge with a woodland trail.

During the Lent Term, the children travelled around the world for their 'Voyages of Discovery' topic. They created leaflets about planet Earth, learnt the names of the continents, created their own newspaper front cover and made 3D famous landmarks in DT.

Year 1 became intrepid explorers for the morning as they imagined they were climbing Mount Everest. The children showed courage, strength and perseverance to reach new heights, cheered on by their friends. They enjoyed a range of travel-themed activities, including performing a dance using prayer flags, which the children had learnt about. Everyone arrived safely back from the summit exhausted but elated.



Inspired by a new song they learnt, the children were keen to discover more about the United Kingdom. This journey ended with a special tea party. The children designed their own purses and were able to use their maths skills to buy Scottish shortbread, Welsh cakes, Irish apple cake and of course, scones.

A popular event in the Year 1 calendar is always Grandparents' Morning, where the children and Grandparents take part in a variety of activities – handprint painting, 'then and now', a QR code maths quiz and an assembly full of songs and poems. The final topic in the Summer Term was 'Food, Glorious Food'. They spent an enjoyable morning designing and making a healthy fruit salad for their friend.



Year 1 had so much fun exploring wildlife at Lower Smite Farm in the glorious sunshine. A wonderful walk was had in the wildlife garden where the children completed a tally chart of the different flowers.

After listening to a story about *The Extraordinary Gardener*, the children explored the different colours and smells in the sensory garden and created colourful pictures.

They have also been learning how wheat grows, exploring wheat seeds and using a quern stone to grind the seeds was fascinating. The children then completed an experiment to find the best place to plant wheat seeds. Back at School, the children made bread rolls.

To finish off the Term, Year 1 took part in lots of races and games during Sports Day, and they are now looking forward to going into Year 2 next academic year.

*The Year 1 Team*



## Year 2

The academic year began with Year 2 making an exciting discovery - a ransom note pinned to a tree, which demanded 50 groats to free the Princess from the tower of the Greedy Knight. After investigating an ancient map of the School, the children explored the garden and uncovered an old moneybag. Luckily, they were able to pay the ransom to free the Princess. As part of their Turrets and Tiaras topic, the children visited Warwick Castle. They climbed the motte, watched the birds of prey display and explored the castle. They also met Sir Gadabout, Princess Pearl and Zog who gave them a golden egg to care for.

Back in the classroom, whilst learning about the different parts of a castle, the children had the opportunity to work in teams to build a strong and stable fortress using Lego. They also built various weapons including catapults, siege towers and battering rams. To finish, the children dressed in their Medieval garb to attend a Royal Banquet. They performed Medieval dances, enjoyed a sumptuous feast and learnt how to juggle like jesters for the royal guests. They also shared their learning journey on stage with parents in Cobham Theatre.

The One Small Step topic was launched in the Lent Term when the children discovered CCTV footage of a flying saucer and then the crash site of an alien space craft. A Planetarium was also erected in the School hall where pupils explored the solar system, the International Space Station and learnt about the birth of a star.

During their Space Lego workshop, Year 2 created Saturn V Rockets with launch pad and launch tower. They built circuits to light up the launch tower and constructed Mission Control. They created the moon's surface, complete with craters and a moon buggy for their astronauts to travel around in. The engagement, teamwork and enjoyment was 'out of this world'. For Rocket Day, their handmade air-compressed rockets reached amazing heights in the School garden - it was definitely a highlight.



The Summer Term saw Year 2 learn all about Africa. The children enjoyed getting close up to a variety of animals with a hands-on African animal encounter. They also took part in a drumming workshop where they explored African rhythms using traditional African drums.

Towards the end of term, pupils faced their fears and enjoyed a brilliant leavers' trip to Go Ape in the Wyre Forest. And who could forget the magnificent Platinum Jubilee celebrations - Year 2 explored dance styles through the decades of Her Majesty The Queen's reign.

A climax to their Pre-Prep journey was the magnificent performance of Roald Dahl's *Little Red Riding Hood* in Cobham Theatre. Everyone was able to recite their lines and perform the plethora of songs perfectly.

Their final act as Year 2 pupils was the Leavers' Service and Prizegiving at the end of June. We wish Year 2 the very best on their continued journey through the School and we look forward to following their progress.

*The Year 2 Team*





## Year 2 Prizegiving

### Year 2 Awards

#### Progress in English

Karam Dhani  
Otto Gilbert  
Oliver Lee  
Frank Stinton

#### Attainment in English

Sophie Kwiatkowski

#### Progress in Mathematics

Rosabella Fry  
Benjamin Newton  
Ryan St John

#### Attainment in Mathematics

Anushka Giles  
Maxwell Toye

#### Attainment in Humanities

Makhan Athwal  
Arjun Sanikop

#### Attainment in Science

William Harding  
Priya Madhavan  
Vyonsi Simbeye

#### Attainment in Performing Arts

Thomas Hooton  
Alayna Oozageer

#### Attainment in Creative Arts

Charlotte Brand  
Amaya Patel

#### Attainment in Physical Education

Isobel Astle  
Sophie Jaggar  
George O'Connell

### School Prizes

#### Boys' Games Cup

Luca Masterson

#### Girls' Games Cup

Indie Ashurst

#### Powell Cup for Music

Chloe Ho

#### Clegg Cup for Performing Arts

Emily Round

#### Thorne Cup for Art

Lucie Sabrazat

#### Stuart Davis Cup for Humanities

Hugo Buckle

#### Joanne Lemon Cup for English

Sylvia Marie

#### Pinfield Mathematics Cup

Toby Buckingham

#### Rodgers Cup for Science

Jotham Benjamin

#### Jubilee Cup

(engagement across the curriculum)  
Theodora Noakes

#### White Cup

(participation and effort)  
Harper Coates

#### OHS Merit Cup

(attitude to learning)  
Otilie Neale

#### Nigel Fedden Progress Cup

Tom Ludwig

#### Pickering 'Young Bromsgrovian' Cup

Henry Buckingham

#### MacDonnell Cup

(best all round work)  
Kimi Fickert

#### Deval-Reed Cup 'Bromsgrove Values'

Chloe Heath



## Pre-Prep Activities

From the Harvest Service, where Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed the catchy *Cauliflowers Fluffy* song to the Musical Bonanza where our Tooters, P-Buzzers and other musicians performed concerts throughout the term to parents, there is always a pursuit for everyone at Bromsgrove Pre-Preparatory and Nursery School. Whether it's an activity based on a topic they have been learning in the classroom or an after-school club that peaks their interest, our pupils are engaged and ready to try something new.

For Remembrance, Pre-Prep pupils and staff marked the day with a special Assembly and then planted handmade poppies for each Old Bromsgrovian who lost their life in the two World Wars.

There have been STEM sessions, cookery, drawing clubs, book swaps, athlete visits and wacky races. During Storytelling Week, Pre-Prep pupils had the opportunity to share more stories with their friends and hear stories read by children or staff from different year groups. A number of parents also kindly volunteered to come into the classrooms at the end of the teaching day to read their favourite stories to the children in each year group. There was even a competition to find the most unusual reading spot – well done to Faaryah Mukhtar (RME), Eivani Johal (RS), Charlotte Smith (1C), Ted Snelling (1JL), Layla Dickens (1L), Charlotte Brand (2M) and Chloe Heath (2W).

In the Summer Term, pupils had a great time exploring the grounds in the sunshine, not forgetting the Street Party for the Platinum Jubilee and a special tree planting ceremony as part of The Queen's Green Canopy (QCC) project. The academic year culminated with sports day for all pupils from Nursery to Year 2.



# Pre-Prep Sports Day

With thanks to DE Photo for the sports day images.





## Year 3

Year 3 learned to “Dig!” in the Michaelmas Term. Their journey began with the question of ‘Who are we and where do we come from?’ and an entertaining and informative visit from a Stone Age human. They were perplexed to discover a mysterious wall painting and both human and wolf footprints in their classrooms. Throughout the Term, the children engaged in a wide variety of experiences, including creating Stone Age wall paintings and jewellery, building ‘Biscuithenge’, and making some (very cute) model mammoths; they also wrote some incredible stories and their own instructions for how to wash a woolly mammoth. The children recorded a wonderful show for their parents, where they sang and acted their hearts out and ended their topic with a lively Kahoot quiz.

The Lent Term saw Year 3 visiting polar places though their “Ice Worlds” topic. They began with a letter from Ernest Shackleton, inviting them to apply to join his crew on board The Endurance. The children wrote some very persuasive letters of application. They enjoyed learning about the geography of the poles and the history of polar exploration, and then created some stunning artwork reflecting the beauty of these icy environments. Year 3 pupils also enjoyed a visit to the School’s Heritage Centre to learn more about Bromsgrove’s links to early polar exploration.



The children really impressed the teachers with their excitement and enthusiasm during the Summer Term when they studied their “Jungle Fever” topic. Highlights included researching, writing and making their own nature documentaries, a brilliant art webinar with The Eden Project resident artist John Dyer during which the children created their own ‘Spirit of the Rainforest’ paintings, making a ‘rainforest in a jar’ at home and two exciting trips; a ‘jungle’ themed Forest School trip and an educational visit to Dudley Zoo.

What a busy year it has been.

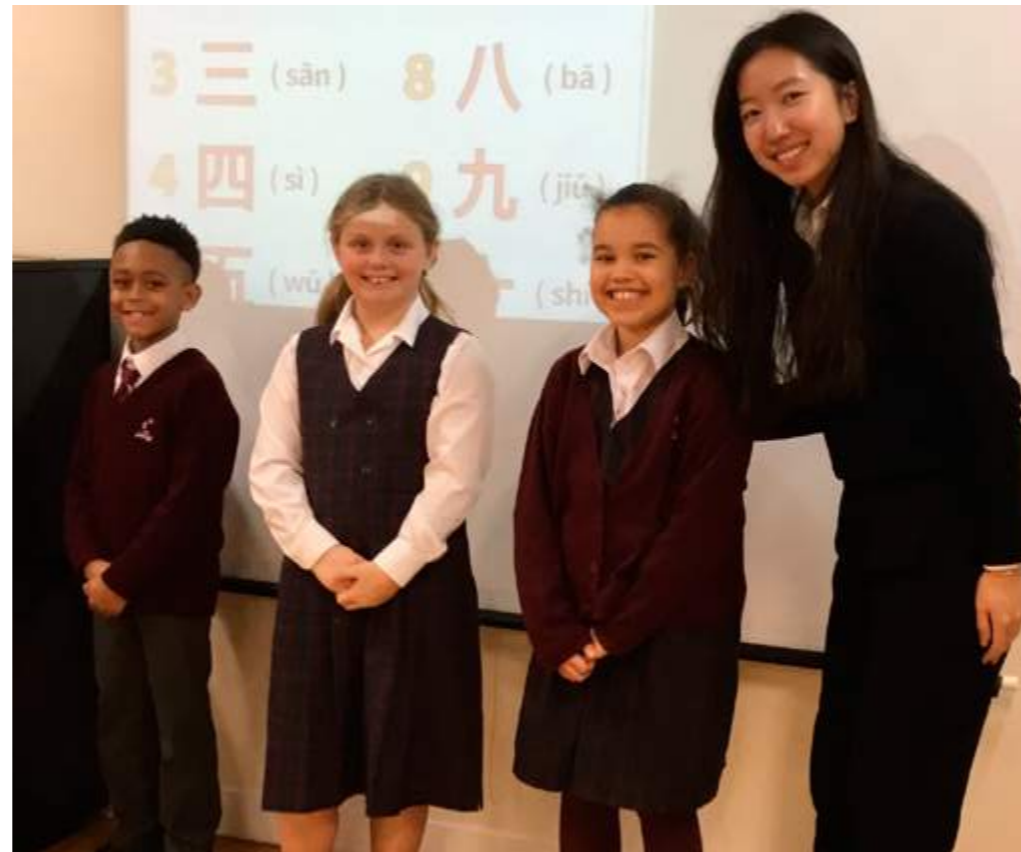
*R Ivison*



## Year 4

Year 4 began the year with the topic, 'Beyond the Great Wall', where the children were able to hone their geographical skills, experience Chinese brush art and sample a Chinese buffet, provided for us by the School's catering department.

The Lent Term saw Year 4 stepping back in time to the Tudor era. Our Stunning Start was a Tudor activity day where the children, garbed in Tudor costumes of their own, re-enacted the Battle of Bosworth, handled real Tudor weapons and armour and learnt some traditional Tudor dances. They also enjoyed a banquet, which involved them dining on 'swan pie', vegetables and crusty bread, whilst entertaining a very special guest. The students' learning culminated in a vibrant performance *The Tudor Rose* in Cobham theatre.



Our final topic was 'Extreme Earth' where the children were fascinated to learn more about extreme weather and the depths of the ocean. We were visited by Andy from The Whale Workshop who brought with him a life-sized Juvenile Blue Whale and, later in the term, we created our own exploding volcanoes, which we erupted en-masse outside.

We were so proud of the resilience this year group demonstrated after the disappointment of their cancelled residential. They threw themselves into our 'Schoolcraft' alternative with gusto and proved themselves excellent team-players at our activity day and camp-out in the School grounds; an experience we hope will remain with them for many years to come. We also had a fun-filled morning at Aztec Adventure in the final week of the Summer as an end of year treat. We will certainly miss you, Year 4.

*R Laurenson*



## Year 5

How lovely it is to be back to normal; classrooms buzzing with activity, noise in the corridors and children doing what they do best: **LEARNING**. It has been a great end to my final year at Bromsgrove and though it is a sad time, it is also a time for new beginnings as I retire and the children begin the next stage of their education in Year 6.

So, looking back, it is clear that the children have been busy as always. In the early part of the new term, Year 5 were visited by Titus Lustus, a soldier from Ancient Rome. The children learnt all about a Roman child and brought this to life by dressing up as different characters. The boys commented on how difficult it would be to fight and defend themselves whilst wearing armour.

Keeping on the History theme, Year 5 visited Selly Manor to learn about the Tudor period. It is a beautiful manor, which is steeped in so much history and littered with interesting stories; all set in the lovely backdrop of Bournville. If you have not been, it is well worth a visit.

More recently, the Aztec man visited the children and they learnt all about how this fierce tribe of warriors settled in the Valley of Mexico during the 13th century. The children got to explore and handle many precious artefacts and learn all about what life was like.

Fast forward to present day and we have just had the best time at the Year 5 Enrichment Day. I did something different this year and planned 'It's A Knockout'. Giant inflatables, pits of foam, huge slides and team games galore. The children had a fantastic time as they flew around the huge obstacles collecting and delivering all manner of things to complete each challenge. It was loud, busy and fun. What a way to finish off an incredible year. As the children move into Year 6 and I move into retirement, I want to say thank you to all of you for your support throughout this year. It has been both my privilege and my pleasure getting to know and to nurture your wonderful children, and I know they will thrive and blossom into superb young ladies and gentlemen at this amazing School.

*S Keynes*



## Year 6

Year 6 pupils have shown great determination in settling back into a more normal year. I am forever amazed by their various talents, work ethic and enthusiasm. The year group have achieved many successes in art, music and sport alongside their academic curriculum.

The Year 6 Buddies have again been a credit to the year group offering advice and support to those in the lower years.

The Michaelmas Term saw the return of the Years 5 and 6 Pantomime trip to the Palace Theatre in Redditch. The children were thrilled by the experience and the way in which they joined in with the singing at the end of the show really did convey exuberance. They also enjoyed a trip to Hartlebury Castle to learn about the Victorians.

Throughout the Lent Term, Year 6 took part in various team building challenges in Form time, showing us their skills by working collaboratively. The incorporation of Bromsgrove School values underpinned the objectives here.



Finally, at the end of the Summer Term, we were once again able to attend the Year 6 Residential. All of the pupils earned new skills from fishing and kayaking, to camping and cleaning. All finished off with some well-deserved fun at the Water Park and on the mud run.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable year and I look forward to hearing about the future successes of this year group. We are all extremely proud of them.

*H Worton*

## Year 7

This year in Drama, Year 7 pupils have worked on staging a short extract from a play adaptation of *The Twits* and used historical facts to create characters that live on the street in London during the reign of Queen Victoria. They have also studied the play *Bugsy Malone* and completed a short project on it for the Lent Term. In the Summer Ter, they used physical theatre to creatively adapt an existing Fairy Tale into a contemporary story. Approximately twenty pupils from Year 7 took part in the Prep School Production of *There's a Leak*, which was performed in Cobham theatre in February 2022.

As our year group activity after Christmas lunch, Year 7 had a fun inter-form basketball tournament. They all turned up in Christmas jumpers and had seasonal songs playing as mixed teams from each tutor group competed against each other. Everybody had great fun and matches were played in great spirit. After some close games, 7MT were the eventual winners.



Another integral part of Year 7 is Flourishing Fivers, where they turn a £5 note into a larger donation for Primrose Hospice by either making or doing something charitable. From market stalls on the Prep concourse to handmade gifts and physical challenges, there was really something for everyone to do.

Year 7 started off their Trashion experience by researching facts about the impact of the fashion industry, both how clothing is made and what happens to them when they are no longer required. They learnt about humanitarian misdeeds and environmental disasters, all linked to the side of fashion that is definitely not glamorous. With that in mind, Year 7 generated amazing ideas and valuable reasons in small teams. They made clothes when thinking about sustainable materials and longevity of life span, reduce, reuse and recycle became a strong slogan.

In the last week of the Summer Term, Year 7 undertook a day of Geography fieldwork at Bishops Wood Field Studies Centre. Pupils were introduced to a range of different practical fieldwork techniques such as woodland habitat surveys, pond life investigations, orienteering and food web modelling. This experience will help to prepare pupils for a larger fieldwork investigation in Year 8 to investigate tourism in Stratford upon Avon. Overall, it was a very enjoyable day, pupils undertook all of the activities with enthusiasm and they were a pleasure to take on the visit.

*G Clark*

With contributions from J Amphlett, V Barron, S James and C Leather



## Year 8

Despite several COVID-19 restrictions still being in place for their first term, Year 8 rose to the challenge of taking on positions of responsibility around the School. Mrs Webley, Mrs Abraham, Miss Troughton, Mr Amphlett, Miss Balkham, Mr Barnett and Mr Shone are very proud of the maturity and dedication the Prefects, Form Monitors, Buddies and Subject Helpers have shown this year.

In November 2021, Year 8 pupils travelled to Stratford upon Avon to undertake some Geography fieldwork on tourism. They all worked extremely hard during the visit and several members of the public came to speak to the teachers to mention just how polite, well-behaved and lovely the Bromsgrove pupils were. As the Michaelmas Term drew to a close, Year 8 enjoyed their festive fun; wearing Christmas jumpers and contesting the annual inter-form dodgeball competition.



All of the teachers are proud of the Year 8 pupils' achievements this year whether in the classroom, on the sports pitches, in the concert hall or during extra-curricular activities. Notably, Mrs Leather was impressed with the Year 8 involvement in Stressbox, and their growing interest in current news topics and national policy through the VotesforSchools lessons. Additionally, Mr Amphlett is still bursting with pride when recollecting the pupils' production of *It's A Leak*.

In their final half term at the Prep School, Year 8 enjoyed a well-deserved trip to the Outward Bound Centre in Aberdovey. They tested themselves physically and emotionally when climbing mountains, building rafts, navigating cliff faces and completing team challenges. The memories that were made will last a lifetime.

In the final week of term, Year 8 enjoyed two enrichment days. Enterprise Day involved the year group working in teams to develop a business plan for a new holiday resort for people with disabilities. They worked alongside the charity Sense and the day culminated in presentations and pitches to the Headmaster. On their Life Skills Day, pupils participated in a variety of activities; learning about how to give a good first impression, developing their cultural awareness, understanding etiquette around the world and enjoying a group waltz dance.

A special thank you must go to our Heads and Deputy Heads of School who have been excellent role models for their peers and younger pupils – Farah Croce, Seth Benjamin, Holly Dunnaker and Oliver Cattell. I wish all the Year 8 pupils every success as they move forward in their education journey, we will miss them.

*S Webley*



# Year 8 Prizegiving



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## Year 8 Prize Winners

### Subject Prizes

#### Lynch Cup - Mathematics

Jarry Xing

#### Cockin Cup - English

Moses Kwong

#### Lee-Smith Cup - Science

Jennifer Kerton

#### English as an Additional Language

Alisa Chen

#### Geography

Seth Benjamin

#### History

Matthew Hill

#### Sumner Cup - Religious Education

Farah Croce

#### French

Drishiti Rai

#### German

Shaila Sunuwar

#### Spanish

Sheldon Mou

#### Talbot Cup - Latin

Flora Blower

#### Dual Linguist

Toby Weekes

#### Llanwrtyd Wells Cup - Art

Nam-Oun Panyasiri

#### Haslam Cup - Design Technology

Khai Nguyen

#### Warne Cup - Textiles

Margaret Middleton

#### Cuckson Cup - Music

Marcus Ho

#### Holland Cup - Performing Arts (Drama)

Amelia Lees

### School Prizes

#### Walford Cup - Social Awareness

Jonathan Parker

#### Webber Bowl - Endeavour

Anna Ludwig

#### Wingfield Cup - Outstanding Academic

Freya Wen Bradley

#### The James Young Bromsgrovian Cup - Best All-Round Contribution

Rumer Evans

#### Donovan Plate - Head of Boys' Boarding

Wise Boginisoko

#### Donovan Plate - Head of Girls' Boarding

Greycious Gurung

#### Deputy Head Boy Prize

Oliver Cattell

#### Deputy Head Girl Prize

Holly Dunnaker

#### Head Boy Prize

Seth Benjamin

#### Head Girl Prize

Farah Croce

#### Headmaster's Prizes

Lucy Porter

Oliver Cattell

Ava Crawford

Harriet Williams

Mya Doak

Ruby Broadhurst

### Sport Prizes

#### Bentley Cup - Greatest contribution to boys' sports throughout the year

Henry Foster

#### Staff Cup - Greatest contribution to girls' sports throughout the year

Holly Dunnaker

#### Pritchard Plate - Commitment to Boys' Sport

Henry Greaves

#### Pritchard Plate - Commitment to Girls' Sport

Gina Obrey

## Year 8 Valete

**ADENOPO, TEMI, 8RB.** Form Monitor, Vice Captain for Beech. I have enjoyed the matches away on the coach because it is always fun.

**ATKINS, ANILA, 8CA.** Form Monitor. I've mostly enjoyed the sports and non-academic subjects.

**BAHRA, SACHIN, 8CT.** House Rugby. I have enjoyed making friends from other countries and playing a new sport.

**BAILLIE, FEARNE, 8RB.** Monitor. I have enjoyed the amount of sports on offer and also the Northern Ireland trip.

**BENJAMIN, SETH, 8CA.** Head Boy, Junior Rugby Full Colours, Junior Hockey Full Colours, Most Outstanding Junior Rugby Player, Senior Rugby Full Colours, Senior Hockey Full Colours, Senior Cricket Full Colours, Most Outstanding Senior Rugby Player, Academic Commendations, Headmaster's Commendations, IAPS Hockey Finalist. I have really enjoyed my time at the Prep school. I have made many good memories and I have learnt lots of things to take with me into the Senior School.

**BILLIG, JOSEPH, 8RS.** Monitor, Rugby 7s Plate, winner of the House Singing Competition 3 times in a row. In my time at the Prep School, I have enjoyed learning and experiencing growth, as well as all of the trips including Bushcraft, the French trip and the ski trip.

**BLOWER, FLORA, 8RS.** Prefect, Form Captain, Pupil Voice, Music Colour, Academic Colour, Eisteddfod Final for music and poetry, Chapel Choir, Orchestra, Music Scholar. Prep school has been an amazing experience. I really enjoyed all of the trips, including the French trip and the Northern Ireland sports tour. I have also enjoyed all of the activities and making new friends throughout the School.

**BLOXHAM, SPIKE, 8JB.** Prefect, Head Chorister, Finalist in Eisteddfod, Parnell cup for Piano, Form Prize (8JB).

**SAIMONE, BOGINISOKO, 8JB.**

**BOWEN, GINA, 8RB.** Librarian. I have enjoyed a lot of the experiments in science. The French Trip was definitely a good highlight, and Bushcraft in Year 4 is definitely worth mentioning.

**BRADLEY, FREYA WEN, 8RS.** Prefect, Form Captain, Academic Colour, Best in Year, Silver UKMT, Eisteddfod Semi Finalist. Prep School has been an amazing experience for me. I have particularly enjoyed making new friends, the daily academic challenges and the plethora of sporting opportunities. I am really looking forward to Year 9 and all of the new memories I will make.

**BROADHURST, RUBY, 8CT.** Netball Scholarship, Netball Player of the Tour, IAPS Regional Champions, Sisters n Sport Netball Champions, Sisters n Sport Player of the Match, County Champions, IAPS National Champions, School Sport Magazine Runners up, Captain of the Netball A team. I have enjoyed spending time with my friends and playing sports. I also enjoyed travelling lots with the netball team, and the Northern Ireland trip.

**BROOKES, TILLY, 8JB.** House Captain of Ash, Form Monitor, Year 7 Play. I enjoyed the Year 6 French trip, Year 4 Bushcraft and also the year 7 and 8 netball and hockey tour to Northern Ireland.

**CANACOO, JEANINE, 8JB.** U13C, Page Monitor, Form Monitor, Academic Commendation (Art).

**CATTELL, OLIVER, 8RB.** Deputy Head Boy, IAPS Swimming Finalist, ESSA Swimming Finalist, Swimming Colours, Sport Scholarship, A team Athletics, A team Rugby, Rugby 7s tournaments and festivals, invitation to the positive attitudes to learning tea party x2. I have very much enjoyed my time at the Prep School, particularly all of the sporting opportunities, learning new languages and spending time with my friends.

**CHAN, CHLOE, 8JA.** House Captain, Form Monitor, County Cross-Country, Horse Riding Scholarship, 3rd British Eventing U18, 9th British Eventing U18, 11th Horse of the Year Show, Royal International qualified, Burghley Land Rover Horse Trials, Hockey Colours (Year 5 and Year 8), Cross-Country Colours, Eisteddfod. I have enjoyed representing the School in hockey and horse riding. I have enjoyed my time at the Prep School.

**CHAN, SAMUEL, 8CA.** Academic Commendation. The maths lessons have been good.

**CHANDLER, BERTIE, 8CT.** Page House Monitor, One Million Words, Drama Badge, Music Colours. I have enjoyed the different choices that the Prep school has given me.

**CHEN, ALISA, 8RB.** Art Prize. I enjoyed spending time with my friends and getting to know people.

**CONYERS, HENRY, 8RB.** Monitor, Captain of Beech House, Prefect. I have enjoyed meeting and making friends with the people in this School.

**COSTELLO, LILY, 8CT.**

**COOKE, MONTY, 8CA.** Prefect, Form Monitor, Malvern Garden Show team member (Year 4), Junior Art Colour, Junior Swimming Colour, Junior Rugby Half Colour, Junior Hockey Half Colour, Senior Art Colour, Senior Hockey Half Colour, Senior Rugby Half Colour, Rosslyn Park Rugby 7s Tournament, IAPS Hockey, IAPS Swimming (Year 7), invitation to the AEO tea party in Year 7 and Year 8. I have enjoyed my time in the Prep School since I have had many different opportunities.

**CRAWFORD, AVA, 8RS.** Prefect, Form Captain. I have really enjoyed learning something new everyday. I have had so many wonderful experiences in the Prep School and made some amazing memories.

**CROCE, FARAH, 8RS.** Head girl, Junior Full Colours: Tennis, Hockey, Netball, Most Valuable Player for Hockey (Year 6), Senior Full Colours: Tennis, Hockey, Netball, Academic, IAPS Regional and National Champions, Netball Sisters n Sport Cup Champions, Netball School Sport Magazine Cup Runners up, Netball Scholar. I have enjoyed learning every day and making new friends. I love participating in sports matches and developing new hobbies along the way. I have really liked being Head Girl and being a role model to the younger years. I have many memories throughout Prep School and can't wait to make more in Senior School.

**CUTTER, HARRIET, 8JB.** Form Monitor, Music Badge (Year 6), Year 7 and 8 Play, Hockey and Netball Tour, AEO Grades Tea Party, Flourishing Fivers. I have enjoyed all of the wonderful trips at the Prep School, the teachers put a lot of effort into making them enjoyable.

## Year 8 Valete

**DAKIN, HARRY, 8CA.** Monitor, B team Rugby, B team Hockey. I have enjoyed the Prep School and I am grateful for all the opportunities.

**DAVIES, ISABELLA, 8CA.** Prefect, Full Colours Cross-Country, Spanish Badge, 200m and 300m Prep School indoor records, Swimming A team, Athletics A team, Cross-Country A team. I have enjoyed the opportunities I have been given and the friends I have made.

**DEO, ATHAMVEER, 8CT.** Monitor, Eisteddfod. I liked the House sports competitions and I enjoyed the geography field trip we went on this year.

**DHESI, NIDHAN, 8JA.**

**DINES, ROSCO, 8RB.** Monitor. During my time at the Prep School, I enjoyed the French trip because I was able to experience a lot of new things with my friends.

**DOAK, MYA, 8RB.** Librarian, Textile Projects Winner, Exhibition at Worcester Cathedral, Headmaster's Award for Perseverance, Orchestra, A team Cricket.

**DOSANJH, AMRITA, 8RS.** House Captain of Beech, Monitor, Form Captain. I came to Bromsgrove School in Year 4 and I have made great friends. I can't wait to go into Year 9.

**DOYLE, ROSA, 8JB.** Vice House Captain, Librarian, Academic Commendations (English), AEO grades, Sports Tour 2022, Woodwork Certification, Year 8 Play. I enjoyed the sports tour and the play in 2022 as it was very fun to choose your costumes and rehearse in them. I also enjoyed working with the younger children and helping them to read.

**DROUET, NICO, 8RS.** Rugby 7s Plate. My time in Bromsgrove Prep School was extraordinary. Even though I have only spent one year in the Prep School, it was memorable. I have really enjoyed playing sports, especially rugby.

**DUNNAKER, HOLLY, 8CT.**

**EVANS, RUMER, 8JA.** Prefect, Vice House Captain, Poetry Competition Finalist (Year 3), 2nd in Sports Day (Year 3 and Year 4), Poetry Competition Winner (Year 4), Music Competition Finalist (Year 4 and Year 5), Poetry Competition Finalist (Year 5), 3rd in Sports Day (Year 5), 150m Districts Final (Winner - Year 5), Relay Team Winner (Year 5), Poetry Finalist in the Eisteddfod (Year 6), 3rd in Sports Day (Year 6), Poetry Finalist in the Eisteddfod (Year 7), Attainment Award (Year 7), 3rd in Sports Day (Year 7), main role in the School Play (Year 7), Poetry Finalist in the Eisteddfod (Year 8), part of the Netball team which won two National titles and runner up in another competition (Year 8), Netball County Champions (Year 8), Winner of the Swatkins Cup (Year 8), Winner of the James Cup (Year 8), Attainment Award (Year 8), Drama Scholarship (Year 8 for Lower Fourth), Netball Scholarship (Year 8 for Lower Fourth), Winners of the Cheltenham Festival (Year 8), Winner of the County Championships in Hurdles (Year 8), main role in the School Play (Year 8).

**FAIZEY, FRANK, 8CT.** I haven't spent as much time here as I would have liked as I'm new and I haven't explored the many subjects to the fullest. However, I have been embraced by the wonderful staff in the PE and Games department.

**FALCONER, MADISON, 8CA.** Hockey Full Colours, Cricket Full Colours, Form Monitor. I enjoyed the girls' sports tour to Northern Ireland.

**FOSTER, HENRY, 8RS.** Prefect, Deputy Head Captain of Ash, Four-time Eisteddfod Finalist, 3rd place IAPS National Final for Swimming, 1st place ESSA National Swimming Final, Senior Full Colours: Tennis, Hockey, Rugby, Swimming and Academic, Swimming Scholar. I have really enjoyed my time at Bromsgrove Prep School. I love participating in things like sports, music and academic challenges. Some memorable things that have happened to me are going to the London Olympic pool for the IAPS National Finals where we came 3rd in the 100m medley relay, and the rugby trips we have gone on across the country. Mostly though, I have enjoyed the School trips we have gone on, for example the ski trip to France and Italy, and Bushcraft. I am thoroughly looking forward to joining Year 9 and the new challenges it will bring.

**GREAVES, HENRY, 8CT.** Prefect, Monitor, IAPS Hockey Finals, County Cricket, Rugby Tournament (Year 5). I really enjoyed Bushcraft and the French trip. The teachers have been really good in sport as well.

**GURUNG, GREYCIUS, 8JA.** Librarian, Head of House, Art Scholarship, Art Badge.

**GURUNG, OSCAR, 8RS.** Form captain, Buddy, Librarian. I have enjoyed my time at the Prep School with all my good friends, playing football on the field, and all the teachers who have taught me throughout the two years I've been here. I mostly enjoyed the sports such as rugby, hockey and cricket and playing matches against different teams.

**GURUNG, YASMIN, 8JA.** House Monitor, Form Monitor, Linguist of the Month, Year 7 Drama. What I have enjoyed most about Prep School is the friends that I've made and the School has given plenty of opportunities to many people.

**HACKETT, JAMES, 8JA.** Academic Scholar, Sports Scholar, 100m and 200m Prep School Records, The Mr Jones Cup for Rugby 7s, ESSA Swimming Final, IAPS Swimming Final, Rugby Colours, Swimming Colours, Athletics Colours. I have enjoyed all the sports and fixtures with the amazing PE department.

**HARDING, NICKY, 8CA.** Captain of B team Rugby, A team Hockey, A team Cricket, Year 8 play, Monitor, Cheltenham Music Festival Winner. This School has given me lots of opportunities and I have had a great time.

**HETHERINGTON, EVE, 8CT.** Sports Monitor, Swimming Scholarship, IAPS Swimming. I have enjoyed spending time with my friends, as well as going on the Northern Ireland trip and playing sports.

**HIGGINS, ALFIE, 8JA.** Rugby 7s Vice Captain, Cricket Scholar, Hockey Captain and Top Goal Scorer. I have enjoyed playing cricket, going to the hockey nationals and the rugby 7 tournaments.

**HILL, MATTHEW, 8RS.** Word Millionaire. I have enjoyed being taught by the staff and I enjoyed the rugby season.

**HO, MARCUS, 8RB.** Member of Pupil Voice, Chapel Choir, Years 6-8 Orchestra, Year 8 Jazz Band, Senior School String Orchestra, Competitor in the 2022 Bromsgrove Young Musicians' Platform, Winner of the Years 7-8 Eisteddfod Music Category, Music Scholar, Linguist of the Month - Spanish, Word Millionaire, Music Full Colours, Two Headmaster's Commendations, Thirteen Academic Commendations, One Pastoral Commendation. I have enjoyed the numerous valuable opportunities from being able to perform in concerts, to competing with several music groups. I also enjoyed contributing to the Music Department as much as I could.

**INGRAM, LOGAN, 8RB.** Sports Helper, Cricket Cup Final (Year 7). I have most enjoyed meeting friends, the sport and cricket.

**JONES, EMILY, 8JB.** Prefect, Form Monitor, Tea Party for AEO Grades, Academic Commendations. I have enjoyed all of the trips that I have taken part in throughout Prep School, such as Bushcraft, the French trip in Year 6 and the Sports tour to Northern Ireland. In Year 7, I took part in the play, 'Ernie's Incredible Illusions' and in Year 8, I took part in 'There's a Leak'. I also enjoyed Flourishing Fivers in Year 7.

**JONES, MACK, 8CT.** House Captain, Monitor, IAPS Hockey Finals, QEGS Rugby Cup Winners. I have enjoyed the many trips that we have been on, including Bushcraft. I have also enjoyed doing lots of sports.

**KARAKAYA, ESME, 8RB.** Monitor. I have enjoyed the amount of sports that the Prep School offers, as well as how social and mixed the environment is.

**KEARNEY, CHARLOTTE, 8RS.** Buddy, Art Colours, Athletics Colours, School Play 'Ernie's Incredible Illusions'. I have really enjoyed my time at the Prep School.

**KERTON, JENNIFER, 8CT.** Most Valuable Player for Hockey, Sports Monitor, Hockey Player of the Tour (Northern Ireland Sports Tour). I have enjoyed meeting new people and playing the sports that I love, especially on the Northern Ireland trip.

**KHAIRA, PAARAS, 8JB.** Librarian, Two Academic Commendations (English). I have enjoyed football games at lunch, being a good bowler in cricket, having fun in lessons and laughing with my friends.

**KIRKDEN-SMITH, MORGAN, 8JA.** Art Monitor, 1st place winner of the Bromsgrove School Eisteddfod 3 times and runner up twice, the first winner of the Richard Burton Award, my sculpting piece was chosen for external exhibition tour, Eco-Committee member, Gardening Club member and a member of the athletics team, orchestrated the Ukrainian fundraising initiative for the whole of Bromsgrove Preparatory School, Winner of the Headmaster's Award 2022. After ten years at Bromsgrove, I am flourishing with well rounded social skills. I am looking forward to the next five final years with the School.

**KINGSTON, ISABEL, 8JB.** Prefect, awarded the Norton Cup for Brass, played the Last Post in Chapel for Remembrance, A team athletics (Years 5 and 8), Athletics National Finalist twice, ESAA Athletics Finalist, IAPS Finalist, Athletics Half Colour, Brass Group, Jazz Band, Junior Orchestra, Senior Orchestra, Junior Choir, Chapel Choir, Cheltenham Festival Music Group, Year 8 play. Prep School was a great opportunity to make new friends and I particularly enjoyed the music clubs and the sport.

**KWONG, MOSES, 8CT.** I have enjoyed Page House the most, it was like riding a bike, except there were obstacles that I had to overcome, but I made it in the end with a new perspective.

**KWONG, MOSES, 8CT.** Property Monitor. I have enjoyed the music.

**LAWTHER, AYVAH, 8JB.** Form Monitor. I have enjoyed the atmosphere and the people in the Prep School.

**LEES, AMELIA, 8CA.**

**LEUNG, SAFINA, 8JB.** Subject Helper-English, Linguist of the Month - French. I have enjoyed the Geography and History trips the most during my time in the Prep School.

**LIMBU, NATHAN, 8JA.** I enjoyed talking to my friends, playing games with them and making jokes.

**LUDWIG, ANNA, 8CA.** Buddy, Art Colour, Form Captain, Academic Colour, Cross-Country Competitions, Athletic Competitions, Headmaster's Commendation. I have most enjoyed the Geography trip to Stratford upon Avon with the School.

**MAHAL, AVNEESH, 8JA.** Form Monitor, Tennis (out of School), A team Cricket. I have enjoyed being at this School since Year 3 and all of the fantastic chances to participate in activities.

**MATTHEWS, XANTHE, 8RB.** Form Monitor (Year 4), Head Chorister, Head of Sycamore, Pupil Voice, Junior Colours - Music, Netball, Senior Colours: Drama, Netball, Music, Athletics, Art, Eisteddfod (poetry), Year 7 production, Year 8 production, Chapel Choir badge, Head Chorister badge, Gold Badge in Athletics Cup, 2x Netball National Champions, Silver in Maths Challenge, Drama Scholarship, Textiles Scholarship, Jazz Band, Distinction in Bebras Computing Challenge, Girls' Choir, Textile pieces were shown in a public gallery, Orchestra, Crest Science (Bronze Award).

**MCGARRY, AIDAN, 8RS.** Form Monitor, House Captain of Cedar, Eisteddfod Finals for poetry every year. IAPS Medley Relay 3rd (Year 5). I joined Bromsgrove in Year 2, I made lots of friends that I still have now. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Prep School, with key parts such as Bushcraft, the French Trip and many more great experiences. I can't wait for more amazing opportunities in Year 9.

**MCGUINNESS, HARRY, 8CA.** B team Rugby, B team Cricket, A team Hockey, IAPS Hockey, IAPS Hockey Nationals, Athletics Tournament. In the Prep School, I have enjoyed making new memories and enjoying all the new opportunities that Bromsgrove offers. The highlight of my time was probably the French trip in Year 6.

**MCKELVEY, JASPER, 8CT.** Prefect, Music Colours, Most Improved Runner (x2). I've enjoyed my sport, music and my time spent here. Also, the teachers have been very supportive. The trips were great too.

**MIDDLETON, MAGGIE, 8RB.** Monitor. I enjoyed the responsibility of being a Monitor, and looking after the younger years was fun.

**MOBERLEY, SOPHIA, 8JA.** Eisteddfod Finalist, Form Monitor, Grade 4 Violin, Malvern Art Exhibition, Colours: Music, Art and Cricket. I've loved my years at Bromsgrove Prep School. It has helped me to develop so many skills that will guide me into my future. I have made valuable friendships, which I hope to keep in the future. I will miss so many of my teachers and staff who helped me throughout the years.

## Year 8 Valete

**MOU, SHELDON, 8JB.** Multiple Commendations, Two Swimming Competitions. I have enjoyed the Senior Page Residence.

**MULRONEY, LOUIS, 8CA.** Academic Commendations, Cross-Country (Years 5-6), Sport Commendations, winner of Form Dodge Ball (Year 8), Linguist of the Month - French, Page House Awards. I enjoyed making new friends at the Prep School.

**NEALE, DOMINIC, 8RS.** Subject Helper, Vice Captain of Rowan. Some of my most memorable moments are the experiences that I have had during Sports Days and the amazing music competitions that I have participated in.

**NG, CHEUK HIN, 8CA.**

**NGUYEN, KHAI, 8JA.** 10+ Academic Scholarship, 12+ Academic Scholarship, Prefect, Eco-Committee, House Monitor, Pupil Voice, Form Captain, Linguist of the Month - German. Making lots of great friends was the highlight of my time at this School.

**NWIGWE, SHARON, 8CT.** Form Monitor, Choir Competition, multiple Athletics Competitions - District, Nationals and County (1st in 300m for the District and 2nd in Nationals; High Jump 2nd in the District and top three in some other competitions), Relays.

**OBIDI, JUANITA, 8RB.** Librarian. I have enjoyed getting to know people and making lots of friends.

**OBREY, GINA, 8JA.** Prefect, Netball National and Regional IAPS Champions, Sisters n Sport Champions, Runners up in School Sports Magazine Netball Cup, County Netball Champions, IAPS National Qualifier in Swimming (medley and freestyle relay), Senior Netball Colour, Senior Art Colour, Senior Tennis Colour, Tennis Sports Scholarship. I have enjoyed representing the School at all the sports and staying over at Ipswich for IAPS netball. I have really enjoyed my time at the Prep School.

**O'DONNELL, AOIFE, 8JB.** Form Monitor, House Vice Captain of Beech, Linguist of the Month - French. I enjoyed the Year 6 French trip and also Bushcraft in Year 4.

**OGUNSOLA, JADYN, 8CA.** Athletic Senior Colours, Form Monitor. I enjoyed my friendship group and being in athletics competitions.

**OSTRIAGIN, SASHA, 8CT.** Lost Property Monitor, 7x Academic Commendations, Cross-Country (Year 6). I enjoyed my lessons, playing hockey and breaktime with my friends.

**PAHAL, JOSHAN, 8JB.** Subject Helper, Form Captain, 2x Academic Commendations, 2x Pastoral Commendations. I have enjoyed lunchtime football and form time.

**PANYASIRI, NAM-OUN, 8CT.** Art. I have enjoyed learning the most because the topics in every subject have been interesting.

**PARKER, JONATHAN, 8JB.** House Captain, Eco-Committee, Percussion, Golf, Woodwork, Music, Property Monitor, Buddy, Pupil Voice. I think that the trips, the atmosphere, the opportunities and the people have been the most enjoyable aspects of my time at Prep School. I will miss the Prep School but I am sure that someone will love it in my place, just like I have.

**PARSOTAM, SHREYA, 8CT.** Librarian, Deputy Head Chorister, Chapel Choir, Orchestra, Junior Choir, Junior Orchestra, Music Junior Colours, Music Senior Colours, Play - 'There's A Leak'. I have enjoyed the extra-curricular activities.

**PAVLOVA, ULIANA, 8RB.** Librarian. I really enjoyed the archery trip in Year 6, the drama play in Year 7 and the trip in Year 8. I had a lot of fun playing tennis and other sports and all of the performances in Years 5 and 6.

**PERRY, FELIX, 8RS.** Monitor, 3rd Best Poem in the Eisteddfod (Years 5 and 6). In the Prep School, I have enjoyed many things, from the great trips to the great support from the teachers. Since Year 5, I have really developed my skills and, honestly, I really like the School.

**PERRY, RAPHAEL, 8RS.** Subject Helper - Games, Rugby Half Colour, Linguist of the Month - Spanish, Grades Tea Party. In the Prep School I enjoyed the trips and the sports the most, especially rugby.

**PORTER, LUCY, 8RS.** Prefect, Deputy House Captain of Willow, Drama Senior Colours, Years 7 and 8 Play (Ernie's incredible illucination's and There's a Leak). I joined Bromsgrove in Nursery and still have all my friends from the start. I enjoyed many of the trips, but Bushcraft was the best. I can't wait for more opportunities in Senior School.

**PRICE, SAUL, 8JB.** Form Monitor, Form Captain, Easter Raffle, Linguist of the Month - Spanish. I have personally enjoyed lunchtime football with my friends. I have also been invested in multiple lessons like Humanities and Languages. Overall, I have really enjoyed my time at the Prep School and wish luck to those who proceed on after me. Finally, I want to say thank you to my amazing teachers and especially Mrs Judson in Science.

**RAI, DRISHTI, 8CA.** Prefect, House Monitor, Art Colours, Headmaster's Commendations, Linguist of the Month - French. I enjoyed winning Form Dodgeball and making many memories with my friends in School and in House.

**RAI, SAMYAM, 8RS.** Page House Monitor, Buddy, Rugby 7s Plate. I enjoyed this academic year with all of my friends and I particularly enjoyed the sports I took part in such as rugby and athletics.

**RATRA, RIYA, 8JA.** SATIPS Art Exhibition, Form Monitor, Silver UKMT Maths Award (Year 6), Art Commendations. I have enjoyed a lot of the trips such as Bushcraft and the Aztec Waterpark. I loved learning about The Blue Abyss topic in Year 4 and being a part of the U15 cricket team.

**RILEY, SAMMY, 8CA.** Prefect, Drama Subject helper, Pupil Voice, Jazz Band, Choir (Years 3-6), Choir (Years 6-8), Chamber Choir, Senior Cricket Colours, Junior Cricket Colours, Junior Art Colours, Junior Netball Colours, Senior Netball Colours, Senior Music Colours, Academic Colours, IAPS Netball, National Finalists in two netball competitions and runners up in another National Final. I have enjoyed every experience and loved every trip I went on, especially the French trip and the Stratford upon Avon trip.

**SEHMI, YUVRAJ, 8RB.** Head of Pupil Voice, Rugby 7s, U13A Rugby, U13A Hockey 7s, Most Improved Rugby Player, U13A Cricket.

**SHAW, THOMAS, 8CT.** Page House Monitor, Sycamore Vice Captain, Pupil Voice, Art Colour. I enjoyed taking part in the IAPS textile competition in Year 8.

**SHAYLOR, TRISTAN, 8JA.** Form Monitor, Hockey Full Colours, IAPS Finals, Hockey Scholarship. I have enjoyed playing sports and the tournaments.

## Year 8 Valete

**SIRETT, EMILY, 8CA.** House Captain of Cedar, Form Captain of Year 3, Drama Colours. I most enjoyed Bushcraft in Year 4. Prep School has been very fun and has given me lots of opportunities.

**SOHAL, ROHAN, 8JB.** Maths helper, Charity Monitor for Beech House. I have enjoyed seeing my friends doing Kahoot in class, as well as lessons and football games at lunch.

**SUNUWAR, AYUSH, 8RB.** Rugby 7s, Athletics ESAA Round 1, Buddy, Lost Property Monitor. I have enjoyed the people here and the sport and academic levels presented to me.

**SUNUWAR, SHAILA, 8CT.** Buddy, Page House Monitor. I enjoyed the trips, like the French trip in Year 6.

**THAPA, DIBEKA, 8JB.** Deputy Head of Page House, Form Monitor, Academic Commendations.

**THAPA, TAJVY, 8JA.** page house monitor, buddy, art commendation. During Prep School, I most enjoyed the adventurous trips and communicating with my friends.

**THOMPSON-BROWN, GRACE, 8JA.** Form Monitor, Music Eisteddfod final competitor, Art Eisteddfod, Senior Orchestra Jazz Band, Featured in concerts throughout the year for music, Music colours. I have enjoyed being part of the Prep School since Year 3. It has been a great journey throughout every year.

**TITOV, ANDREI, 8JA.** House Monitor. The teachers are nice and I've had a great time at the Prep School.

**TONG, HANNAH, 8CT.** Buddy, Pupil Voice, Art. I enjoyed the field trips and being with my friends.

**UNDERWOOD, DANIEL, 8RB.** Monitor, Music Full Colours. During my time in the Prep School, I have enjoyed doing Design Technology and gaining confidence in talking to people.

**WEEKES, TOBY, 8CT.** Monitor. I have enjoyed many sports

**WHITEHOUSE, EMILY, 8JA.** Monitor, IAPS Netball Champion (Regionals and Nationals), Sisters n Sport Champion (Netball), County Netball Champion, IAPS National Qualifier in Swimming for the relays (medley and freestyle), Netball School Sports Magazine Runners up, Hockey Sports Scholarship, Senior Hockey Colour, Senior Netball Colour, Junior Swimming Colour. I have enjoyed going to all the sports fixtures and staying over at Ipswich for IAPS tournaments. Overall, I have enjoyed myself at the Prep School.

**WIGGINS, EMILY, 8CT.** Form Monitor. Colours in Music, Drama and Tennis. I have enjoyed being a member of the Chamber Choir and singing at Westminster Cathedral. I also enjoyed performing in the Eisteddfod finals three years in a row. Taking part in the Year 7 and 8 plays was also good fun.

**WILLIAMS, HARRIET, 8JB.** Vice Captain (Cedar), Prefect, Pupil Voice, Chapel Choir, Headmaster / Headmistress' Tea Parties, Headmaster / Headmistress' Commendations, Activities Commendation, Junior Colours (Art), Senior Colours (Music), Poetry Competition, Poetry Eisteddfod (Composition), Word Millionaire. In my time at the Prep School, I have enjoyed all of the trips we have gone on (especially the French Trip in Year 6), and all of the sport matches. I have also made lots of friends and taken part in lots of clubs. As well as that, I have taken part in many concerts with the Chapel Choir and the Girls' Choir.

**WONG, SCOTT YU, 8JA.** Winner of Art competition (Year 8). I have enjoyed making friends and learning new things.

**WOO, ETHAN, 8CA.** Music colour, Eisteddfod, Senior string orchestra. I enjoyed spending time with friends and playing my cello.

**XING, JARRY, 8CA.** Page House Monitor, Prefect, Eco-Committee, Linguist of the Month - French, Chapel Choir, Prep Orchestra, Jazz Group, Music Colour, Academic Colour. I have enjoyed most the trips, especially the French trip and the trip to Stratford upon Avon.

**YIP, LEON, 8CA.** Two Headmaster Commendations, Three Academic Commendations, D team Rugby, F team Hockey, D team Cricket, Two Art Commendations. I enjoy having a lot of friends in this year group.

**YOUSEF, YASSEN, 8RS.**

**YU, WONG, 8JA.** Art. I have enjoyed making new friends and learning about new things.

**YUEN, HOI CHING, 8RB.**

**ZULU, ANDILE, 8JB.** House Captain of Sycamore, Deputy Head of Page House, Buddy, Monitor, Linguist of the Month. I have personally enjoyed lunchtime football with my friends. I have also enjoyed my lessons with a different variety of staff and form time with Miss Balkham for the last two years.

## Page House

They say that time flies when you're having fun and in our case, it most certainly has. Our first year as Houseparents in Page House has been everything that we hoped it would be and more; we simply cannot believe that this year has come to an end.

This year has seen the introduction of the 'Page House Values' with children rewarded for their conduct in House each week. Every Thursday evening, the children have waited in anticipation to see if they have been awarded for values such as respect, determination, tolerance, responsibility, and most importantly with kindness underpinning our new House ethos, "We are all different, but we look after each other."

Linking with our values and showing pride of place in our entrance to Page, you will see 'Our Tree of Gratitude', which has changed throughout the year with every season, many festivals and special times. Poignant moments this year have been Remembrance, Advent, Valentine's Day, Kindness Week, Chinese New Year, Bikram Sabat, Eid and Easter. This has given our children a chance to reflect and thrive morally, spiritually and culturally.

Despite the continued restrictions and the air of uncertainty during the Michaelmas Term, trips started up again and ran without fail, 'every' Sunday until the end of the academic year. Starting with a trip to Blist Hill Victorian Town for our fifty-three new starters, we visited a whole host of different venues including Umberslade Adventure, Blackwell Adventure, Waterworld, Cadbury World, Planet Ice, No Limitz, Cheltenham, Worcester, Touchwood, The Bull Ring and The Etihad Stadium. The trips have been a huge success and couldn't have happened without the commitment and support of our Prep School teachers. It has been lovely to see the children go off on their adventures and return with many wonderful stories to tell. It has been crucial for our boarders to have the opportunity to escape from campus, which they have clearly benefitted from; giving them valuable time to develop their curious personalities and make memories together.



It has been a busy sporting year for all of our children in Page, with regular fixtures and events. We have seen all our boarders compete and achieve well in athletics this year, with William Hapgood, district and county champion, finishing 10th in the English Inter Counties National Final, the best ever finish from a Prep School boy. To end the year on even greater success, he is now also National Champion.



Jyanas Gurung, William Hapgood and Lester Ng were the overall winners on Sports Day for Years 6, 7 and 8 respectively, with many others achieving personal bests in their events. In the Lent Term, Isaac Chinnadurai was awarded most valuable hockey player and Jyanas Gurung most improved. Both of these boys were also instrumental in the U11s IAPS winning team.

Douglas Chan was picked to play tennis as part of Bromsgrove's Performance Programme and Sesehang Limbu played badminton for the senior team, who were successful throughout this year.

We have many talented musicians who have kept us entertained with their practise in the House, especially in the evenings and at weekends. We note the commitment of many who, in all weathers, have walked to Routh Hall to practise for many hours. Thanks to Marcus Ho, Joanna Lao, Ipri Hart, Noel Yuen and Ethan Woo who gave up their time to play during our Mother's Day Service in Chapel. We will not forget the budding actors and actresses who performed in *There's a Leak* and *The Pied Piper*.

Mrs Leather has successfully co-ordinated our regular 'Page House Voice' meetings, giving our boarders the opportunity to 'voice' their opinions on life in Page. This has enabled us to make necessary adjustments and improvements where possible and has been open to all. As a result of these meetings, we now have a quiet space for our Year 8 students, the introduction of 'Rocky' the tortoise, who is our House pet, more games for indoors and outdoors and improved IT equipment, which we will see in place in September.



We felt a true sense of pride at Prizegiving as we stood back and admired all of our boarders looking gratified and smart. This gave us the opportunity to reflect on the achievements of each individual; however big or small, sporting, spiritual or academic, every member of the Page House team has blossomed during the year and in our eyes, every member of the House has been victorious in their own way. The love, camaraderie and support of all has been exceptional.

Subject prizes were awarded to many of our Year 8 leavers on the day. Jarry Xing, Moses Kwong, Alisa Chen, Matthew Hill, Drishti Rai, Shaila Sunuwar, Sheldon Mou, Nam-Oun Panyasiri, Khai Nguyen and Marcus Ho. Eden Hall was awarded overall attainment for 5VS and Celina Borkowska, Prekshya Gurung and Marcus Ho all awarded for overall engagement in their forms respectively.

We would like to thank our Heads of House, Wise Boginisoko and Greycious Gurung, for their contribution and support to the staff and children this year. They received the Donovan Plate at Prizegiving for their outstanding contribution to boarding throughout their time in Page. These two students have created a profoundly positive influence on the House and their successors will have very big shoes to fill.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this year a happy and successful one. Sincere thanks to Mr Jenkins and Ms Salt for running the newly opened 'Senior Page' and to Mr Sutherland and Miss Guest who have assisted us tirelessly throughout the past year. To Housemothers Miss Smith, Ms Salt, Ms Gregory, Mrs Camden, Mrs Bacchus, Ms Travell and Miss Moore-Harbach, who have been instrumental in the smooth running of Page. We would like to Mrs Taylor for working in partnership with Page and keeping us updated with School life, the nurses at the health centre, the ladies in the laundry and the housekeepers who have done a wonderful job of keeping the House looking spotless.

We are looking forward to next year already.

*R and Z Lawton*

# Year 8 Leavers





## Elmshurst

Whatever the metaphor; a ship sailing through stormy waters to safe seas and harbour, or maybe expedition trekking across polar regions and returning to comfortable climates, there will be many tales of the hardships schools and young people have gone through during the last couple of years.





Elmshurst has endured, persevered, and, on entering a new normality, the inclusivity and family spirit of Elmshurst has allowed everyone in the House to flourish and appreciate being in School once more. The sense of belonging, instinctiveness to help each other and commitment to Elmshurst has only been strengthened by the testing times and this year is one to be proud of.



The year has been packed full of events and competitions; plenty of pizza nights, finishing runners-up in most House competitions until finally winning at tennis, House bingo, dodgeball, a superb ensemble in House Music, the annual Elmshurst Christmas dinner, aqua-park trip, and our summer hog roast with tug of war - just a selection of activities over the last three terms. Notable achievements include Tristan Chan's distinction in his music diploma, Thomas Cosh playing in the National cricket final, and Jack Atkinson winning the Junior Staff Reading Prize. Academic success has also been plentiful; prizes went to Aarush Thapa for Music, Alexis Chiliment for Endeavour, Bijen Gurung for Chemistry and History, and Jack Atkinson for Endeavour and Progress. Joseph Hong won the T.E. Godwin Cup for most improved speaker.

Our large departing Upper Sixth Form (all twenty-six of them) should be proud of what they have achieved, individually and as a group. Guy Wagstaff led admirably as Head of House, a towering figure whose enthusiasm and commitment to Elmshurst was infectious. The Deputy Heads of House, Daniil Dulko and Christopher Kemper, equally able on the sports field as in the exam hall, have always supported Guy.

The Monitor team - Oliver Bulleid, Thomas Cosh, Jeff Ching, Moritz Göbbels, Daniel Goodwin, Alexander Kandelaki, Christopher Kemper, George Vaughan and Andrew Wong - all carried out their roles superbly ensuring everyone in Elmshurst benefitted. Thanks goes to all of them, and to the rest of the Upper Sixth, who despite not having the title of House Monitor, have equally given up their time, helped, represented Elmshurst, supported others, and set a great example to the rest of the House. A talented group, it was unsurprising they collected some whole School awards. The Vivian Anthony Cup for musical contribution went to George Vaughan, Best RAF Cadet to CWO James Cameron, the Cricket prize for batting went to Thomas Cosh, and The Swatkins Trophy for commitment to sport and demonstrated the values and attitudes of Bromsgrove School went also went to Thomas Cosh. An exceptional cohort destined for success; we look forward to welcoming back for visits in years to come.

Our Honours Boards not only record the Head of House, but also the winners of the four House awards: Best Newcomer, Endeavour, Spirit, and Contribution. This year's winners to be recorded on the walls of Elmshurst were as follows:

- Best Newcomer goes to Taiga Nakamizo
- Endeavour goes to Thomas Cosh
- House Spirit goes to Guy Wagstaff
- House Contribution goes to Tristan Chan

A House is only made a home by the family within it. This does not just include the pupils, but also the staff. The Elmshurst Tutors have complimented the pupils with their energy, professionalism, support and friendliness. Mrs Fallows and Miss Heard certainly live up to their job title of Housemother, going above and beyond what 'mum' should be doing. Mr Huckle's reliability, experience and extensive vocabulary has proved a steady helping hand as resident Assistant Houseparent. Leaving the team are Mr McDonald and Miss Palitti, who will both be sorely missed. Mrs Fallows, Elmshurst Housemother for the last decade, is also leaving, and we wish her luck as she moves back to her home county of Cumbria.

## Elmshurst Leavers

**BULLEID, O.G.**, Elmshurst, 2020, House Monitor, 1st Rugby, 1st Football, 2nd Cricket, Solihull Rugby 7's Winners, Rugby Scholar

**CAMERON, J.A.**, Elmshurst, 2015, RAF Warrant Officer - CCF, Gold DofE, Academic Scholarship, Live Sound Mixing for Senior Drama Production

**CHAN, T.**, Elmshurst, 2018, House Monitor, 1st Table Tennis, 1st Badminton, 1st Basketball, Basketball Minor Colours, Table Tennis County Runners up, 2020-2021 House Music Solo (Advanced) Winner, 2022 House Music Ensemble Runners up, 2021 Most Improved Musician, 2021 House Song Conductor, 2021 House Song Most Creative Award, Music Minor Colours, Cultures Connect, House Music, House Song, Music Society

**CHAN, W.Y.R.**, Elmshurst, 2018

**CHEUNG, D.C.N.**, Elmshurst, 2020

**CHING, J.**, Elmshurst, 2018, House Monitor

**COSH, T.R.J.**, Elmshurst, 2017, House Monitor, 1st Cricket (captain), U17 Cricket National Champions 2019, U17 Cricket National Runners Up 2021 (captain), U15 T20 National Finalists, Cricket Minor Colours, Cricket Scholarship, 1st Hockey, U14A Hockey National Finalists, Hockey Cap, Hockey Minor Colours, Bromsgrove Badge Endeavour Award, 1st Squash

**DULKO, D.D.**, Elmshurst, 2018, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, 1st Football, 1st Basketball, involved in Music Competition, Flourishing Fiver

**GELLER, R.G.**, Elmshurst, 2015

**GOBBELS, M.**, Elmshurst, 2020, House Monitor

**GOODWIN, D.F.**, Elmshurst, 2014, School Monitor, House Monitor, 1st Cross-Country (captain), 1st Athletics, Warrant Officer CCF, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE, Minor Colours for Cross-Country, Minor Colours for Drama

**HAN, H.T.**, Elmshurst, 2020

**KANDELAKI, A.**, Elmshurst, 2017, House Monitor, 1st Basketball, 2nd Rugby

**KEMPER, C.**, Elmshurst, 2020, House Monitor

**KRUGLOV, G.K.**, Elmshurst, 2020, Debating

**KWAN, S.K.**, Elmshurst, 2015, 1st Basketball (National Cup semi-finals), Grade 5 Drums, Young Enterprise

**LORINCZ, M.M.**, Elmshurst, 2020

**MA, S.N.J.**, Elmshurst, 2017

**SCHUSTER, L.**, Elmshurst, 2019

**VAUGHAN, G.V.**, Elmshurst, 2014, House Monitor, 1st Tennis, 2nd Hockey, Major Hockey Colours, Gold DofE, CCF Lower Sixth Best Cadet, CCF Sergeant, Flute Grade 5, Concert Band, Orchestra, Fourth Form Play, Biology Olympiad Bronze Certificate, Intermediate Maths Challenge Silver Certificate

**WAGSTAFF, G.R.**, Elmshurst, 2015, School Monitor, House Monitor, Head of House, 1XV Rugby, 2XV Rugby (captain), 2XI Football (vice-captain), 2XI Cricket, Gold DofE, U16 North Midlands Rugby Cup Champions, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE, Rugby Minor Colours

**WILKINSON, L.**, Elmshurst, 2017, 2nd Hockey, CCF, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE, Climbing, Bouldering

**WONG, C.M.A.**, Elmshurst, 2017, House Monitor

**YIU, K.F.J.**, Elmshurst, 2017

**YOSIFOV, V.Y.**, Elmshurst, 2017, U16 Cross-Country, GCSE EAL Award 2020, Intermediate Maths Challenge - Bronze Award (2019), Bromsgrove School Research Competition, Elmshurst House Best Newcomer 2018, CCF Sergeant (2018-2022), Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Debating (2019-2021), MUN (2021-2022), Law Society (2020-2022), Lower Fourth Camp Helper (2021), Academic Scholarship (2020-2022)

**ZLATAREV, S.**, Elmshurst, 2020

Going back to metaphors, how we sailed through the storm or battled across tundra, what we do today can improve all tomorrows. A boat is not built to be sat in harbour, and the explorer will always find another mountain to climb.

This year has seen some excellent achievements. Not exceptionally normal, but an exceptional normal year. What we do today can improve all tomorrows, and Elmshurst have set themselves up for many future successes.

*M Giles*

## Hazeldene

This academic year, Hazeldene has enjoyed three terms of competitive success, academic plaudits and the friendships and mutual support that embody life in the House.





It is a pleasure to write this report to summarise House life over the last twelve months, especially after the relaxation of restrictions and the return of many traditions that Hazeldene holds so dear.

The team spirit and camaraderie typified among Hazeldeneans has nowhere been more evident than in our extra-curricular House competitions and successes throughout the year. Victories have come in so many events, from hockey, athletics, and netball - sports in which we have dominated the leaderboard for the past few years – to debating and quizzing. Thank you sincerely to each Hazeldene girl who has represented the House so positively this year.

A year full of academic hard work is reflected in the almost 1000 commendations that Hazeldene girls have received over the last twelve months. Special mention must go to the Lower Fourth study for their outstanding total of almost 400 commendations, and individually to Annie Lucking (LIV) who achieved sixty-one commendations - the most of any Hazeldene girl.

Each year, a prize is awarded to a Hazeldenean in each study who has made an outstanding contribution to House life – not necessarily the girl with the highest grades, nor the most confident, but a girl from each year group who has made an extensive contribution to House life throughout the year. These prizes were awarded to the following girls this year: Phoebe Cottrell (LIV); Lily Milojevic (UIV); Josie Ward (V); Ella Kershaw-Crombie (LVI); Madeleine McLeod (UVI).



Hazeldene Sportswoman of the Year – awarded for not only being an exceptional sportswoman for the School, but also for determination and leadership as well as always going above and beyond to represent Hazeldene – was awarded to Katie Rolph (UVI). It was also a pleasure to present Nell Stone (UVI) with the Quaich Trophy for her hardworking, exuberant commitment to Hazeldene, from helping to recruit House teams to mentoring younger girls and competing for the House on countless occasions in a wide variety of disciplines.

It has been wonderful this year to return to many cherished House events that have necessarily been prevented over the last two years. Our Hallowe'en party in the Michaelmas Term proved as popular as ever, as did the Father Christmas and Easter egg hunts. House breakfasts have continued to go down well, and 'Treat Fridays' have given everyone a much-needed boost at the end of some long weeks. The reintroduction of the House Ball was very much welcomed by our Sixth Form girls and their families. Students have also enjoyed pizza lunches, film and mocktail nights, and a final surprise visit from an ice cream van on the final day of term really did end the year with a lovely treat.

This year's House charity, chosen by the Upper Sixth monitors, was Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid. Following cake sales, Christmas decoration stalls, raffles and the House Ball, Hazeldene raised over £900 for the charity – thank you to Hazeldene girls, their families, and supporters of the House for donating their time and money so generously.

I would like to extend my thanks – and the thanks of the whole House – to our departing Upper Sixth leavers. Not only are they each inspirational individuals, with their own individual achievements, but they are a fantastic team together and are role models for the House. The House is grateful for everything they have done since they joined the Senior School, and they leave with our warmest wishes for their future endeavours.

## Hazeldene Leavers

**ASHTON, E.M.**, Hazeldene, 2013, School Monitor, House Monitor, Head of House, 1st Hockey Captain, Hockey Scholarship, 1st Netball, 2nd Netball, Sisters n Sport Netball National Champions (2020), Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Bromsgrove Service, Junior Hockey Colour, Junior Netball Colour, Junior Athletics Colour

**BENSON, I.**, Hazeldene, 2020, House Monitor, 2nd Netball, CCF NCO Colour Sergeant, Gold DofE, Drama Colours

**DAKIN, P.A.**, Hazeldene, 2012, House Monitor, Staff Reading Prize, Drama Production, CCF, DofE

**EATON, I.L.**, Hazeldene, 2020, 1st Netball (vice captain), Sisters n Sport National Netball Champions, Bromsgrove Service - Prep School Crafts, Netball Scholar

**HANNAFIN, K.**, Hazeldene, 2007, House Monitor

**HOWDLE, I.M.T.**, Hazeldene, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, 1st Hockey, Athletics Minor Colour, Young Archivists' Group, Debating, Model United Nations, Gold DofE, Silver DofE, Bronze DofE, Junior Art Scholar

**HUGHES, M.**, Hazeldene, 2017, House Monitor

**JONES, I.J.**, Hazeldene, 2007, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor, 1st Hockey, 1st Athletics, Gold DofE, Hockey Sports Scholar

**KENWARD, H.**, Hazeldene, 2017

**LAMIDI, E.**, Hazeldene, 2020, House Monitor, 1st Netball, 1st Athletics, Bromsgrove Service - sports Leaders, Bromsgrove Service - Prep Crafts, Bronze Biology Olympiad, Bronze Senior UKMT, Sports Scholar for Netball

**LANGFORD, E.L.**, Hazeldene, 2017, 1st Netball, Sports Scholarship, 2nd Hockey, A Athletics, winner of National Finals (Netball), Minor Colour in Netball, Minor Colour in Athletics, Netball Cap, Bronze DofE

**LAWSON, H.L.**, Hazeldene, 2013, House Monitor, 2nd Hockey, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Flute Grade 8

**MCLEOD, M.I.F.**, Hazeldene, 2020, House Monitor, 1st Netball (captain), 1st Netball Sisters n Sport Winners 2020, Netball Scholar, 1st Athletics, Young Enterprise, Honorary Academic Scholar

**PEARSON, A.D.**, Hazeldene, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor, 2nd Netball, A/B Hockey, U16 Athletics, 1st Golf, U14 U16 Swimming, CCF, Bronze DofE

**ROBBINS, E.**, Hazeldene, 2010, House Monitor

**ROLPH, K.L.**, Hazeldene, 2012, House Monitor, 1st Netball, 2x U19 National Netball Championships, Silver DofE, Sport Scholarship, Academic Scholarship

**STONE, F.G.S.**, Hazeldene, 2007, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor, 1st Athletics, Classical Civilisation Prize, Latin Prize, Biology Olympiad (2nd place), Brass Band, House Ensemble, House Debate, CCF, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE

**WARNER, A.**, Hazeldene, 2017

My sincere thanks go to our Housekeeper, Zoe Paling, for her unfailing enthusiasm for all things Hazeldene, and to the Hazeldene tutor team for their dedication and support. We bid farewell to Mrs Turner this term after many years of unfailing enthusiasm and dedication as a Hazeldene tutor. Throughout her years in the House, Mrs Turner has had the respect and gratitude of every student and member of staff, and we thank her warmly for everything she has done for Hazeldene.

Finally, I would like to thank the Hazeldeneans who comprise our House for all of their effort and dedication over the last twelve months. They have approached this year with focus, hard work, and humour. It has been an honour and a pleasure to be the Houseparent of Hazeldene for the last five years. I have been, and continue to be, exceptionally proud of every Hazeldenean.

*R Whitbread*

## Housman Hall

With the summer holidays approaching and (I don't want to jinx it) with the pandemic to some extent behind us, I shall try and reflect on what has been an incredibly busy academic year.





It was always going to be somewhat of a challenge to reinstate the traditions and values which Bromsgrove has enjoyed for such a long time pre-lockdown; especially as so many of our pupil body had never attended a full Routh Assembly, been involved in the formalities of Chapel services, or represented the School in sports fixtures and music events. With over ninety percent of Housman Hall in this position at the start of September, we did immensely well to quickly engage with these expectations and, as senior members of the community, lead by example.

Our House and School Monitors quickly set the tone for others to follow, and in no time at all, the new Lower Sixth pupils settled into the routine of School and boarding life. It quickly became evident that they would add a great deal of value to Bromsgrove and to Housman Hall. Many were eager to buy into the opportunities available to them, signing up to choir, Flourishing Fivers, the School play, orchestra, Young Enterprise, CCF, Duke of Edinburgh, as well as a range of sporting activities. Not content with this, it has been wonderful to see so many pupils also volunteer to be involved with our House Competitions too, with so many individuals stepping out of their comfort zone to try something new, be that House Rugby, House Netball, House 1.2 Relays, House Hockey, House Rounders, House Athletics, House Football, House Tennis, House Drama, House Quiz, House Debating, House Music, House Basketball, House Volleyball, House Badminton, and House Table Tennis. Indeed, there has been so much on offer this year, by comparison to the last couple of years, that it would have been impressive, if also disconcerting, had someone not taken advantage of what was taking place this academic year.

As a House, I am proud to say, that we were often the most represented in all competitions and rarely did I need to cajole or bribe pupils to get involved. Not only did we represent, we were often competitive. Although our mantelpiece isn't shining with silverware, we did achieve success in a number of competitions, notably the only Whole School contest: The Inter-House Song. This was certainly the highlight for me as it is a competition that Housman Hall has never won, despite coming close on a few occasions and it very much reflected the cohesiveness of the community.



At this time of year we unfortunately have to say goodbye to key members of the community. People who devote hours of their time to ensure that you are cared for and motivated towards achieving success.

Miss Elle Shaw leaves us to start at Rugby School. She has given much to her role as resident of Housman Hall and has massively enjoyed being part of this community.

Dr Jane Fraser sadly departs to Malvern School. I know you are all extremely fond of her, as both a professional and personally. Her wise words of encouragement and high expectations of you have been key to her success as a Tutor.

Miss Elizabeth Hill. I cannot express enough how sad I am to lose Miss Hill to Ottilie Hild House. She has been with me from the start and has been my absolute rock. I couldn't have wished for a better Assistant and friend. She is the consummate professional, respected by all.

Mr Liam Mullan has been a member of the Housman community for many years. He was one of my Assistants when I first took up the post of Houseparent. He was invaluable in my early months and years helping me to establish a new House Identity and spirit. A man, wise beyond his years, and extremely dedicated to his profession.

And now, to the Upper Sixth Leavers... It is my hope that you leave the gates of Bromsgrove School and Housman Hall, proud of what you have accomplished. It has certainly had its ups and downs, but there have been many successes and wonderful memories. You are ready to leave, and that is a good thing, a sign that we have done our job. You have all worked incredibly hard for your final examinations and deserve to do well. You have not let any personal adversities impede your ambition, nor have you used COVID-19 as an excuse for mediocrity. Through challenge comes growth and wisdom. Don't wish for a life without problems, they don't exist. Instead, believe in yourself enough that no matter what happens, you have the strength and courage to overcome them.

*S Noble*

## Housman Hall Leavers

<b>ALMEIDA DE GOUVEIA, M.</b> , Housman Hall, 2017	<b>NITHINONTHASET, N.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, UKMT Senior - Silver
<b>AU-YEUNG, N.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, 1st Volleyball, 2nd Football	<b>ODEGHE, O.A.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020
<b>BARINOVA, M.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, House Monitor, Girls' Football, PPE Society, Model United Nations, Debating, Deaf Culture Society, Law Society, 201 Magazine Staff Writer	<b>OMOYENI, T.O.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, Oxford Debating Competition, Debating, Deaf Culture and Sign Language, Athletics, Model United Nations, Prep School Homework Helper
<b>BODNAR, I.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	<b>PENG, Z.L.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020
<b>CHAN, H.K.C.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	<b>PETERS, T.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020
<b>CHOW, S.C.S.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, House Monitor	<b>RIEGER, E.</b> , Housman Hall, 2019, School Monitor, House Monitor, 1st Hockey, 1st Football, U16A Squash, 2nd Tennis, U16A Badminton, 2nd Athletics, U18A Cross-Country, House Drama (Lower Sixth), Hockey Player of the Year (2019/20), Senior String Orchestra, Senior Orchestra, Debating, Basement Project, Knit & Stitch for Charity, Honorary Academic Scholarship, Music (Viola) Scholarship, Sports (Hockey) Scholarship
<b>COSTACHE, C.D.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	<b>STURZ, L.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, School Monitor
<b>COTGREAVE, D.C.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, House Monitor, Head of House, 1st Rugby, Rugby Scholarship	<b>SULEMAN, A.</b> , Housman Hall, 2016
<b>DORFLER, P.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, House Monitor	<b>TANG, P.J.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020
<b>FRUMES, I.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	<b>TODOROV, V.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020
<b>FUNG, H.Y.J.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	<b>TONG, K.S.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, School Monitor, House Monitor, Senior Boarder, 2nd Football, 1st Football, Medical Admissions Medical Essay - 2nd Prize, UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge - Silver Prize, House Drama, House Music
<b>HALL, E.</b> , Housman Hall, 2019	<b>TOROPOVA, E.</b> , Housman Hall, 2019
<b>HAO, P.E.</b> , Housman Hall, 2019	<b>TSANG, E.T.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020
<b>KIM, V.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	<b>TSUI, T.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, House Art Competition, Pumpkin Carving Competition, House Drama, Badminton, Weights, Squash, CCF, Bromsgrove Service: Beekeeping, Bromsgrove Service: Deaf Culture and Communication, Enrichment: Architecture, Art and Textiles
<b>KOVALENKO, O.S.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	<b>ULASAVETS, D.</b> , Housman Hall, 2019
<b>KRIMMLEY, F.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, 3rd Rugby	<b>WHOBA, W.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, School Monitor
<b>KUZNETSOV, A.K.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	<b>XU, Q.R.</b> , Housman Hall, 2018
<b>LEE, J.H.L.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, 1st Badminton, 1st Volleyball	<b>YUAN, C.L.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020
<b>LO, W.T.K.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	<b>ZHOU, F.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020, 1st Volleyball, 1st Badminton
<b>LOPEZ HEMSING, E.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	
<b>MA, X.C.</b> , Housman Hall, 2020	
<b>MACADRAI, M.</b> , Housman Hall, 2019, House Monitor	
<b>MCLOUGHLIN, L.M.K.</b> , Housman Hall, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, Deputy Head of House (during my time in Thomas Cookes), 1st Hockey, 2nd Tennis, Girls' Squash, Goldsmith's Community Service Award, Hockey Commendation, DofE, Debating, Model UN, Flourishing Fiver, 201 Magazine, Eco-Committee, Sports Scholarship	
<b>MOROZOVA, D.</b> , Housman Hall, 2018	

## Lupton

The School and Lupton House were finally fully open for business as the year began. We even had a shortsleeve order in the first week. It was wonderful hearing a busy Lupton day room again after so many months of silence.





Life at Bromsgrove School is always full on, but the twenty new Lower Fourth and two Lower Sixth students have enjoyed their year. They have got used to the Senior School and have all integrated well in to the House community.



House competitions returned in earnest this year. In the first House competition of the year, the Fourth Form boys took part in the Junior House swimming event. It was lovely seeing so many of the boys taking part to support the Lupton cause. We even had two boys taking part in butterfly races, a stroke they had never swum before. The biggest House event of the year is always the House Song competition. This year's song was *Together in Electric Dreams*. Sebastian Harrison was simply brilliant in his role of conductor and Benjamin Hornigold was fantastic on the keyboard.

In the Lower Fourth House badminton competition, Oliver Dieppe and Charles Fielding beat all that stood before them. Charles Costello and Stuart Shannon worked for hours to produce what can only be described as a masterpiece in pumpkin design in the House pumpkin competition. Edan Blyth and Sebastien Adams were crowned champions in the Senior House debating competition, and in the Senior House badminton competition, Charlie Bridgewater and Stuart Shannon took second place overall.

Later in the year, the audience were treated to a wonderful performance by Gabriel Brown and Jensen York in the Senior House drama competition from the play *Journey's End*. This year's 'A Question of House' competition pitted Charlie Vincent, Cameron Owen, Gabriel Brown, Benjamin Hornigold and Oliver James against the best minds in the School. Following an impressive display, the boys achieved a third place finish. The 1.2 Relay was our next success story of the year. Boasting a strong line up of Joshua

Bevins, Oliver Dieppe, Harley Smith, Owen Alekna, Sebastian Purvis and Sebastien Adams, we crossed the finishing line way ahead of the rest of the field.

In the Senior House hockey competition, we were dominant, sweeping aside all who stood in our way. It was a great team performance with Isaac Bridge and Kian Lau dictating games. Next up were the Junior House football competitions. Team A battled hard in the blustery April conditions finishing as runners up, whilst team B went one better, winning the final 2 – 0.

This year's Sports Day took place over two days. Oliver Dieppe won his 300m race by some distance, Maximillian Jehan came first in the Fifth Form 300m race, and James Humphries won the javelin competition. The junior boys lost at the semi-final stage of the cricket competition, but the tennis pairing of Stuart Shannon and Charles Fielding won the senior tennis event.

On the sporting front, although one or two fixtures have been cancelled during the year, a large proportion of the boys have enjoyed a regular diet of Saturday School fixtures. We have also had a pleasing number of boys involved in the first XV rugby team and in the first XI for hockey, football and cricket each week.

In the Arts, Jensen York, Gabriel Brown and Zachery Chattin all took part in the School production of *Guys and Dolls* in December, while Charlie Collyer was part of the cast in the Fourth Form play in May.

## Lupton Leavers

**ADAMS, S.**, Lupton, 2017, School Monitor

**BAYLISS, J.J.B.**, Lupton, 2017, School Monitor, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, 1st Cricket, 1st Football (captain), 1st Golf, Football Cap, Cricket Cap, Silver DofE, Bronze DofE, Sports Leader

**BRIDGEWATER, C.**, Lupton, 2006, House Monitor

**COSTELLO, C.M.P.**, Lupton, 2022, Prep School Survivor, Academic Scholarship, Honorary Scholar, Bronze DofE, participated in numerous maths and science based academic competitions, placed highly in several Fencing competitions

**FALLOWS, F.**, Lupton, 2013, School Monitor, House Monitor, 1st Cricket, 2nd Hockey, U17 National Competition Winners (2019) and Runners up (2021), Sports Scholarship (cricket)

**HARRISON, S.H.**, Lupton, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep Survivor, English WW1 writing competition, Merit Cup, Music Cap, Big Band, Orchestra, Brass Band, CCF, DofE, Music Scholarship

**LAU, K.C.Y.**, Lupton, 2009, Sports Scholarship, House Monitor

**MAC MASTER-KILSHAW, B.**, Lupton, 2017

**MOODLEY, T.**, Lupton, 2006

**SHANNON, S.E.**, Lupton, 2008, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, Academic Scholar, Maths Challenge, Sports Scholar, 1st Hockey, 1st Tennis, 1st Badminton, Hockey National Finalists x3, Indoor Hockey National Finalists, Tennis National Finalists, H&W Schools' Tennis Boys Singles Winner x3, H&W Schools' Tennis Boys Doubles Winner x3, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE, Badminton Major Colours, Hockey School Cap, Tennis Captain

**SMITH, T.**, Lupton, 2020, Sports Scholarship

**VINCENT, C.**, Lupton, 2018, House Monitor

**WILLIAMS, A.**, Lupton, 2007

Sebastian Harrison, Thomas Smith, Gabriel Brown, Finlay Harvey-Gilson, Benjamin Hornigold and Oliver James represented Lupton in the House Ensemble Music competition, and Gabriel Brown competed in the advanced section of the solo House Music competition.

My thanks once again goes to the Lupton Parents' Association who hosted an enjoyable Lupton PA Ball. The Lupton casino night and summer party were also a resounding success.

I was delighted to see a number of Luptonians receive awards throughout the year. Cameron Owen received the prize for GCSE German, Sebastien Adams was awarded the Wattell prize for German, and Stuart Shannon and Kian Lau were awarded their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Oliver James, Oliver Dieppe and Benjamin Hornigold were awarded academic prizes and Tobias Schroeder received the prize for the best year's work.

Sebastien Adams, James Bayliss, Charlie Bridgewater, Freddie Fallows, Sebastian Harrison, Kian Lau and Stuart Shannon were awarded their Senior School Caps. Isaac Bridge, Gabriel Brown, Oscar Bridgewater, Finbar Dinnen, Henry Hoare, Maximillian Jehan, Markuss Townsend-Ford and Jensen York received their minor colours. Kian Lau was presented with the 'John Downey Cup' for his services to hockey and Stuart Shannon won the Outstanding Contribution to Boys' Games Award. It was also a very proud moment for Lupton when Cameron Owen was awarded the title of Deputy Head Boy.

Mr Beet and the rest of the Lupton Tutor team have been as supportive as ever with the boys. We are sad to bid farewell to Mr Vernon, who is leaving with our thanks and best wishes. And finally, my special thanks go to Angela Cotterill who is the person who makes Lupton the great House that it is. We wish this year's leavers every success in life and hope that they recall happy memories of life in Lupton House.

*G Evans*



## Lyttelton

This year has been a fantastic reminder of all the idiosyncrasies and talents the boys have, and a return to bustling School life - from academic lessons and trips to the sports field and the stage and everywhere in-between.





The contributions of all the boys in their various fields of proficiency and interest are varied. The camaraderie around House Song and our rendition of *Ho Hey* was clear to see.



The ensemble competition entry of *Dark Necessities* from Fred Hanson, Josh Graesser, Alex Holroyd and Darcy Dines was performed with skill. Moreover, the solo competition entries, where Euan Choi was highly commended for his performance on the drums and advanced competition winner, Josh Graesser, performed with command of the piano keys for *Un sospiro*, were excellent; There has also been the excellent punctuation of concerts throughout the School year. In Cobham Theatre, there were committed drama exploits of both the Fourth Form with their own House production and the Fourth Form production of *Romeo and Juliet*, where Tom Hunt, Bobby Riley, Lewis Till, Harvey Phillips and Ewan Head were all committed to their respective amazing contributions, whether that was onstage or backstage. For the Seniors, Fred Hanson, Theo Gilbert-Birch, Fadi Haddadin and Edward Kerton showed their own eclectic adaptation of *A Resounding Tinkle* in addition to the *Guys and Dolls* production - with Sky Masterson and Lt. Brannigan running around New York City.

On the sporting front, the spectrum has gone from boys winning Junior House swimming and cricket to attempting the traditional 1.2 relays for the very first time. Moreover, to our own Olly Davidson who, not only represented his country at his age group, U19, in a Cricket World Cup this year, he also went on to win his first full/senior cap for Cricket Scotland in their tour of the United States. Furthermore, as a House, we have a significant proportion of the fencers that represent the School and they have competed at regional and National level championships throughout the year. In the Summer Term, these same boys have also officiated at a Prep School competition, demonstrating their commitment and affinity for the sport, developing their technical knowledge. We have had our own football and pizza evenings throughout the year versus the Lupton House counterparts, and these events have provided relaxed environments for the boys to run around and enjoy themselves.

This year, two Lytteltonians, Edward Kerton and James Moberley, have made up part of the Young Enterprise team who have thoroughly researched and produced a wellbeing product to help young children express their emotions. The 'WellBeFun' team have worked hard throughout the year and garnered much-deserved success. They were recognised at the West Midlands Regional Final with the Innovation and Technology Award after impressing the judges with their research and product. In the Summer Term, the team delivered an interactive wellbeing presentation to the Pre-Prep.

At end of term Mark Reading assemblies, many pupils were recognised for their exceptional commitment and skill. Josh Graesser was awarded the Geography and Design and Technology GCSE Prizes. Minor colours were awarded to Seth Rogerson, Robbie Bayliss, Toby Lewis, Ollie Holden Alastair Ritchie, Ollie Wilkins, Tom Griffiths. Major Colours were awarded to Ollie Tucker, Toby Hill, Maxim Edger, James Doohan-Smith and Will Udy. With caps being awarded to Elliot Willetts, Elliot Small and Olly Davidson.

## Lyttelton Leavers

**BILLINGS, C.B.**, Lyttelton, 2017, A Cricket (Fourth and Fifth Forms), U16A Football, 1st Football, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE

**BULCHANDANI, D.**, Lyttelton, 2010, House Monitor

**BUTTS, L.**, Lyttelton, 2017

**DAVIDSON, O.**, Lyttelton, 2017

**DOOHAN-SMITH, J.**, Lyttelton, 2007, House Monitor

**EDGER, M.**, Lyttelton, 2015

**GUEST, M.**, Lyttelton, 2006, House Monitor

**HEMBRY, J.**, Lyttelton, 2020, House Monitor

**HILL, T.**, Lyttelton, 2012, School Monitor, 1st Rugby, 1st Hockey, 1st Tennis, Major Colours for Rugby, Major Colours for Hockey, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE

**PERRY, S.**, Lyttelton, 2015

**SMALL, E.**, Lyttelton, 2020, Sports Scholarship

**TUCKER, O.**, Lyttelton, 2017, Sports Scholarship, House Monitor

**UDY, W.U.**, Lyttelton, 2017, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, 1st Cricket, Cricket Major Colours, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE

**WILLETTS, T.E.**, Lyttelton, 2007, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, Gold DofE, 1st Hockey, 2nd Cricket, 3rd Rugby, Hockey National Quarter Final 2019/20 and 2021/22, Sports Scholarship

The Lower Fourth Subject Prize for Classic Civilisation was awarded to Jasper Page, with a Lower Fourth prize for Endeavour and Progress awarded to Rufus Cole. Olly Davidson was awarded the 1st XI Cricket Bowling Award and Archie Greaves-Hall received the Fielding counterpart. Finally, Olly Davidson was awarded the 'Sportsman of the Year' accolade, for all his cricketing exploits.

Thank you to the perennially supportive tutor team and housekeepers, Jayne and Melissa, who continue to make the House run smoothly. And to the incredible PA team who continue to deliver events and opportunities for the boys, with continued focus, always looking for such opportunities.

Finally, we bid a fond farewell to our own Dr Johns who retires this year. His wealth of experience, particularly pastorally and within the Sixth Form, has been extremely valuable to Lytteltonians for a number of years. A forthright colleague who challenges thinking. We wish him well in retirement and hope he manages to find ways to spend his time.

These fine young gentlemen are an amazing group and every single one of them has their own unique talents; they impress, every day.

Best wishes to all for the year ahead.

*J Holdsworth*

## Mary Windsor

The 2021-22 academic year seemed to pass by in a flash. After the disruption caused by the pandemic, it was wonderful to start afresh in September with a sense of normality and a return to more normal routines and traditions, albeit with some COVID-19 hiccups along the way.





There have been many achievements throughout the year, both as a whole House and for individuals, and I would like to congratulate each of our Mary Windsor girls on the successful completion of the year – they all have reasons to be proud of themselves.

Out of a total of sixty-three girls, we were delighted to welcome twenty-one new girls from eleven different countries at the start of the year. Our new pupils settled quickly under the kind and mature guidance of our Upper Sixth and over the course of the year have fully immersed themselves in all that boarding life at Bromsgrove has to offer.

The House has been full of laughter this year. It has been a joy to see the girls so well integrated and they have enjoyed events such as the Christmas Party and Summer Picnic, alongside numerous pizza and movie nights. Inter-House competitions have reflected the girls' camaraderie and teamwork and Mary Windsor's House spirit is really evident on each occasion. I commend all of the girls for their willingness to participate and represent their House regardless of ability and even from the side-lines, their support for each other has been incredible. The delayed House Song Competition was a perfect example of the whole House coming together and working hard to produce a spectacular performance of Fleetwood Mac's *Everywhere*, led by Angela Hong, and we were absolutely delighted with her Conductor's Prize. Drama, in particular, has been strong this year in the House with many girls involved in both Junior and Senior House Drama, as well as the Fourth Form production of *Romeo and Juliet* and the Main School production of *Guys and Dolls*. We were delighted by our prize for Best Performance in Junior House Drama.



Sporting achievements have been numerous. Tash Malam (Hockey), Lilli Boersch (Tennis), Irene Lo and Nicole Leung (Badminton) deserve a special mention for being awarded their School Caps for their performance and commitment to their sports at a consistently high level. Throughout the year, many Mary Windsor girls have been commended for their contribution and commitment to numerous teams in all sports, and on a weekly basis it is wonderful to see so many girls representing the school and indeed their house with commitment, enthusiasm and talent.

Academically, the girls have all remained focused on their progress, showing much determination and AEO grades over the course of the year have been excellent. Headmaster's Commendations were awarded to Lucy Nguyen, Cherry Tang, Apolline Desclozeaux and Arianna Okemuo. Director of A level Commendations were awarded to Irene Lo and Tash Malam. We are very proud of the following Fourth Form pupils who were awarded Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth Subject prizes at Mark Reading on the final day of term: Jenny Tang (Chemistry, Biology and Business Studies), Lucy Nguyen (French and German), Ayana Bakirdinova (Art, Craft and Design), Cherie Leung (RS), Hailey Li (Maths, Spanish and Music), Maria Militaru (EAL), Apolline Desclozeaux (Endeavour).

In our final House assembly, we celebrated the day to day achievements of the girls who have embraced opportunities both at school and in the house this year. I was delighted to present the House Sports Award to Iruoma Onwuka and the House Music Award to Angela Hong. Academic awards for the Best Engagement Grades (Senior) went to Arianna Okemuo and Best Engagement Grades (Junior) went to Apolline Desclozeaux. The Senior House Cup was awarded to Eve Sewell. The Langdale Junior House Cup to Lucy Nguyen. The Wallis Bowl for Upper Sixth effort and contribution to the house community went to Sara-Maria Popescu. The Upper Sixth Spirit of Mary Windsor Fazel Cup was presented to Nicole Leung.

## Mary Windsor Leavers

**BELLO, R.A.**, Mary Windsor, 2020

**BOERSCH, L.B.**, Mary Windsor, 2020, House Monitor, 1st Tennis, 1st place Midlands Doubles Tournament, National Finals 8th place, Economics Wattell Prize, Durham Uni Essay Competition, Gold DofE

**FLORICIC, K.**, Mary Windsor, 2018

**GURUNG, P.**, Mary Windsor, 2014, House Monitor, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE

**HO, H.H.**, Mary Windsor, 2020, First Aid, Residential Homes

**HONG, H.T.A.**, Mary Windsor, 2018

**JIAMWITKUL, J.N.**, Mary Windsor, 2020, First Aid

**LEUNG, C.W.N.**, Mary Windsor, 2018

**LO, I.L.**, Mary Windsor, 2018, House Monitor, 1st Badminton, first place in county match, British Biology Olympiad - Gold, British Biology Olympiad - qualified for final team selection, British Physics Olympiad - Silver, Intermediate Biology Olympiad - Gold, UKMT Maths Challenge - Gold, UKMT Senior Kangaroo - Merit, UK Mathematics Olympiad for Girls - Distinction, CCF (Upper Fourth and Fifth Form), Residential Homes, Prep School Science Club, Deaf Culture and Communication, MedVet, Academic Scholarship

**MALAM, T.**, Mary Windsor, 2015, House Monitor, 1st Hockey, Hockey School Cap, Hockey Player of the Year, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE

**MELNICHUK, M.**, Mary Windsor, 2017, Head of House, House Monitor, Bronze DofE, Athletics (Fifth Form)

**PIETZSCH, C.**, Mary Windsor, 2020

**POPESCU, S.**, Mary Windsor, 2016, House Monitor

**ROBERTS, N.R.**, Mary Windsor, 2014, House Monitor

**STEENBERGEN, L.**, Mary Windsor, 2020, House Monitor

**TERZIYSKA, R.M.**, Mary Windsor, 2019, 1st Tennis

**VOICU, I.**, Mary Windsor, 2018. School Monitor, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, CCF - Sergeant, Editor-in-chief of 201 magazine, Senior and Junior Drama, Debating, PEE seminar

In a fitting end to such a successful School year, Prizegiving at Commemoration saw two Upper Sixth girls awarded major subject prizes: Lilli Boersch (Economics) and Irene Lo (Maths, Biology, Physics). We were absolutely delighted that Irene also won one of the Special Prizes, the Housman Trophy – a truly wonderful achievement on her part.

The leaving Upper Sixth, who have contributed so much to Mary Windsor during their time here, will be hugely missed. Congratulations to Mariia Melnichuk, who led the House so well this year as Head of House, ably assisted by Deputy Heads of House Louise Steenbergen and Ioana Voicu and House Captain, Lilli Boersch.

Our House Monitor team have been strong leaders and role models this year and I would like to thank them for all they have contributed to the House both this year and during their time with us. I am confident that their successors, led by Charlie Hodgson as Head of House and Eve Sewell as Deputy Head of House, will make an equally valuable contribution. We are also very proud of Chloe Reijmer who has been selected to be School Monitor for the year ahead. We are grateful as always to our wonderful team of tutors, Assistant Houseparent Miss Limbrick and Housemother Mrs Astill for their hard work, support and kindness. It is the people within it that make our house so special and I feel hugely privileged to be a part of Mary Windsor.

*T Helmore*

# Oakley

In recent years, Oakley House has seemed like a refuge and a place of sanctuary for many.





More than ever this year, we have had an Upper Sixth who have managed to weather the storm, who have been a force to be reckoned with, who have made friendships that will last a lifetime and who have been the heart and soul of Oakley House life. Our Upper Sixth have made it their mission to help us all get back to 'business as usual'.

Led superbly by Daisy Wen and her assistants Zahrah Oyeleke and Olivia Chester, the Monitor team has been outstanding as role models. At the heart of their leadership is their belief in integration and kindness to others. I know I am writing on behalf of the whole of Oakley House when sharing these sentiments. Whether offering encouragement to others, showing loyalty to Oakley, finding a quiet moment to check in on a younger student or being at the centre of our social events, Rafaela, Chantal, Joelle B, Antonia, Nadine, Joelle K, Isobel, Lin, Lily and Lara have helped us to put the disruption of the past two years firmly behind us and get us back on track.

Special congratulations to Chantal Wong who was the recipient of the Kelly Bicknell Award on Commemoration Day. Chantal epitomises the notion of a true Bromsgrovian. Within Oakley House, she has been caring, considerate, loyal and a true team player. Her natural humility is coupled with a strong sense of self and her moral compass has made her a true role model for those who have had the privilege to live and work alongside her. She has always been the first to volunteer for House events and has represented the School on numerous occasions in athletics, cross-country and badminton, to name a few.



She has participated in Service activities including learning British Sign Language and she was the driving force behind fundraising for Bromsgrove's homeless charity The Basement Project, initiating and managing a variety of fundraising events. Her invaluable position as Editor of the School magazine 201 has been exemplary. A natural leader, she was a perfect choice for the roles of School Monitor and Head Boarder – roles in which she has been able to demonstrate her passion for equality and her outstanding leadership skills. Despite this, she is never boastful or arrogant. She always strives to improve herself and inspires those around her to do better. Wise beyond her years, with integrity and a kind soul, she was a most deserving recipient of this award.

Our Tutor Team have worked tirelessly to ensure Oakley girls have had care and attention at the tricky times but also have joined us for our assemblies and events throughout the year from House Song to the Christmas party, charity runs to the Easter egg hunt. We were delighted to announce that Mrs Linfield had welcomed Toby to her family as we welcomed Ms Keys to the Oakley fold. We wish Ms Keys every success in her new position at Wolverhampton Grammar School; she will be sorely missed. I am always in awe of staff who give so much to the Boarding House alongside their other School commitments; the fact we have four Heads of Department on the team is just a small indication of the talents and contribution they all make to Oakley.

Mrs McCarthy is also taking up a new position but instead of moving out, she is practically moving in because she is going to be Assistant Houseparent of Elmshurst, just next door. As well as being Head of Curriculum Support, Mrs McCarthy has been a wonderful tutor in Oakley, bringing her unique sense of fun, compassion, wisdom and practical support to students and her colleagues.

## Oakley Leavers

**BOOTH, J.Y.**, Oakley, 2017, School Monitor, House Monitor, 1st Tennis, 1st Girls' Football, 1st Badminton (captain), DofE, UKMT, Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, Physics Olympiad, Chemistry Olympiad, Honorary Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Grade 8 Piano, 1st Table Tennis, Girls' Cricket, Swimming, UKMT x5, Girls' Mathematical Olympiad x2, Physics Olympiad, Chemistry Olympiad, Bronze D of E, BSL

**CHESTER, O.L.**, Oakley, 2013, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, 2nd Netball, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE, Australia Singapore Netball Tour 2019

**GAVRIISKA, A.**, Oakley, 2018, House Monitor

**HASSOUN, N.**, Oakley, 2020, House Monitor, 1st Girls' Football, Athletics, Gold DofE, Lower Fourth Play Director

**KOH, J.**, Oakley, 2018, House Monitor, Goldsmith's Community Award, Basement Project

**LI, L.**, Oakley, 2020, House Monitor

**NASCIMENTO, R.N.S.D.**, Oakley, 2017, School Monitor, House Monitor, Deputy Head of School, 2nd Hockey, 3rd Netball, Athletics, CCF, Debating

**OYELEKE, Z.O.**, Oakley, 2022, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, Basement Project, BSL, Senior Maths Challenge

**SCOTT, I.A.**, Oakley, 2015, House Monitor, Gold DofE, Honorary Academic Scholarship

**SIEVERT, L.S.**, Oakley, 2020, House Monitor, 1st Athletics, 1st Swimming, Athletics: German National Championships in the 1500m (4:54.13min) in 2021, 3rd place at the Warwickshire/Herford & Worcestershire County Schools Championships in the 800m (2:18.60min) in 2021, Certificate of Merit in the Kangaroo Maths Challenge 2020, Gold Certificate in the Senior Maths Challenge 2020, Silver Certificate in the Senior Maths Challenge 2021, British Sign Language Classes, Honorary Academic Scholarship

**WEN, D.**, Oakley, 2015, Head of House, Girls' Maths Olympiad, UK Maths Challenge, Pop and Jazz Concert, Girls' Choir, Bronze DofE, RAF, British Sign language, Basement Project, Academic Exhibitioner

**WONG, C.**, Oakley, 2017, School Monitor, House Monitor, Senior Boarder, Kelly Bicknell Award, Assistant Editor of 201, Goldsmith's Community Engagement Award Finalist, Shine School Media Awards 2020, Athletics, Orchestra, String Ensemble, Basement Project, ESAA National Cross-Country Finalist, NCH Essay Competition (Highly Commended), Bronze DofE, Silver DofE

**ZENG, L.**, Oakley, 2020, House Monitor

We were thrilled to help Miss Woolley celebrate her wedding in the Michaelmas Term. However, after seven years in Oakley whilst also managing her day job in the Chemistry Department and leading Activities across the whole School, Miss Woolley has decided to step away from boarding and she will leave a big hole in Oakley House life. We will miss her attention to detail and the tireless way she prepares her tutees for their studies post-Bromsgrove. We will try to persuade her to make a guest appearance as DJ Woolley at our future events and we know Oakley will always hold a special place in her heart.

The girls of Oakley House are incredible. This year they have made me laugh, occasionally cross, often proud and they have made every day a challenge and an adventure. I am honoured to live alongside them and it has been a privilege as we have started to navigate calmer seas together.

*V Adams*

## Ottilie Hild

Another fantastic year, and in fact our first proper year in House where socialising, mixing and competitions ran as normal. Whilst this has been a bit of a shock to the post COVID-19 system, as a House we have gone from strength to strength.





This year, we have competed fiercely in a myriad of inter-house competitions and whilst sports have always been a strength of the OH girls, this year the highlights for me were our successes in the arts.

In the Michaelmas Term, Otilie Hild made their debut in House Song was a triumph. Our rendition of *Be with You* from *High School Musical* was joyful, perfectly pitched and fun to watch. Charlotte Holden and Esme Elwell-Thomas (Upper Sixth) need special mention for organising rehearsals and of course conducting on the day. We also cannot forget Rose Davenport (Upper Fourth) for her excellent accompaniment on the piano. Despite not receiving a prize, I am so proud of how well the House came together and can't wait to see what our current Lower Sixth come up with in September. House music finally permitted the girls to perform an ABBA song. The ensembles performance of *The Winner Takes It All* was beautifully arranged and allowed us to showcase the fantastic talents we have across our year groups. With Charlotte Holden (Upper Sixth), Esme Elwell Thomas (Upper Sixth), Olivia McKelvey (Upper Fourth), Tilly Richardson (Upper Fourth) and Ilerioluwa Odugbesan (Lower Fourth) on vocals, Olivia Whitfield (Lower Sixth) on guitar, Eleanor Boardman (Lower Sixth) on the Oboe and Ffion Wright on the keys (Upper Fourth), the girls performed professionally and made the House proud. We also had many superb entries into the individual house music competition. Ilerioluwa Odugbesan (Lower Fourth) wowed the crowd with her vocal performance receiving 1st place in the intermediate division.



With Eleanor Boardman (Lower Sixth) clinching 2nd in the advanced division for her piece on the Oboe. Individuals were also commended during Mark Reading for their commitment to the arts. Music major colours were awarded to Esme Elwell-Thomas, Charlotte Holden, and Zoe Law. In drama, Fiona Singh and Lola Hill were awarded their minor colours; major colours to Charlotte Holden; and Caps to Adisa-Maria Manole and Brookie York.

Our entries into the Junior and Senior House Drama competitions were also utterly brilliant. Olivia McKelvey, Tilly Richardson, Abigail Lamb and Phoebe Dinnen's portrayal as cocktail waitresses in *Shakers* was comedy gold and well deserving of their excellent feedback. Our seniors put forward a huge cast: Brookie York (Upper Sixth), Adisa Manole (Upper Sixth), Charlotte Holden (Upper Sixth), Sophie Pover (Lower Sixth), Danni Moore (Lower Sixth), Rose Armstrong (Lower Sixth), Lola Hill (Fifth Form) and Fiona Singh (Fifth Form) produced a disturbing yet enthralling adaptation of *A Handmaid's Tale*, clinching our first ever prize for Drama.

Not to be outdone, our girls also received many accolades, commendations, caps and colours for their extra-curricular pursuits. Esme Elwell-Thomas gained her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award; Maya Wingfield received the Swimming Challenge Shield for commitment to swimming throughout the year; In tennis Freya Lawton was one half of the winning U16 County doubles title and Latesha Grant on won the girls County U18 singles and retained the Midlands Championships title for a second year running. Lili-Rose Hunt was awarded her minor colours for golf and continues to dominate of the gold circuit outside of School. The Bernard-Hall Mancey Cup for the most improved Musician went to Eleanor Boardman, The Janet Cockin Debating Cup was awarded to Polly Green, Adisa Manole received the Most Improved Drama Award and Brookie York was awarded the Page Cup for Drama, with Charlotte Holden obtaining the award for best overall contribution to the extra-curricular programme.

## Otilie Hild Leavers

**ANDERSON, E.J.**, Otilie Hild, 2020, House Monitor

**EATON, S.E.**, Otilie Hild, 2015, School Monitor, House Monitor, 1st Athletics, 1st Cross-Country, C/Sgt A Coy in CCF, Gold DofE

**ELWELL-THOMAS, E.G.**, Otilie Hild, 2017, House Monitor, Lower Fourth Endeavour and Progress Award, Upper Fourth Endeavour and Progress Award, Big Quiz Biology Competition, Intermediate Maths Challenges, Flight Sgt in the CCF, Gold DofE, Girls' Choir, Marmite, Academic Scholarship

**GRANT, L.**, Otilie Hild, 2020, Sport Scholarship, House Monitor

**GREEN, P.G.**, Otilie Hild, 2011, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor, Debating, Best Speaker in House Debating, House Debating Runners up, CCF, PPE, School Productions

**HOLDEN, C.M.A.**, Otilie Hild, 2007, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep Survivor, House Monitor, Extra-Curricular Award (Year 13), Major Colours in Drama and Music, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE, Chapel Choir, Competition Choir, all School plays since 2008

**LAW, Z.L.**, Otilie Hild, 2017, Head of School, School Monitor, House Monitor, Foundation Scholarship

**MANOLE, A.M.**, Otilie Hild, 2021, House Monitor, English Literature Society, directed and performed in Senior House Drama 2022 - The Adjudicator's Award, Drama Production - Guys and Dolls, Italian for Beginners (activity), volunteer during Lower Fourth Camp

**ROSKELL, E.**, Otilie Hild, 2012, Deputy Head of House, Science Prize, CCF Company Sergeant Major, Gold DofE, Winner of Junior House Debating, Highly Commended Biology Olympiad, House Drama

**SANDHU, S.K.K.**, Otilie Hild, 2012, House Monitor, Biology Olympiad, Chemistry Olympiad, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE

**SONDHI, P.S.**, Otilie Hild, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, Art Scholar, artwork exhibited in Bristol Museum, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE and Gold DofE

**YORK, B.Y.**, Otilie Hild, 2014, School Monitor, House Monitor, Drama Cup, Drama Scholarship, Girls' Choir, 'Alice' in Alice in Wonderland School Production, 'Olivia' in Twelfth Night School Production, 'Estella' in Great Expectations School Production, 'Sarah' in Guys and Dolls School Production, Scholars' Concert, NCO in RAF CCF, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE

Mark Reading showed yet again that the girls of Otilie Hild strive for academic success. Lower Fourth subject prizes were awarded to Phoebe Dinnen (Latin and History), Ilerioluwa Odugbesan (English) and Emily Appleton (Religious Studies). Hannah Osborne was also awarded the Lower Fourth prize for endeavour and progress and Rebecca Woolmore accepted the prestigious Lower Fourth prize for best year's work. Upper Fourth subject prizes were awarded to Amelie Jackson (Art, Craft and Design), Ava Colley (Physical Education), Ffion Wright (English Literature and Business), Maya Wingfield (French and German), Rose Davenport (English Language) and Emily Bower (Classical Civilisation).

I must also take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to our fantastic Upper Sixth who have fully embodied the OH ethos and have led the House with compassion and confidence.

They have been amazing role models and have taken every knock that this year has bought them in their stride. I am so proud of the young women they have become. Finally, Miss Linehan leaves us to become Housemistress of Hazeldene. You only need to speak to any student in House and they will inevitably tell you that Miss Linehan is fantastic and has been an exceptional Assistant Houseparent. Kind, compassionate and strong, she has stopped at nothing to ensure that the girls have felt supported and has shown everyone what it means to be an Otilie Hild girl.

Overall, we have shown the School yet again that we are a House of diverse talents who not only perform excellently individually, but also together as a team.

*G Hanson*



## School House

It doesn't seem like a year since I was last in the position of reviewing a year in School House, however, once again, I find myself awestruck by the fantastic year that the House has had, and how tirelessly the members have worked throughout this period.





As ever, one of the most notable highlights came in the first half term, in the form of House Song; it is always tough to rally together seventy boys in preparation for a singing competition, yet the Upper Sixth appeared to do this with relative ease.

With Moritz at the helm, it was well organised, productive and they even managed to coax out a good tune. The performance was fantastic, and the boys can be incredibly pleased with their song, which was loved by a huge number of the audience, if not by the adjudicator.

Throughout the year, the boys of School House have thrown themselves at every House competition going; whether this be debating, swimming, hockey, drama or tennis, every time this proud House was represented by either juniors or seniors, often supported by their peers or the Monitors. This year, there have been particular highlights from House Drama and the House Quiz, where School House walked away with a number of trophies.

The Lower Sixth are in the throes of applying to university, with aspiration as high if not more so than their Upper Sixth counterparts - from biology to engineering, and applications to some of the finest academic institutions, including Oxbridge, they have both ambition and the talent to match it. We congratulate Jake Wingfield for being appointed as a School Monitor, and Will Hobbs who will lead the House and his House Monitor team next year.



We have a small, but highly academic Fifth Form, and over the last couple of months, it has been fantastic to see how they embrace the challenge of their GCSEs. Although academia has taken their focus, they have found time to contribute hugely in the extra-curricular world of the School. In fact, in the final assembly of the year, Joe Boardman picked up two Minor School Colours, and was awarded his Senior Staff Reading Prize, and George Hastings was the recipient of three Minor School Colours.

The Upper Fourth have had a great year, and it is clear how strong their bond is with the House community. They have all done their part to represent the House, and every single young man has seen an increase in academic performance. It is hard to single out members of the group - they participate in sports from table tennis to rugby and everything in between. I will, however, make a special note of Nell Agrawal and Hugo Blackwell for their performances in House Drama and the Fourth Form play, both were incredible and are contributing well to the performing arts pedigree that School House now has.

The twenty-one members of the Lower Fourth settled into School House in no time; they have great comradeship and are strong supporters of their House. With the musical talents of Beau Vaughan-Hawkins, sporting skills of Billy Broadhurst and theatrical talents of Tom Arundale, they are wide in range and I have only scratched the surface with what they collectively bring to the School. Throughout the year, they have worked hard in lessons and committed to the Bromsgrove Badge, which culminated in a great Lower Fourth Camp.

Now to our Upper Sixth. This year group has shown dedication and passion towards School House by the bucket load; never missing a House event - whether sporting or social, never missing the chance to welcome someone new, and never missing the chance to champion School House. These twelve stalwarts of School House have set the tone impeccably. They are leavers of Bromsgrove School, but will always consider themselves members of School House.

## School House Leavers

**DRAYCOTT, J.F.**, School, 2017, House Monitor

**EVANS, W.**, School, 2017

**FARNELL, H.M.**, School, 2020, 1st Football (vice captain), Investment Club, Gold DofE

**HIGNELL-HALFORD, B.**, School, 2017, Sports Scholarship, House Monitor

**IDCZAK, M.C.**, School, 2014, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, Staff Sgt. CCF, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Debating

**PALMER, A.P.**, School, 2013, House Monitor

**PARSONS, M.**, School, 2015

**RICHARDS, H.G.**, School, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, Head of House, 2nd Hockey, 3rd Rugby

**RICHARDSON, C.R.**, School, 2020, Rugby Scholar, 1st Rugby, 1st Rugby 7s, 1st Athletics

**SCHLINKHEIDER, M.S.**, School, 2017, House Monitor, 2nd Football, Head of CCF (Regimental Sergeant Major), Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE

**SMITH, O.J.**, School, 2020, Cricket Scholarship, 1st Football, 1st Cricket

**THOMAS, J.**, School, 2018, House Monitor

Lastly, to the Head of House: It was clear that Harry was ready for the challenge in the Lower Sixth, and throughout the year, he has proven exactly why he is a perfect man to lead School House. With compassion and humility, yet confidence and authority, Harry's ability to get the House on side is excellent. He leads by example, and has solidified what it means to be in School House.

I have been honoured to share this year with such a fine group of students. At some point, every single one has shown humour, integrity and commitment towards School House. House spirit has been at an all-time high, clearly demonstrated by the handful of amazing achievements I had space to mention. Thank you to you all in School House, the pleasure has been all mine.

*T Clinton*

## Thomas Cookes

It has been a brilliant year in Thomas Cookes, I have really enjoyed bringing all of the girls back into the House and I know they have enjoyed the company of others.





I have also been very pleased and proud of the friendly and supportive nature that exists in the House. The girls recognise problems and try to deal with them in a mature way.

In terms of charitable causes, we have run the Macmillan Cancer Support cake sale raising over £300. We have donated considerably to one of the local food banks and put together over ten shoe boxes for overseas families in need. Some of our girls have also taken part in the Basement Project, which raises money for those less fortunate than ourselves.

House events have been much more important this year. There was a New Year Party with karaoke which was great fun, a Sixth Form Ball at Grafton Manor and a Platinum Jubilee picnic at the end of Fourth Form exam week.

Thomas Cookes pupils have excelled in music and drama. Unison House Song was very well put together and we sang beautiful harmonies. A special thank you to Keira Sehdeva and other members of the Upper Sixth who worked on this performance. Sophia Meadows also came in at short notice to accompany on piano. In drama, one of the highlights was the Senior Play, *Guys and Dolls*. Many TC girls took part - Megan Wilson, Anya Sanikop, Isla Chattin, Paris Siviter, Charlotte James behind the scenes and Sophia Meadows in the orchestra - but it was really Jess Whitlock who stole the show. She was amazing in her part as Miss Adelaide. The House Music group also performed well against many of the other Houses. I thought our rendition was fantastic.



House Drama was also well supported with the juniors performing *The Ghost of Detention* and the seniors with *Posh*. The senior group came runners up for Best Play, a well-deserved reward. Finally, Thomas Cookes members involved themselves in the Fourth Form Play, *Romeo and Juliet*. Maria Christodoulou, Emily Collet and Evie Hastings were all involved. Isla Chattin's performance as Juliet was a very particularly memorable.

There is little doubt in my mind that Thomas Cookes pupils have been the most consistent on the sporting field this year. We have won the junior hockey, junior netball, 1.2 relays, Sports Day and numerous other competitions such as the senior volleyball, junior badminton and junior rounders. Importantly, TC have worked very hard as a team. Without the support of one another, these successes would not be possible.

I would like to thank Mr Prouse, one of our tutors for the last two years. He is now moving to Mary Windsor as he would like to be more involved in boarding. On the subject of tutors, I would very much like to thank them all for their support this year. They support the girls unreservedly and they are very professional in their approach.

Lorraine, our Housekeeper, works hard to ensure the girls are fed and tidy, not easy task. Thank you, Lorraine.

I am very much looking forward to the 2022/23 academic year as I hope we can get back to as much normality as possible and get involved in all of the House and School events.

*K Hannah*

## Thomas Cookes Leavers

**BATHAM, H.**, Thomas Cookes, 2013, House Monitor

**BOLTON, I.M.**, Thomas Cookes, 2017, House Monitor, 2nd Hockey (captain), B Netball, Athletics Team, Housman Verse Prize, Staff Reading, Literature Society, History, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, CCF, Charity Crafting, Bromsgrove Service

**BUXTON, C.**, Thomas Cookes, 2018

**CHANCE, M.M.**, Thomas Cookes, 2011, Art Scholarship, 2nd Hockey, B Netball, Athletics, DofE

**CONNELL, A.C.**, Thomas Cookes, 2014, House Monitor, 201 magazine team, Eco-Committee, Basement Project, House Drama Monitor, Drama Productions: Great Expectations, Grimm Brothers Tales, The Caucasian Chalk Circle, Bronze DofE, Debating, Chess Club, Prep Cookery Helpers

**CONNELL, E.M.**, Thomas Cookes, 2014, House Monitor, Literature Society, 201 School Magazine, Basement Project, Headmaster's Commendation, Bronze DofE, Drama Productions

**FREER, A.D.**, Thomas Cookes, 2017, Sports Scholarship

**GOULDEN-PAGE, M.A.**, Thomas Cookes, 2013, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, Academic Scholar (11+, 13+, 16+), Honorary Academic Scholar (16+), Art Scholar (13+), Financial Times Student Advocate, PPE Society, writer for 201 magazine, Debating, MUN delegate, Silver DofE, History Society, Beekeeping, LAMDA Grade 8 Public Speaking (Distinction), LAMDA Grade 8 Verse & Prose (Distinction), TC Junior Grades Award, TC Senior Grades Cup, Biology Team

**HOARE, D.**, Thomas Cookes, 2014, House Monitor

**KING, M.**, Thomas Cookes, 2017, House Monitor

**LANGFORD, M.L.**, Thomas Cookes, 2011, Prep School Survivor, 1st Hockey, 1st Netball, 1st Golf, 2nd Tennis, Sports Scholarship, Poetry Competition, CCF

**LAWSON, B.L.**, Thomas Cookes, 2011, House Monitor, Head of House, 1st XI Hockey, U16A hockey, 1st XI Indoor Hockey - Midlands semi-finalists, 1st XI Cricket, U16A Tennis

**PUGH, A.F.**, Thomas Cookes, 2020, House Monitor, Girls' Football, Badminton, House Football, Headmaster's Commendation

**SEHDEVA, K.S.**, Thomas Cookes, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor, Academic Scholarship, Music Scholarship, House Music

**SUNNER, A.K.**, Thomas Cookes, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor

**TANG, I.**, Thomas Cookes, 2015, School Monitor, 1st Cross-Country National Finals, 1st Athletics, Gold DofE, Eco-Committee, PPE Society, Law Society, 201 Magazine staff writer, MUN

**TAYLOR, L.**, Thomas Cookes, 2020, Academic Scholarship

**WALKER, G.**, Thomas Cookes, 2018, House Monitor, 1st Netball, Sisters n Sport National Champions, 1st Hockey, Gold DofE, Netball and Hockey Scholarship

## Walters

With another academic year passing, we hope that we will be able to return to more “normal” times. Despite the continued disturbance of bubbles and year group sport, the “Waltonians” have gone from strength to strength.





The House is becoming a melting pot of talent, from the traditional sporting greatness to the academic prowess and acting talent that has developed of late, it truly is a place that all can prosper. As the Houseparent, I could not be prouder of 'my boys', they are a credit to not only the House name but to Bromsgrove School as a whole. In a House tradition, this year has been summarised opposite by the outgoing Head of House, Samuel Amos.

*The past five years has been anything but normal. From multiple lockdowns and Zoom lessons to cancelled examinations for many year groups. However, the Walters boys have continued to stay focused and to keep the morale high. In my five years in Walters House, I have seen highs and lows, which have shaped the community into what it is today.*

*With victories in Inter-House sports and artistic events, Walters has many things to be proud of. The House Drama performance was a highlight for me, with Charlie Cooper, Harrison Brown and Morgan Black representing the House and achieving 1st place out of the Day Houses and giving a very strong performance to the audience.*

*One of the highlights of this year, as with many years, was the annual performance of the Unison House Song competition. The Walters boys did not take home the trophy, but it was great to see the inclusion and participation of the whole House. Walters also excelled in the House Music competition, with Jack Hobson (Lower Fourth) showing great courage and adeptness to perform in front of his peers and deliver a performance which received him a special mention for the talent displayed on the stage.*



*Walters has retained its high status in the House Sport events throughout the year groups with many victories in senior and junior events. This is accompanied by the individual commendations throughout the year, including Krystof Wood in the House junior swimming.*

*With this said, we must not forget the work and support that the House PA has contributed towards the entirety of our School life in Walters. The boys are very appreciative of the efforts that is put in by many parents to make the community experience as enjoyable as possible. A definite highlight was the Ball at Grafton Manor. This is a traditional event which involves the Sixth Form boys and many parents. The event concluded with a well-rounded speech by Archie Serle (Upper Sixth), which tied together the event perfectly.*

As I always say, the true strength of a House lies in the breadth of talents that it possesses and Walters has this in abundance. There have been years when we have won all the sporting trophies and fell at the first hurdle elsewhere, but that is now a distant memory. The Waltonian community is one that all can be proud of and most importantly contribute to, and I could not be prouder.

Under the leadership of Sam Amos and Hamish Cross, the House has continued to grow. It is never easy for the Heads of House to achieve the balance between being one of the lads one moment and being the one that needs to lead the next, but these two have excelled (especially Hamish with his Head of School commitments as well), and I wish them both all the best for the future. Walters is a House going in the right direction and with the support of my fabulous tutor team and the invaluable role of Lez beside me, this will continue. It has been another pleasurable year in Walters and I continue to be the humbled by the community that the boys have built. Another year passes and my pride in my boys continues to grow. You are a special lot, you Waltonians, and I thank you.

*H Bell*

## Walters Leavers

**AMOS, S.**, Walters, 2013, House Monitor

**BOND, L.**, Walters, 2013

**BOULD, L.**, Walters, 2020

**BROWN, O.B.**, Walters, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, 1st Athletics, 1st Hockey, 3rd Rugby

**COLLARD, H.**, Walters, 2017

**CROSS, H.D.**, Walters, 2017, Head of School, School Monitor, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, 1st Rugby, U14 Rugby, U15 Rugby, U16A Rugby, 1st Swimming, U14 Swimming, U15 Swimming, U16A Swimming, 1st Athletics, Junior Athletics, Intermediate Athletics, Senior Athletics, 3rd Hockey, U14 Hockey, U15B Hockey, U16 Rugby Regional Champions, Rugby Scholarship, House Music Intermediate Winner 2021, House Music Ensemble 2019, House Drama, House Debating, Junior House Rugby, Senior House Rugby, Junior House Swimming, Senior House Swimming, Junior House Hockey, Junior House Cricket, House 1.2 Relay, House Cross-Country, Bronze DofE, CCF Company Sergeant Major, 201 Magazine 2021-2022, Eco Committee 2020-2022, Cultures Connect, Eco Concert 2021 Organiser, Pop and Jazz Concert 2019

**FREEMAN, S.**, Walters, 2017

**HIBBERT-MAY, S.L.**, Walters, 2008, Pre-Prep Survivor, 2nd Rugby, 2nd Cricket

**HODGSON, J.**, Walters, 2017, 1st Rugby (captain), 1st Football, 2nd Cricket, Gold DofE, Rugby Scholar

**LEONISIO, J.**, Walters, 2017, House Monitor

**MORGAN-IQBAL, J.**, Walters, 2020, Sports Scholarship

**SERLE, A.**, Walters, 2020

**SUNNER, A.S.**, Walters, 2006, Pre-Prep Survivor, Prep School Survivor, House Monitor, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE, School Guide, Model United Nations

## Wendron-Gordon

A breath of fresh air saw Wendron-Gordon returning to normal School routines after two years of disruption. With usual service nearly fully resumed, the House flourished, with an exceptional year of achievement.





The first stage of the long-awaited refurbishment took place over the summer break, and many of the lads were delighted to occupy their en-suite rooms. The addition of Webber as a W-G annexe saw House numbers rise by a third to 125, making us the largest House in the School. It also brought in a host of new tutors and (the brilliant) Mrs Courtney as Houseparent. We also welcomed Mr Hatfield as resident, who has been another superb addition.

As ever, the boys competed strongly in Inter-House competitions, picking up trophies for winning the Junior Basketball, Senior Badminton, Senior Volleyball and Junior Table Tennis competitions alongside a brace of wins in the Junior Squash at A and B level. The boys also secured a brave second place in a memorable 1.2 relay race, going almost head-to-head with a strong Lupton team for the second consecutive year.

The boys excelled on stage this year. The return of the Unison House Song competition saw hard weeks of practice rewarded with a great performance in the Arena. Joint conductors Matt Burke and Arsenii Steshenko led the boys to second place overall with a fantastic rendition of *Happy Together* by the Turtles. Accompanied for the final time on piano by Owen Price, the Sixth Form leaders did a fantastic job of getting their 120-strong choir to perform so well.

Another of the outstanding moments of the year was the winning performance in the House Ensemble; a sixteen-strong band rocked Routh Hall with Blur's *Country House* – again, Owen had worked his magic over weeks of rehearsal. Junior Drama saw a largely Lower Fourth cast, with Ian Chan directing, produce an entertaining scene from *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, which gained the group the adjudicator's Special Award.

In Senior Drama, Marcus Au Yeung pulled together a talented cast and together they produced a genuinely stunning and powerful piece of theatre with their scene from *Equus*. It was no surprise that it gained the winning trophy for Best Play, with David Corcoran superb in the lead role.

We said farewell to Dr Short and Mr Hinde at the end of the year, both of whom have given sterling service to the House. Mr Hinde had joined W-G with Webber staff at the start of the year and was resident Assistant Houseparent in Webber, as well as an Upper Sixth tutor. Dr Short has given seven years of service to the House and was held in high esteem by the boys. We wish both of them well in their new roles in Lyttelton and Otilie Hild. Mr Tamplin's time as Assistant Houseparent in the main House also came to an end in July, although we are delighted that he will remain as a tutor. Mr Tamplin has given seven years of reliable, committed and dedicated service to the boys in his care, as well as being a huge support to House staff, and Houseparent in particular. He will be replaced as resident AHP by Dr Morris from September.

The Upper Sixth leavers will be much missed next year; a very friendly, supportive and talented group, they stuck together through hard times and provided excellent leadership to the boys over the past three terms. It was fitting at Commemoration Day that Deputy Head Boy Arsenii Steshenko gained the Ben Showell Memorial Bowl for his contribution to the Arts at Bromsgrove, the day after he had picked up the Batchelor Cup for biggest contribution to Wendron-Gordon amongst the Upper Sixth Leavers. School Monitors Matt Burke and Alex Collin shared the Hywl Award. Special thanks should go to Head of House Stefan Tarasov and Deputy Head of House Ivan Gordeev for their fine efforts over the year.

We wish next year's Head of House Callum Wilkinson and Deputy Head of House Armstrong Dong the very best of luck in their roles for the year ahead. Callum was made up as a School Monitor in May, alongside David Corcoran and Thando Best; the boys in the House were delighted to have three School Monitors for the second year running. One can imagine the delight and pride in W-G, on the last day of the Summer Term, when Thando was announced as Head Boy for next year in Mr Clague's final assembly at Bromsgrove. We wish Thando every success as he leads the pupil body next year.

Huge thanks to all House tutors and especially Mrs Hibell, Mrs Deverill-Skelding and Mrs Wilkins for their superb care of the boys of W-G, again, this year. Best wishes to all for the year ahead.

*D. G. Wilkins*



## Wendron-Gordon Leavers

**AL-MOUSAWI, A.H.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2019

**BOBRENEV, S.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2017

**BURKE, M.A.T.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2014, School Monitor, House Monitor, 1st Football, 1st Athletics, Gold DofE, Honorary Academic Scholar

**CHAN, I.C.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2014, House Monitor, Drama Scholarship, School Productions - Great Expectations and Guys and Dolls, House Music Ensemble - 2019, 2020 and 2022, Junior House Drama - 2019, Senior House Drama - 2021

**COLLIN, A.C.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2016, School Monitor, House Monitor, 1st Football, 1st Rugby, 1st Athletics, Bronze DofE, Silver DofE, Gold DofE, Academic Scholarship, Honorary Scholarship, Rugby Scholarship

**DUDFIELD, L.F.D.**, Wendron Gordon, 2017

**GOLDSTRAW, H.J.**, Wendron Gordon, 2014, Greenpower World Championship Team - 1st place Kit Car (2018), CCF

**GORDEEV, I.G.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2019, House Monitor, Deputy Head of House, 1st Athletics, 1st Volleyball, 1st place in the Senior Drama Competition, Debating, First Aid

**HEMBERG, L.M.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2016, Badminton (captain), 1st Volleyball

**HUI, K.T.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2018, 1st Table Tennis, 2018 U16 Boys' County Champions, Regional Finalists and Player of the Tournament, 2019 & 2021 U19 Boys' County Champion and Regional Finalists, Bromsgrove Service Prep Science Group

**MIKOV, V.M.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2017, House Monitor, 1st Tennis, National Tennis Finals, 1st Squash, 2nd Football, 3rd Rugby, Debating, MUN, Flourishing Fiver

**MODARESSI, D.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2019

**MOROZOV, J.X.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2019, House Monitor, School Productions - Great Expectations (2019), Guys and Dolls (2021), House Drama - 1984 (2019), The Visit (2020, lead role in play and prize for winning the House competition), Equus (2022), B Rugby (Fifth Form), B Football (Fifth Form), Volleyball, Squash, CCF, Model United Nations

**PRICE, O.**, Wendron-Gordon, Music Scholarship, Academic Scholarship

**ROHDE, F.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2019

**SAZONOV, N.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2016

**STESHENKO, A.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2017,

Deputy Head of School, 1st Tennis, invited to play LTA School Nationals (did not participate due to COVID-19), winner 2019 House Tennis with Victor Mikov, 1st Squash, 3rd Football, Runner up House Football (2020), House Music ensemble - Winner (2018,2019,2022), House Song - Runner up (2021) conductor and i/c arrangement, House Drama - involved three times - winner in 2020, 201 Magazine - contemporary Publishing Editor - assistant editor during the 2020 Shine Awards, School Production of Grease - Guitar 2 (2018), School Production of Guys and Dolls - Rhythm Guitar (2021), Debating - chaired and participated in House Debating (2020-2022), Cultures Connect - participated in each after 2017, in committee and i/c tech arrangement 2021 and Head of Committee 2022, Big Band member since 2019, Pop & Jazz - participated as Big Band member (2019, 2022) and independent band member (2019), Flourishing Fiver, Music Group - 2018-2019, PPE Society (2020-2022), Law Society (2021), aided in raising money for the Ukrainian humanitarian charity (2022), helped to organize the House Quiz - tech and scoring (2022), lead organiser Monitor for Secret Santa (2022)

**TARASOV, S.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2017, House Monitor

**TOKMUKHAMEDOV, N. E.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2019, 1st Football, 2nd Football, Chemistry Olympiad - Fourth place, House Music, PPE, Debating, CCF, Cultures Connect, Eco Concert, Honorary Academic Scholarship

**WU, H.L.M.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2018

**YIU, C.L.J.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2017, 1st Badminton, U16 Basketball

**ZHENGIS, B.**, Wendron-Gordon, 2020, 2nd Football



## Upper Sixth Leavers 2022



## Senior Prize Winners 2022

### Wattell Prizes

#### English

Adisa-Maria Manole

#### Religious Studies

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#### German

Sebastien Adams

#### French

Lara Sievert

#### Mathematics

Lara Sievert

#### Business Studies

Isabelle Eaton

#### Physical Education

Isabelle Eaton

#### Politics

Elisabeth Rieger

#### Geography

Cally Buxton

#### Economics

Lilli Boersch

#### Art

Suet Ching Chow

#### Art (Textiles)

Megan Langford

#### Spanish

Madeleine McLeod

#### Physics

Jih-Shan Irene Lo

### Other Academic Prizes

#### William Ledbrook Prize for Biology

Jih-Shan Irene Lo

#### Alison Bramley Memorial Prize for Mathematics

Jih-Shan Irene Lo

#### Chaytor Pepper Prize for Classics (Classical Civilisation)

Madeleine McLeod

#### Amphlett Prize for Chemistry

Ho Lam Marcus Wu

#### Philip Denham Cookes Prize for Drama

Polly Dakin

#### John Hedley Memorial Prize (CCF)

Daniel Goodwin

#### Turner Memorial Prize for Music

Long Hei Tristan Chan

#### Jeffrey Lewins Prize for Design and Technology

Isabelle Jones

#### Housman Verse Prize

Charlotte James

#### Staff Reading Prize

Joseph Boardman

### Special Prizes

#### Senior Boarders

Shu Ting  
Chantal Wong  
and King Sum Tong

#### Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl

Arsenii Steshenko  
and Rafaela Nascimento

#### Head Boy and Head Girl

Hamish Cross  
and Zoe Law

## Special Prizes

#### Tony Limbert Trophy (Sport)

Tom Cosh

Tony Limbert was a pupil who made the most of the sporting opportunities available to him at Bromsgrove and this trophy is dedicated in his memory, being awarded to someone who has endeavoured to do the same in their time here. And this year's recipient has done just that, embracing every sporting challenge put before them. Tom Cosh's hard work and natural talent has led him to represent the School in almost 200 fixtures, over five years.

Striving to better himself with every training session and desiring to learn as much from loss as from victory. Never the loudest voice in the room, yet always listened to by teammates, who admired Tom's outstanding attitude as captain. Always leading by example, as a role model both on and off the pitch, showing others how to train and compete in an exemplary manner.

Tom has focussed on two sports where he has contributed to both County and Regional successes, as well as becoming a National Cup winner in cricket, and a National Finalist in hockey. Remarkable achievements that have been accomplished with an admirably humble approach.

#### Paul Sawtell Trophy

Ellen Ashton

This award is intended to acknowledge a pupil who typifies the School's values of humble confidence, moral principles and the generous encouragement of others.

This year's recipient has also thrown herself into every opportunity presented and has thrived as a result. As a member of myriad sports teams, drama casts, and charity committees, Ellen Ashton has never shied away from a challenge. Not only has that determination brought great success, but along with her cheerful disposition and obvious grit, it has also been an encouragement to others.

That has been especially evident in House where, since joining in in Lower Fourth, Ellen has been a beacon of positivity, participating in every House event, from welcoming new pupils to organising gifts for leavers.

A competitor at heart, her sporting successes over the years have brought continued accolades and praise for her ability to work as part of a team. Ellen's natural habitat has been the netball court and the hockey pitch, yet she has been equally ready to sign up for activities outside her comfort zone, including swimming and cross-country. She doesn't like losing, but she is always the first to see the important life lessons when that happens.

#### Ben Showell Memorial Prize (Performing Arts)

Arsenii Steshenko

Like the Old Bromsgrovian it commemorates, this award is for a pupil who has made a significant contribution to the Performing Arts during their time here. This year's recipient has certainly done that throughout his time in the Senior School.

A stalwart member of the pit bands for both *Grease* and *Guys and Dolls*, Arsenii is also highly innovative. When there was no part for his guitar in one show, he simply created his own adaptation of the score. That typifies his contribution to musical life in the School, where he has also performed for many years with the Big Band, even contributing to Zoom concerts from abroad during lockdown.

House Music has also been enriched by his participation. With a mature approach to working with others, an eager outlook, and yet quietly understated, Arsenii is the perfect 'fit' for an ensemble musician.

Yet his talents on stage have ranged beyond making music; he has also excelled as an actor. Although the pandemic denied him the chance to appear in a major School production in 2020, he still managed to make a significant impact in Wendron-Gordon's memorable winning production in House Drama that year.

Humble and unassuming, ever willing to help others, and always calm in a crisis. Arsenii is usually the first to arrive and the last to leave a rehearsal. In short, he is a superb team player who has indeed made a significant contribution to the Performing Arts.

## Special Prizes

### Kelly Bicknell Award (Service) Chantal Wong

The Kelly Bicknell award is awarded to a pupil who has committed themselves wholeheartedly and consistently to their community throughout their time at Bromsgrove. The all-round nature of this year's recipient efforts exemplifies a selfless and positive 'can-do' approach. Indeed, they epitomise the notion of a true Bromsgrovian.

Within her House, Chantal is caring, considerate, loyal, and a true team player. Natural humility, coupled with a clear sense of self and a strong moral compass makes her a powerful role model. Always the first to volunteer for House events, she has represented the School on numerous occasions in athletics, cross-country and badminton, to name but a few. She has also participated in numerous Service activities, including learning British Sign Language and being the driving force behind fundraising for Bromsgrove's homeless charity, The Basement Project.

Invaluable as Editor of the School magazine, a natural leader in her role as School Monitor and, as has already been acknowledged, exceptional as Head Boarder, Chantal has been a passionate champion for equality, without ever being negative or confrontational. She simply strives to live by example, inspiring those around her to do better.

Wise beyond her years, with integrity and a kind soul, Chantal is the most deserving recipient of the Kelly Bicknell Award.

### Housman Trophy Irene Lo

Predicted four A\*s at A Level, the winner of our elite Academic Award is also expected to gain full marks in at least some of those subjects, as she is an astute, tenacious, and knowledgeable scientist. Irene's intellectual ability means she thrives in any academic environment, but it is her conscientious approach, excellent attention to detail, and empathy that sets her apart.

She has consistently challenged her teachers intellectually with her knowledge, understanding, and wider appreciation of the biological sciences. Not just a theorist, she is also an outstanding bench scientist with superb experimental and practical skills. Irene's genuine curiosity, strong intellect, and excitement in studying the biological sciences has been seen regularly in her studies in animal physiology, genetics, biochemistry and the myriad of applications in curing disease.

She has achieved Gold awards in both the Biology Olympiad and in the UKMT Maths Challenge. She also scored the highest mark that any Bromsgrovian has ever achieved in her BMAT assessment, the entrance test used by medical schools.

Unsurprisingly, The Housman Trophy goes to Irene Lo.

### Cookes Prize Elisabeth Reiger

Named after our Founder, our ultimate award is the Cookes' Prize, given to one who has had an exemplary School career.

This year's recipient is a rare find. A standout academic who is both self-deprecating but simultaneously infectious in her passion for knowledge. Elisabeth's teachers know her to be enthusiastic and driven, with a razor-sharp intellect. Yet for all her high-level academic prowess, she is grounded in the real world and mostly interested in the everyday issues facing humanity.

Many in this School are passionate about environmental concerns, but there is one clear figurehead. She has led on those issues through her roles as a School and House Monitor, and, as the co-founder of the Eco Committee, having addressed us all and raised the profile of sustainability, galvanising real change within the School during her time here. A persuasive debater and blessed with a sharp mind capable of great nuance and balance, Elisabeth is perfectly placed to pursue the study of International Development and Sustainability at St Andrews next year.

Yet despite being best known for that abiding mission, she has given so much more to the School. A keen sportswoman, she has been a representative in hockey, football and athletics. If that wasn't enough, she has also been a key member of the string group orchestra, playing the viola with great emotion.

And still there is more. We all know Elisabeth as a deeply caring individual who relishes being part of any community. She does not shy away from respectfully voicing her opinion, and when she speaks, others listen. A valued member of her House, she bridges connections across nationalities, cultural backgrounds and points of view.

In a world that is currently rent by global division and fear, we need disciplined visionaries. Optimistic people prepared to make the most of the opportunities in front them. And where there are no obvious opportunities, to create them. Humble and courageous people. That is what the Sir Thomas Cookes aspired from this School and that is exactly what Elisabeth is.



# Senior Prizewinners 2022



## Mark Reading Lent Term 2022

### GCSE Prize Winners

<b>History</b> Armstrong Dong	<b>French and Business</b> Hamish Schulze
<b>Combined Science</b> Billy McDonough	<b>Geography and Design &amp; Technology</b> Joshua Graesser
<b>German</b> Cameron Owen	<b>Mathematics and Music</b> Larry To
<b>Art</b> David Corcoran	<b>Classical Civilisation and Chemistry</b> Oleksii Li
<b>Latin</b> James Box	<b>Textiles and Drama</b> Olivia Whitfield
<b>English as a Second Language</b> Jerry Cheung	<b>Biology and Physics</b> Sophia Meadows
<b>Economics</b> John Kim	<b>English Language, English Literature, Religious Studies and Spanish</b> Sophie Pover
<b>PE</b> Katie Murray	

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### Lower Fourth Subject Prizes

<b>Chemistry, Biology and Business</b> Jenny Tang	<b>Art, Craft &amp; Design</b> Ayana Bakirdinova	<b>Art - Textiles</b> Isabel McDougall
<b>Mathematics</b> Sai-Nam Panyasiri	<b>Religious Studies</b> Emily Appleton	<b>Lower Fourth Prizes for Endeavour and Progress</b> Alexis Chiliment Rufus Cole Riana Hunt Annabel Lucking Hannah Osborne Josh Turk
<b>Latin and History</b> Phoebe Dinnen	<b>English as an Additional Language</b> Joshua Chan	<b>Lower Fourth Prize for the Best Year's Work</b> Rebecca Woolmore
<b>French and German</b> Lucy Nguyen	<b>Geography &amp; Design Technology</b> Nikki Liu	
<b>Music</b> Aarush Thapa	<b>Drama</b> Ruby Foster	
<b>English</b> Ilerioluwa Odugbesan	<b>Spanish &amp; Physics</b> Oliver James	
<b>Classic Civilisation</b> Jasper Page	<b>Physical Education</b> Oliver Dieppe	

### Upper Fourth Subject Prizes

<b>Geography</b> Alex Cheung	<b>Latin</b> Edward Hu	<b>English Language</b> Rose Davenport
<b>Art, Craft and Design</b> Amelie Jackson	<b>Design Technology</b> Elizabeth Philpott	<b>Art - Textiles</b> Sayana Rai
<b>Physical Education</b> Ava Colley	<b>English Literature and Business</b> Ffion Wright	<b>Classical Civilisation</b> Emily Bower
<b>Physics</b> Benjamin Hornigold	<b>Mathematics, Spanish and Music</b> Hailey Li	<b>Upper Fourth Prizes for Endeavour and Progress</b> Neel Agrawal Kaashif Ali Baig Jack Atkinson Lauren Baker Apolline Desclozeaux Ruvimbo Madzingo
<b>Chemistry and History</b> Bijen Gurung	<b>Biology</b> Isla Sutherland	<b>Upper Fourth Prize for the Best Year's Work</b> Tobias Schroeder
<b>Drama</b> Charissa Brobbey-Sarpong	<b>English as an Additional Language</b> Maria Militar	
<b>Religious Studies</b> Cherie Leung	<b>French and German</b> Maya Wingfield	



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### Academic Awards    Extra-Curricular Awards

#### IB Language A2 Russian A

Ianna Bodnar

#### IB Language A2 German

Lara Sievert

#### IB Creativity, Action & Service

Lara Sievert

#### Theory of Knowledge

Lara Sievert

#### Environmental Systems and Societies

Arsenii Steshenko

#### Extended Essay

Elisabeth Rieger

#### Extended Project Qualification

Madeleine McLeod

#### The Bernard-Hall Mancey Cup for the Most Improved Musician

Eleanor Boardman

#### The Vivian Anthony Cup for Musical Contribution

George Vaughan

#### The Janet Cockin Debating Cup

Polly Green

#### The T.E. Godwin Cup for the Most Improved Speaker

Joseph Hong

#### Most Improved Drama Award

Adisa-Maria Manole

#### The Page Cup for Drama

Brooke-Lily York

#### Staff Junior Reading Prize

Jack Atkinson

#### Outstanding Contribution to Bromsgrove Service

Lucy McLoughlin

#### Best Army Cadet

CSM Howard Goldstraw

#### Best RAF Cadet

CWO James Cameron

#### Overall Contribution to the Extra-Curricular Programme

Charlotte Holden

### Sports Awards

#### 1st XI Cricket

Batting	Tom Cosh
Bowling	Olly Davidson
Fielding	Archie Greaves-Hall

#### The Cosier Cup

This award is presented to the U18 Girls' Tennis team

#### The Swatkins Trophy

This award is for someone who always gives 100% effort and commitment to school sport. She has represented the School on 158 occasions in a variety of sports. This year's Swatkins Trophy is awarded to Ellen Ashton.

#### Outstanding Contribution to Girls' Games

The winner of this award has represented the School across eight different sports during her time in the Senior School. She has represented the School at 1st team level in netball, swimming, athletics, cricket and golf. The outstanding contribution to Girls' Games goes to Katie Rolph.

#### Sportswoman of the Year

The winner of this award goes to someone who started playing at a professional level at the age of sixteen. She has National honours and is a key member of the U19 England Netball team. Our Sportswoman of the Year is Isabelle Eaton.

#### The Swatkins Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the boy who commits themselves to School sport and demonstrates the values and attitude that is part of our School. The Swatkins Trophy for Boys Sport is awarded to Tom Cosh.

#### Sportsman of the Year

The winner of this award has been selected for and represented his country, not only at his current age group at a World Cup but also for the senior men's team. The Sportsman of the Year is awarded to Oliver Davidson.

#### Outstanding Contribution to Boys Games

The winner of this award has represented the school across six different sports throughout their time in the senior school. They have focused on and excelled in three, badminton, hockey and tennis and has represented the school with a wide variety of success in each. The Contribution to Boys Sport is awarded to Stuart Shannon.



## Salvete

### Elmshurst

Raymond	Betiku
Nik Idriz Kamil	Bin Nik Rizal Kamil
Chun Ho	Chan
Shi Zong	Chan
Sze Ming	Chan
Andrea	Cosmelli
Yisen	Cui
Yakov	Djarov
Chung Him	Ha
Mohamed	Hassoun
Farid	Ibrahimov
Artashes	Khachatryan
Sheung Hin	Lai
Cheuk Lap Edgar	Lau
Alexander	Lebedev
Ming Chun	Leung
Ji Lok	Lo
Dmitry	Molchanov
Arutiun	Nikogosian
Louis	Oberhammer
Peter	Schäfer
Jirapat	Sirithunyanont
Pichayapong	Sithi-Amnuai
Kian	Tai
Heung Yat Ernest	Tang
Titan	Wong
Ben	Yeo

### Hazeldene

Simrit	Chahal
Frances	Clifton
Ella	Griffiths
Charlotte	Tanfield
Ava-Lily	Tunncliffe
Charlotte	Warner

### Housman Hall

Amelia	Baker
Davide	Barbieri
Irfan	Bin Kamaludin
Conrad	Boto
Ka Long Austin	Chan
Hiu Lam	Cheng
Pak Hin Dexter	Cheng
Malobi	Chinye
Him Yat	Chow
Abhay	Dhiman
Laziza	Djumabaeva

Ilia
Theresa
Charlotte
Matteo
Amelia
Nils
Daniela
Elisabeth
Lennart
Nattasit
Nikol
Elisabeth
Ming Ho
Vera
Arina
Imaan
Lolia
Benedikt
Tamara Barbara
Tada
Adam
Chi Yuen
Intouch
Oluwatooni Ayinke
Philipp
Wennqing
Ethan King Shun
Hei Ching
Tin Long
Ekaterina
Zhiqing
Florentine

### Lupton

Jaskaran
Brendan
Benjamin

### Lyttelton

Diego	Guzman
George	Hadley
Luca	Magni
Mattia	Magni
Jordan	Markovics
Frederick	Parsons

### Mary Windsor

Alexia-Gabriela
Henriette

Duda
Eise
Gariazzo
Hammel
Hodgson
Høgset
Jonas
Jonas
Kemper
Khattinanon
Khaykyna
Kofler
Leung
Lisitskaya
Makarina
Mould
Nwofor
Rast
Röschli
Satithamajit
Scholar
Sham
Sirisukhodom
Soyebo
Steck
Tan
Tong
Tsang
Yuen
Zaytseva
Zhang
Zimmermann

Bahra
Colley
Hilton

Guzman
Hadley
Magni
Magni
Markovics
Parsons

Ancuta
Berg

Yixuan
Kateryna
Sum Kiu
Alpha Cheuk Kiu
Maisie
Irina
Elina
Elizaveta
Moyosoreoluwa
Wing Hei Hilary
Kiara Petrova
Abigail
Cheuk-Ning Sophia
Nuraiym
Wing Yu
Yui Ting

### Oakley

Esinam
Iarina
Veronika
Selai
Lia
Rozelyn
Kam Ngai
Nia
Clara
Eva
Hina
Oluwafunmilola
Mariia
Vidushii
Valeriia
Tsz Tung
Katharina

### Otilie Hild

Emily	Johnstone
Edie-May	Page
Florence	Stewart
Annie	Williams

### School

George	Ballard
James	Barnett
Alex	Carter
Yuet Long	Chan
Jacob	Gregory
Matthew	Jenkins

Fu
Ignatiuk
Kwok
Li
Lyons
Popovici
Quito
Rodina
Sheidu
Siu
Stoycheva
Tang
Tong
Turganbaeva
Wong
Wu

Adom
Aflorii
Bilibina
Boginisoko
Giorgino
Gurung
Ha
Ivanova
Kapricheva
Mikalonyte
Mitsuda
Okeowo
Okhotnik
Saha
Sukhotska
Wong
Zhang

Charlie
Benjamin
Thomas
Veron

### Thomas Cookes

Daisy	Atkins
Simran	Bahra
Freya	Cavalier-White
Mayra	Hobrok
Ella	Kenyon
Lydia	Markovics
Winnie	Padmore
Amalie	Pardoe
Verity	Williams

### Walters

Connor	Allen
Oluwadurotimi Abutaleeb	Ayo-Yusuf
William	Beaney
Sijian	Chen
Isa	Malik
Kayshan	Samaratunga

### Wendron-Gordon

Mikhail	Barinov
Álvaro	Büchen Arredonda
Tak Yin Aaden	Chiu
Ricardo	Cruz Pinto
Kaan	Erdem
Mikhail	Kolpin
Yu Lok Nicholas	Kwok
Chit Hei Roy	Lau
Pak Yin	Lau
Siu Tak	Leung
Wai Kwan Michael	Lo
Yin Chung Klement	Man
Alek	Markov
Alexander	Monev
Ibrahim	Muhammed
Sammy Kofi	Ntodi
Erik	Pedaja
Felix	Rohde
Shahaar	Selim
Francisco	Serra Macedo
Chin Wang	Tao
Ilya	Volodin
Han Yong	Xie



## Destination of Leavers 2022

University	Subject
<b>Bangor University</b>	Zoology with Primatology
<b>Bath University</b>	Aerospace Engineering Biology Computer Science Economics (2) Economics with Management International Development with Economics International Foundation Year International Management Management Sport Management and Coaching
<b>Bath Spa</b>	Fine Art
<b>Birkbeck (University of London)</b>	Computing with Foundation
<b>Birmingham City University</b>	Business and International Relations Construction Management Costume Design and Practice
<b>Birmingham University RG</b>	Chemistry (2) Medicine Political and International Relations
<b>Bournemouth University</b>	Business and Management with Foundation Multimedia Journalism
<b>Brighton University</b>	Psychology
<b>Bristol University RG</b>	Biomedical Sciences Business and Management Chemistry Law Mechanical Engineering with Foreign Language Pharmacology

University	Subject
<b>Cardiff University RG</b>	Architecture (2) Astrophysics Banking and Finance (2) Business Management (3) Business Management (Int. Management) Business Management (Marketing) (2) Chemistry Environmental Sustainability Science French and Politics German and Politics History (2) Human Geography (2) Mechanical Engineering Politics and Economics Psychology
<b>Cardiff Metropolitan</b>	Sport Performance Analysis
<b>City University</b>	Business Management
<b>Coventry University</b>	Biosciences with Foundation
<b>Durham University RG</b>	Business and Management History Law Modern Languages and Cultures
<b>East London University</b>	Product Design
<b>Edinburgh University RG</b>	Architecture German and History of Art
<b>Exeter University RG</b>	Business and Management Classics Human Sciences Politics and International Relations Sociology
<b>Falmouth</b>	Fine Art
<b>Glasgow University RG</b>	Common Law/Economic and Social History Medicine
<b>Harper Adams University</b>	Agriculture

## Destination of Leavers 2022

University	Subject
<b>Imperial College London RG</b>	Biological Sciences Biotechnology Chemistry Medical Biosciences (2)
<b>Kent University</b>	Law
<b>King's College London RG</b>	Biochemistry Biomedical Science Biomedical Engineering General Engineering International Relations Management and Modern Languages Political Economy Social Sciences
<b>Lancaster University</b>	Business Management Economics (2) Law
<b>Leeds University RG</b>	Child Nursing Modern Languages and International Relations (2) Sport and Exercise Science
<b>Leicester University</b>	Banking and Finance Financial Economics and Banking (2) Law with Politics Medicine
<b>Lincoln University</b>	Philosophy
<b>Loughborough University</b>	Commercial Management and Quantity Surveying Economics Economics and Management Natural Sciences Politics and International Relations
<b>LSE RG</b>	Finance International Relations International Social and Public Policy Management
<b>Manchester University RG</b>	Architecture (2) Economics and Data Analytics Law Music Political Economy

University	Subject
<b>Northumbria University</b>	Physiotherapy
<b>Nottingham University RG</b>	Geography with Business History and Politics Management (2)
<b>Nottingham Trent University</b>	Business Management and Marketing (2) Computer Science and Maths with Foundation Fashion Marketing and Branding Law Sports Science and Management
<b>Oxford Brookes</b>	Accounting and Finance Motorsport Engineering Real Estate Sport and Exercise Science (2) Sport, Coaching and Physical Education
<b>Oxford RG</b>	Biomedical Engineering
<b>Plymouth</b>	Illustration
<b>Queen Mary University RG</b>	Actuarial Science Engineering with Foundation Law Oral Health
<b>Reading University</b>	Architecture Business and Management (Accounting) Economics and Finance Investment and Finance in Property Pharmacy with Foundation Quantity Surveying Theatre and Performance
<b>Royal Holloway University</b>	Drama with Acting International Relations
<b>Sheffield University RG</b>	Business Management History
<b>Sheffield Hallam University</b>	Chemistry International Business
<b>Southampton RG</b>	Law

## Destination of Leavers 2022

University	Subject
<b>St Andrews</b>	Biochemistry Classics Computer Science and Mathematics Sustainable Development
<b>St Marys University</b>	Sport and Exercise Science
<b>Surrey University</b>	Aerospace Engineering
<b>Sussex University</b>	Psychology with Business and Management
<b>Swansea University</b>	Accounting and Finance Biomedical Engineering Medical Genetics
<b>UCL RG</b>	Arts and Sciences Biological Sciences Computer Science Economics Geography (International) History and Politics of the Americas History of Art Mathematics with Modern Languages Neuroscience Philosophy
<b>University of East Anglia</b>	Computing Science Engineering Foundation
<b>University College Birmingham</b>	Strength, Conditioning & Sports Nutrition
<b>University of the Arts London</b>	Illustration Media Communications
<b>UWE</b>	Real Estate
<b>Warwick University RG</b>	Politics and International Studies
<b>Westminster University</b>	Architecture
<b>Worcester University</b>	Cricket Coaching and Management Physical Education and Sports Coaching
<b>York RG</b>	Business and Management English and History Philosophy Politics with International Relations

International Universities	Subject
<b>Columbia, US</b>	Medicine
<b>HKU</b>	Medicine
<b>Holy Names University, California</b>	Liberal Arts
<b>IE, Madrid</b>	Economics and International Relations Management
<b>Indiana, US</b>	Course to be confirmed
<b>LaRoche, Marbella</b>	Hospitality Management
<b>Minerva, US</b>	Course to be confirmed
<b>PolyU University, Hong Kong</b>	Design
<b>Purdue University, US</b>	Pre-Med
<b>Rice University, US</b>	Course to be confirmed
<b>Strasbourg University, France</b>	French and German
<b>University of Toronto</b>	Speech and Language Therapy
<b>Toronto Rotman</b>	Commerce
<b>UCLA</b>	Course to be confirmed
<b>University of Nicosia, Cyprus</b>	Medicine
<b>Vassar, US</b>	Liberal Arts
<b>Apprenticeships and Work</b>	
<b>Army</b>	Mental Health Nursing
<b>BAE Systems</b>	Role to be confirmed
<b>Barclays Apprenticeship</b>	Accountancy



## Academic Review

All Schools have always proudly stated that they are not merely examination factories – the aim is to provide an education not certificates. Having said this, it was something of a relief for public exams to make a return for the first time since 2019. There was the reassurance that the quality of students' knowledge and understanding was being compared on a common scale. There is also the recognition that students' examination grades are not the result of a couple of hours effort working quietly at a desk in a sports hall, but the grades merely represent the end point of many hours of classes and study.

At GCSE level, the large cohort of 190 students achieved the School's best ever set of results at this level. A quarter of all examinations sat achieved a 9, and 65% achieved at least a 7, the equivalent in old money to an A grade. The average points score per entry was 7.1 points. Record results were also seen within the IB where fifty-five students averaged an astonishing 39.3 points out of a maximum of 45. Over a half of the cohort achieved at least 40 points with three achieving the coveted 45 maximum. As a whole, the IB students gained the equivalent of 88% A\*/A at A Level. A Level and BTEC results were also strong with over a half of the 500 entries gaining at least the equivalent of an A grade and with four-fifths achieving at least a B grade.

Strong performance in examinations, where the acquiring of knowledge and understanding of complex ideas is demonstrated, whilst important in itself, still represents only the vanilla ice-cream of an education – although the achieving of high grades probably tastes more of Ben and Jerry's vanilla than a budget soft-scoop variety. The 180 pieces of detailed research that went into high quality IB Extended Essays or Extended Project Qualifications see students making personal connections with topics and synthesise ideas in a deep nuanced way that is simply not possible in the heat of an exam. This year, students considered the four colour problem and the impossible integral, the significance of the golden apples of Hesperides and the impact of prison regimes of rates of recidivism. Prizes were gained in the John Locke and also the Durham University Economic Essay Competitions, large numbers gained recognition in Science Olympiads, a seventh of all students in the Senior School gained an award in Maths Challenge Competitions.



As usual, only a very small number of Upper Sixth leavers left directly to gain employment or to take a gap year. Of the remaining 201 students who are about to start their undergraduate studies, a tenth will do so abroad at places such as Columbia, UCLA, Toronto, HKU and Milan. Four-fifths of students made their first choice offer of university in the UK with UCL, KCL, Imperial and LSE remaining the popular London choices, and Cardiff, Bath, Exeter and Manchester being the most popular out-of-London options. Economics, Business and Management remain overwhelmingly the most popular areas of study with large numbers also moving into the natural sciences, medicine and engineering, law and architecture.

Whilst memories quickly fade, the years of COVID disruptions and lockdown were unlike anything previously seen in living memory. For those students who faced disruptions to their GCSE, A Level and IB studies, COVID measures risked spoiling and souring the only Senior School years that they will ever have. Yet to their very great credit, the vast majority of students did not merely do enough to get by, but they worked with commitment, drive and style in the most difficult of circumstances. The last two years were the most challenging of times for students and teachers alike, but the time was not wasted.

*P Ruben*



## Commemoration Day

The Headmaster welcomed guests and thanked the incoming Chairman of Governors, Mr Michael Luckman, for delivering an eloquent review of the Senior School year. The achievements listed were extensive and praise was due to all who had contributed to another year of success. He also added his gratitude to that already expressed for the dedicated service of the outgoing Chairman, Mr Paul West, with whom he had worked closely over the past eight years. Thanks given, he then dedicated the remainder of his address to those in the Upper Sixth who were graduating from the School that day.

A word count of his speeches, sermons, and addresses indicated that the Headmaster had spoken nearly one million words in his time at Bromsgrove. Promising that he would shortly put them out of that misery, he offered to share three new words with the pupils before they graduated. All four-lettered and all, he was sure, that they had probably not heard before.

The first was technically not a word, but rather, the acronym GISS. Confessing that he was a closet bird lover, the Headmaster shared that GISS stood for General Impression of Size and Shape. In essence, a bird-nerd way of saying “when you are not sure what you are looking at, trust your instincts.” With reference to the lives that the graduates would lead beyond Bromsgrove, he warned them that they would undoubtedly face many new ideas, opportunities, points of view and ideologies. In a perfect world, he counselled taking time to evaluate such novelties. However, acknowledging that theirs was the “insta-generation”, he suggested that where they did not have the luxury of time to decide the merits of new experiences, they should at least try to rely on the impulses that had been built into them by their upbringing and education.



The second word was Sisu, of Finnish origin and implying sustained, rather than momentary, courage. The Headmaster praised the tenacity and resilience shown by the graduates, and all in the School, during the pandemic years. However, he implored them not to buy into the notion that they would forever be the “COVID Generation”. Rather than carry the experience as a burden, he urged them to wear the grit and determination that they had shown as a badge of honour throughout their lives. They had proven their mettle at an earlier age than most and he encouraged them to build upon that capacity and courage.

The Headmaster’s final word was of Maori origin. Mana lacked a direct English translation, but in essence described the totality of who one is as an individual. The amalgam of character, thoughts and deeds. The esteem of peers, and the respect of foes. He added that a person’s mana is also a product of their family, and he took that opportunity that his own was significantly bolstered by his wonderful wife and the support and encouragement that she gave, both to him and the School.

He went on to suggest that every leaver also had their mana enhanced by having been at Bromsgrove. Similarly, the School’s mana would be increased by their successes and achievements in the years to come, whether they be found in careers, families, or service to others. They carried an important and precious responsibility to add to the School’s lengthy heritage and reputation and he hoped that they would continue to make those who had taught them proud in the years to come.

Finally, the Headmaster concluded (just as he hit the million word mark) by expressing his deep gratitude for the privilege of having been able to serve the School and the enormous pride he felt for all who gathered to leave as he did.



## The Sir Thomas Cookes Sermon

The annual Sir Thomas Cookes Sermon on Commemoration Day was preached this year by the Dean of Worcester, The Very Reverend Dr Peter Atkinson. He recalled two school speech day addresses (of the many he has heard or delivered himself over nearly sixty years) which still stick in his mind: one by an eminent historian when he was about 12 or 13, and the other by the then Archbishop of Canterbury when he was 17 or 18 years old. Reflecting on the words of the American poet and political activist Maya Angelou that *“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”*, the Dean remembered how the historian expressed the excitement that he felt (and so made the Dean feel) about learning something new. In a similar way, the Archbishop conveyed the importance of a sense of wonder. The Dean highlighted how those two fragments of memory, even without recall of specific words or exact phrases, have stayed with him, become part of him, and changed him for the better.

He reminded us that there is no need to wait for such moments of revelation. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Christian community of Philippi more than twenty centuries ago, effectively tells us (in our reading from Philippians IV.4-9) to seek out our moments of revelation in order to fire our enthusiasm – to find what is good, take what is good, and shape your life to it. Focus your attention, he says, on what is *‘true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy’*.

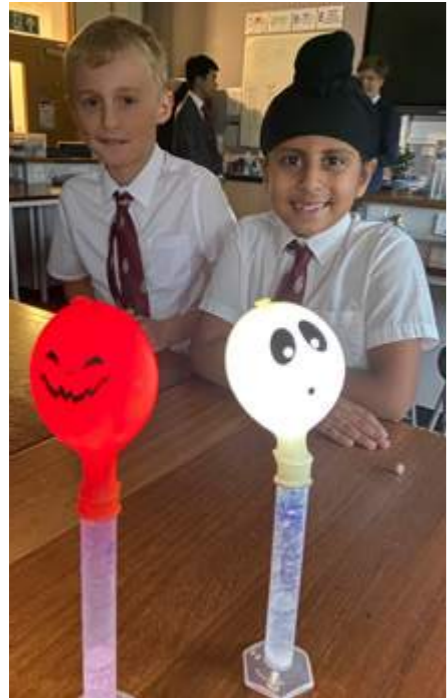
Recognising that many in the congregation may have already discovered pathways such as art, science, history, poetry, sport, the natural world or music to learn something new and experience wonder in the world, the Dean encouraged us all, as in the words of the hymn, to:

*‘Take hold of life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.’*

Having referenced scholars, clergymen, an Apostle and the pagan philosophers who also once spoke of *‘the good, the beautiful, and the true’*, the Dean finished with some words from the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. He thought that these would capture for our leavers the joy of discovery and sense of wonder, about which the two men had formerly spoken to him, as well as, like the Apostle Paul, tracing what is good back to God:

*‘The world is charged with the  
grandeur of God ...’*

*A McClure*



# Prep School Activities

## Activities Overview

It has been wonderful to have Prep Activities back to normal and out of year group bubbles this year. The mix of ages for some activities is one thing that makes them so fantastic.

There have been a few changes to reflect current thinking, such as 'Zen Tuesday' and 'Bullet Journaling' along with old favourites like badminton, football and cookery. It has been great to return to the Golf Centre and LAMDA is thriving with new teachers from the Wyre Forest Theatre Academy. Saturday favourites have included educational Minecraft and creating awesome animations.

A walk around on Saturday mornings is an absolute joy – there is always so much going on. Sounds of children laughing, tempting aromas from cookery and the sight of so much creativity. From music, sport and drama to astronomy and exquisite woodworking, art and crafting. It is hard to believe that some of the fine pen drawings have been created by such young children.

We very much look forward to witnessing our pupils expand their horizons still further next year.

*C Leather*



## Black History Month

This academic year saw the first Prep School celebration of Black History Month (BHM) in October. It was a great success and I hope that it will remain in our cultural calendar for many years to come.

We are truly blessed at Bromsgrove to have a wonderfully diverse pupil body and the celebration was greatly appreciated. The purpose of BHM is to promote knowledge, understanding and recognition of Black history and achievements in the UK. The older pupils were given a talk in the lecture theatre by Dr Oluwole (former parent) of Nigerian descent, a competition was launched and lessons took place in order to give the children an awareness of this great history.

*C Leather*



## Buddies

Thank you to our Year 6 and Year 8 Buddies for all their hard work this term. The Buddies enjoyed talking to the pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 about the importance of internet safety during assembly. They shared scenarios that could happen online and discussed what messages would be appropriate to send and not send. The children also listened to strategies to help them make a safer online space. Some suggestions were to report, seek help, block the user and save the evidence. They also talked about the importance of talking to a trusted adult.



## Eco Committee

Pursuing to work as the leading voices supporting Bromsgrove's vision of sustainability, the Prep School Eco Committee members have continued to come together for half termly meetings and litter picks. Nevertheless, the real impact has been by running initiatives which involve every pupil in Prep School.

Our Green Flag award, awarded in 2021, flies high and proudly whenever there is a focus on sustainability in School. This shows how committed Bromsgrove Preparatory School is to making our School even greener. The committee were thrilled to be given a guided tour of the entire site by both the Bursar, Lesley Brookes and the Estates team. They were informed of other sustainable energy sources that the School is employing, which includes an electric delivery vehicle.

The committee were determined to run the 'Switch Off Fortnight' venture again this year. This encourages both staff and pupils to think about the electricity we use in School and at home. Year 8 members launched this initiative by delivering an informative presentation. Each form was encouraged to "switch off the lights and screens" when they were not in use. Energy Monitors were given the responsibility of checking and awarding stickers when required. This year, the venture was linked to the House competition and the winning forms were awarded points.



During the Lent Term, the committee were thrilled to be able to give every classroom and office a specially grown house plant in an effort to improve the air quality and environment within School. These had been grown from tiny plug plants by the Gardening Club.

In the Summer Term, we were delighted to see the installation of a bike rack at Prep School. The committee continue to encourage pupils and staff alike to choose a more sustainable form of transport where appropriate.

My thanks go to an extremely dedicated group of pupils who share my vision and continue to work tirelessly to support the School's sustainability pledge.

*S Dakin*



## Flourishing Fivers

For the third year running, Year 7 pupils have engaged their entrepreneurial spirits to raise money for our local Primrose Hospice. We are so proud to have now raised over £35,000 for this valued charity. Visits to each Year 7 class by a Primrose representative set the ball rolling and then it was over to the children to find ways to raise money. Each child was given a real five pound note and asked to flourish it into as much money as possible. Being able to be outside in the October sunshine was brilliant. Stalls abounded with wares such as dog treats and pamper pack to games such as 'knock down the cans', sweets in the jar and 'what's under the mugs?'

In celebration of the Queen's Green Canopy, oak tree saplings were auctioned, and handmade and beautifully coloured paper windmills were a joyful sight. Several parents opened Just Giving pages and huge amounts of money were raised with sponsored events. My thanks go to all of the pupils for their inventiveness and compassion.

*C Leather*



## Forest School

Forest School continues to provide connection for the pupils with the natural environment. The past few years have taught us how important this is for our mental health and well-being. Being outside in all seasons and weathers really makes us think about how the world continues to evolve and change. It enables us to appreciate the small simple things in life like a robin singing in a tree.

Pupils from Years 3 and 4 have benefitted from their weekly sessions. They develop their skills and build upon what they have learnt. A highlight for me this year was witnessing one pupil build a bird box from scratch. The determination, resilience and perseverance that this showed can only be admired.

Forest School allows us all the opportunity to stop and reflect on what is happening in our lives and around us. The fire pit remains the focal point for reflection, where pupils can regularly be seen sat around socialising with their peers. Pupils have developed good fire building and lighting skills; however, using the flint and steel still remains challenging for most.

One of the highlights of our sessions is cooking on the fire; the snacks always seem to be devoured with a big smile. During the sessions, we continually reflect on the benefits of Forest School. Pupils work on small projects individually, in pairs or as a team to achieve a common goal. The weather continues to be unpredictable and ever changing but pupils learn to adapt their clothing, activities and location depending on this.

All activities are aimed to develop a holistic approach to child centred learning.

Bromsgrove Preparatory School's commitment to Forest School continues to develop and it is a real pleasure to witness. The saying 'Not all classrooms have four walls' is ever present in Forest School.

*S Dakin*



## Gardening Club

Returning to School after the long summer break always gives the Gardening Club the opportunity to re-think what they want to grow where. The autumn and winter months give us the opportunity to rejuvenate the soil, replacing lost nutrients with compost created on-site.

As the weather began to turn colder, we focused on planting some winter vegetables including onions, garlic and cabbages. With the darker evenings, we used the time productively to collect seeds, make seed packets and lavender bags. The pupils enjoyed finding seeds around the site and exploring new areas, which have been developed to encourage wildlife.

Spring is always our busiest time and this year was no exception; seeds were planted with vigour. This year, we decided to grow runner beans, French beans, swede, pumpkins, courgette and beetroot to name but a few.

While the seeds were germinating and growing big enough to be planted outside, we ensured that the winter cabbages were covered to prevent the butterflies getting in and laying their eggs on them. Structures were also erected ready to support the upcoming shoots of the runner beans.

A member of the Eco Committee kindly donated her prize of twisted willow, which we planted to create an archway over the wildflower area. With the bulbs having given us a fantastic show in spring, we now await some wild flowers and maybe even a small amount of fruit from our little orchard.

The pupils continue to be supporting the Eco Committee using sustainable resources where we can, making bird feeders out of juice containers, recycled and reused whenever possible. Pupils have become extremely aware of how important it is to compost fruit waste and are now pro-actively undertaking this every week.



This year, the pupils are continuing to work towards the RHS Level 4 School Gardening Award. Gardening Club remains a popular activity with pupils and it is always a pleasure to hear that they are taking these skills home and developing them further. I would like to thank Scott Devereux (Senior Gardener) and John Whitlock for volunteering their time to support the pupils' learning.

*S Dakin*



## Kindness Week

In preparation for Kindness Week at the Prep School, a wonderful and very secret group of pupils created Random Act of Kindness gifts. In addition, the pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 earned 'caught you being Kind' vouchers for kind behaviour.

*S Grove*



## National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day was a great success. The English classrooms overran with verse. Mrs Ison was even spotted dropping into lessons and sharing her favourite poems. From *Squidly Diddly* the environmentally conscious sea creature, to the work of Caleb Femi and his powerful poem *Thirteen*, poetry was at the heart of the day. It was a delight to see everyone exploring this year's national theme of 'choice'.

As part of our own celebrations, we ran a competition to write a poem on the theme of choice. It was great to see so many pupils transforming into a poet. The quality of entries was high, and the winners are as follows:

**Year 7 and 8 winner:**  
Khai Nguyen

**Year 7 and 8 highly commended:**  
Nathan Limbu, Matthew Hill, Megan Price

**Year 5 and 6 winner:**  
Tobias Crabtree

**Year 5 and 6 highly commended:**  
Vanshika Sopariwala

**Year 3 and 4 winner:**  
Imogen Lewis

**Year 3 and 4 highly commended:**  
James Oatridge, Beatrice Snelling,  
Sebastian Buckle, Alice Toye, Lily Heath



### I Think

*I Think  
Who cares?  
Who cares if you're fat or lean?  
Who cares if you're kind or mean?  
No-one, I think*

*The life...hectic, mad  
Enough to make you... sad  
Quite crazy, I think*

*Does Covid-19 stop at a school?  
Does school stop for some infected drool?  
No way, I think*

*When the clock ticks slow,  
When the plant of time seems to grow  
Nothing's changed, I think*

*Why should you be nice?  
In a world fast yet slow at progress,  
as if in, ice  
Don't know, I think*

*Maybe it's not for you  
Maybe it's irrelevant, maybe that's not true  
But it's helping something far greater,  
I think*

*By Khai Nguyen*

## Photography Club

With a return to School 'as normal' this year, the Prep School Photography Club has continued to flourish. We have been able to appreciate the beauty of our campus throughout the changing seasons and capture snapshots of nature, pose for portraits and channel our creativity with some fabulous results.

At the end of a busy day, the club has provided the perfect antidote to stress as well as an opportunity to develop new skills and interests, and make new friends. We have enjoyed working together to stage and frame our shots, experiment with different accessories and props and tell stories through our images.

This year's themes have included looking at how we can portray kindness in an image without words, convey the essence of 'Remembrance' and capture character in our portraits. We have also experimented with reflections, water droplets, zoom balls and a host of different editing techniques. We have learnt, shared, experimented and honed our skills and most importantly, we have had fun along the way.

*R Boardman*



## Prep Chapel

Standing at the front of Chapel and looking out at all those gathered there serves to remind me of something really important. That when we come together, as a School, a special event takes place, which includes everyone and excludes no one. We are a truly international and multicultural community with pupils, literally, from all over the world. Some of us may have faith in God whilst others do not, and yet, we still gather, sitting or standing side by side. What a powerful message this is to the world, which often wants to separate and divide us.

This coming together, week by week, month by month and year by year serves to remind us of something really important, which is to not take what we do for granted. In his letter to the Galatians, Saint Paul made the point that for God there are to be no differences between us, as all are one in him. Jesus, himself, turned no one away, instead he accepted everyone and rejected no one.

When we come together, in Chapel then, we rejoice in, and celebrate our differences whilst at the same time recognising we are one community and one School. In his letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul described the church as a body, which though made up of many different parts, still formed a single unit. I cannot think of a better way to describe our School as we gather together in Chapel. The young, and the not so young, assembled together from all over the world with so much potential to be a force for goodness, to heal, to reconcile and to set right all that which is broken. The world needs communities like this now more than ever and it is up to us to make such a vision become a reality. Jesus only gave one commandment to his disciples and, in turn to us, when he said, *'Love one another in the same way I have loved you.'* If only...

Yet, when I stand in front of Chapel and look out over our School, every week serves to remind me of what is possible, and of what we might achieve, if only we could truly, love one another.

*Rev. Dr S Loone*

## Pupil Voice

It has been a pleasure to facilitate the Pupil Voice team again this year. The Chairs of Pupil Voice, Yuvraj and Hannah have been a great help and re-wrote our Pupil Voice Constitution at the beginning of the year. It was decided to have a representative from each form in order for them to be able to disseminate matters spoken about in our meetings and glean new ideas more easily. As always, I have been in awe of the maturity of some of the ideas raised and the Senior Management Team have been wonderful at listening to them and putting into place changes, where appropriate.

The recycling book project was launched by the English department in conjunction with the Pupil Voice. The children in Years 3-8 were invited to bring in any books that they have finished with. They can then swap the book for one from the shelf. There are now book shelves in Maple corridor and the English corridor.

This year's themes have often revolved around gender equality, the environment and food. The Catering Department gave us a superb talk about the value of healthy eating and the latest idea is about producing a veggie cookbook for pupils. Get your favourite recipes ready and watch this space.

*C Leather*



## Remembrance

The Prep School pupils observed an Act of Remembrance at 11.00am, marked by the playing of the Last Post and lowering of the flag to half-mast by the Heads of School and their deputies.

*E Hill*



## Wellbeing

Year 8 have been treated to three sessions of Stressbox in PSHE lessons. This is part of the Mental Health module and our PA has generously funded the course. The pupils have been encouraged to meditate, try some yoga and box rhythmically to cool music, as well as learn strategies to maintain healthy emotional health.

With thanks to Matron from the Prep School and Lynn Henderson, our Wellbeing and Mental Health Nurse, who both delivered a wellbeing session to Years 5, 6, 7 and 8, as well as staff.

Yoga and hand massage was particularly popular, but as you can see, the sessions were highly informative as well as great fun.

*V Barron*



## WW1 Workshop

Year 8 pupils took part in a series of WW1 workshops with our School Archivist, Nikki Thorpe. They first went on a walking tour of the Senior School, picking out landmarks and learning about their history, and then headed into the Heritage Centre to look at real life artefacts from Old Bromsgrovians who were at the School in the 1910s.

*M Griffiths*

## World Ocean Day

Year 4 were busy celebrating World Ocean Day and incorporating it with Outdoor Learning Day during the Summer Term. The pupils helped measure the outline of a female blue whale, then made the outline out of natural materials. Throughout the activity, the pupils developed their skills working in a large team. They were amazed to see how big the whales actually are. They also spent some time during the day discussing how everyone can look after our oceans and what the impact of plastic pollution has on the environment.

*S Dakin*



## Preparatory School Parents' Association

A more positive and reassuringly traditional School year for the Prep Parents' Association with fundraising, School assistance and events resuming. Thanks to the support received from parents this year, we have been able to fund a wide range of School requests which include the following:

- Language Link scheme for Curriculum Support across Prep and Pre-Prep
- Wood and materials for Design and Technology seating project (now used in Page House)
- 'Bringing Books to Life' dance workshop
- Year 6 play leaders equipment
- Votes for School programme
- 500 Easter eggs donated to Starting Well Partnership (as voted for by pupils)
- Flourishing Fivers initial funding for Year 7 PSHE
- Stressbox programme for Year 8
- Shields for the Year 8 Leavers
- Outdoor play equipment for Years 3 and 4
- Forest School equipment
- Ice cream for all pupils at Sports Day

We have welcomed the return of our events, which have included the Macmillan Cake Sale, pre-loved book sales for children and the Parents' Brunch in conjunction with the Pre-Prep PA. We have also coordinated Christmas and Easter raffles, supported School photos and organised hoodies for Year 8 leavers. The Prep PA work closely with the Uniform Exchange, which continues to thrive. The Uniform Exchange is a large source of funds for all the PAs across the School and we thank the team of volunteers for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm especially over the summer period. We have plans in place for the next academic year to welcome new parents and raise money for those initiatives that we believe enrich our children's School life. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members who have supported us. If you wish to attend any of our meetings, help at a PA event or have any questions, please contact Kate Gallimore, Prep PA Chair, on [preppa@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:preppa@bromsgrove-school.co.uk)

*K Gallimore*  
(Chair of the Prep PA)





## Prep Girls' Sports Tour

Girls from Years 7 and 8 took part in a long awaited hockey and netball sports tour to Northern Ireland. After a very early flight, the girls went straight from the airport onto the netball courts for a friendly tournament against Wallace and Friends. Despite being tired, the girls performed well to win the majority of the matches. After some lunch and checking into the hotel, the girls enjoyed being coached on a variety of skills, including the 'reverse hit', by Irish International Megan Frazer.

The following day saw the girls play netball matches against Laganside Netball Club. Despite there being some mixed results, everyone enjoyed meeting new people and socialising after the match. Our Superheroes quiz was a fun respite from physical activity, with the girls' brain power being tested in mixed aged teams (well done to our 'Wonder Women' who won with their impressive knowledge). After the quiz, the girls headed to Pegasus Hockey Club to play matches against the same club in some very cold conditions. Bromsgrove demonstrated their resilience to win six from eight matches played, even when a blizzard came their way.

With the mixed weather still in force, the girls had to head inside to play their final hockey matches of the tour against Wallace High School. This was many of the girls' first experience of playing indoor hockey (including the opposition), so it was a great introduction to the game with many goals scored. Again, Bromsgrove won the majority of these games played but more importantly, they learnt a great deal. That afternoon, the group travelled to Belfast for a City Tour, taking in the sites of City Hall, the Titanic Memorial and a peace wall where the girls signed their names and learnt about their importance. Following this, they visited the fantastic Titanic Experience and in the evening displayed their dancing, singing and acting skills in 'Bromsgrove's Got Talent'. Well done to the winners who performed a dance by the Jackson Five.

On the final day of the tour, after checking out of the hotel, the tour party travelled up the coast to visit the Giant's Causeway. Storm Eunice was in fine form and the girls more than felt the force of the wind, witnessing the huge waves crashing into the spectacular coast line.



They even had to take cover behind the basalt columns waiting for a break in the storm. The girls learnt about the geological features of the coastline, local history and the folklore surrounding the area. An end of tour meal followed in Portrush where every pupil received a tour award. After being well 'fed and watered', the group headed to Belfast International airport for their (slightly delayed) flight home, with some wonderful memories of the trip.

The girls were a credit to themselves and their parents; they were an absolute pleasure to look after. My thanks go to my colleagues who helped make the tour success - Mrs Webley, Mrs Hadley and Miss Guest.

*J Danks*

# Senior School Activities

## Boarders' Activities and Trips

This year, the boarders' trips and activities have thankfully returned to normal with pupils enjoying the normal exciting days out that they were used to before COVID-19. The boarders have had the chance to visit Birmingham, London, Bath, as well as the fun activities such as Go Karting, paintball and rock climbing, which have been enjoyable experiences. The traditional trips have always been popular, as well as the cinema run each term. Additional trips have included ice skating, trampolining, escape rooms and a Sixth Form quiz.

In a year where things have felt like normal again, the trips and activities have played an important part in the boarding community. They offer the pupils the chance to socialise with pupils from other Houses, relax outside of School and try new experiences. This could not be possible without the boarding tutors' help, which I am sure the pupils are very thankful for.

*L Mullan*







## Astronomical Society

Eighteen pupils from Bromsgrove School's Astronomical Society simulated a satellite mission, integrated within a soft drink can. ESERO-UK's CanSat competition will see their payloads launched to altitudes of several hundred metres, conducting scientific experiments before parachuting back to Earth.

Members of our Preparatory School's Astronomy Club joined with us to attend a lecture given by Professor Andrew Newsam of Liverpool John Moores University. 'Exploring the dynamic Universe' encouraged pupils to utilise the world's largest fully robotic telescope in partnership with the National Schools' Observatory.

The Society is grateful to Mr George Carey (former academic staff) for his generous gift of a Lunt LS60T H-alpha solar telescope, complementing our Coronado SolarMax III.

Collaborating with the FRONTIERS project, pupils observed surface features of our nearest star and studied its differential rotation.

Two astronomically accurate brass models were donated to us by Mr Michael Bryce. Both the orrery and the tellurion have been employed, extensively, to benefit pupils' space education. Our Astronomy outreach programme is delighted to welcome the GoSpaceWatch Founder next academic year.

Important work is being undertaken to automate The Matthew Taylor Observatory, making Astronomy accessible to all pupils. The Parents' Association support will also enable us to contribute to citizen science projects, such as the UK Meteor Observation Network.

*P Prouse*



## A Question of House

During a fierce and entertaining House Quiz final round between Elmshurst, Lupton, School House and Wendron-Gordon, it was pleasing to see great enthusiasm and engagement from pupils across the School.

Following a challenging creative round between School and Elmshurst, the School House boys were the overall winners of this year's House Quiz competition. Congratulations to all the teams who participated, including those in the earlier rounds.

*E Densem*

## Biology Olympiad

In the Royal Society of Biology Intermediate Biology Olympiad, there were some very pleasing results with Maria Barinova, Charlie Bridgewater, Holly Kenward, Lily Zeng being Commended and Isabelle Benson, Nadine Hassoun, Lin Li, Elena Lopez Hemsing, Elisabeth Rieger, Nancy Roberts, Ellie Roskell, Isobel Scott, Leung Ching Wing all being Highly Commended.

### Bronze:

Antonia Gavriiska, Esther Lamibi, Daniil Ulasavets, George Vaughan



## Bake Off

This year's House Bake-off competition was held on Monday (the last Monday of the Term) in the sunshine on the Old Chapel lawn. All twelve Houses decorated their cakes on the theme of 'Save our Planet' and were judged (for their final time as judges) by the Headmaster and his wife, Mrs Leversha-Clague. Thomas Cookes, with their image of Thunberg Turtle, came third, Oakley second and congratulations to Walters who won the Golden Spoon Trophy. There were the usual attempts made by both staff and students to influence the judges, including a depiction of New Zealand, but well done to Walters and, in particular, to Harrison Brown, who baked and decorated the cake himself.

*P Hedworth*

### Gold:

Irene Lo

Irene Lo was selected to attend the UK Team Selection Final for the International Biology Olympiad following her impressive performance in the recent British Biology Olympiad. This is a very special academic achievement.

## Bromsgrove Badge

The Bromsgrove Badge Award is an exciting programme undertaken by all Lower Fourth pupils. It provides participants with an introduction to a wide range of extra-curricular activities and a taster of the outdoor education pupils can expect if they embark on the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

September 2021 began with preparations for the annual Malvern Field Day. Pupils impressed with their teamwork skills, which were essential as they set off on their 17km walk over the Malvern Ridge. As ever, pupils completed the walk in excellent spirit and with some relentless energy. Such enthusiasm was, as is tradition, rewarded with chocolate given out by smiling members of staff along the route.

For the second half of the Michaelmas Term, pupils learnt some new IT skills and they were able to use these proficiencies in lessons. During the Lent Term, pupils began a rota of activities, including Photoshop, camp-craft, navigation and cooking alongside an off-site visit to Aztec Adventure for a test of their teamwork and problem solving skills. The final part of the year included preparations for the Lower Fourth Camp where pupils were able to demonstrate all that they have learnt over the year.

*A Linehan*



## Bromsgrove Service

It has been another hugely successful year for Bromsgrove Service. Whilst we weren't quite back to full strength due to some COVID-19 restrictions at the start of term, our students have made the most of their experiences and logged many hundreds of hours supporting and giving back to their local community.

Bromsgrove Service has had a hugely successful year in terms of fundraising, with our Flourishing Fiver team breaking records and our Crafting for Charity and Basement Project group having several successful sales through the year. The Basement Project raffle was another great event organised by the pupils and we were honoured to invite Kelly from the Basement Project to draw the winning entries. In addition, it was wonderful to see how many Service activities came together to support the Thomas Cookes Christmas fayre, an event we hope will continue in future.

More recently, we have had the pleasure of resuming our visits to local residential homes. Whilst it has been a tricky journey for us all, the residents were so excited to see our students again and it was heart-warming to see the positive impact it had on our students; clearly demonstrating that nothing can replicate or replace face-to-face encounters.

Of particular note this year was our exciting trip to Goldsmiths' Hall in London for the National Final of the Goldsmiths' Community Engagement Award. Our team of Chantal, Lucy, Joelle and Toni impressed the judges with their presentation; highlighting the contribution our students have made to their local community. While we didn't win, we all came back inspired and eager for more. I would like to thank all of the students and staff involved in service this year for their dedication and generosity.

*P Woolley*

## CAS

It is always my pleasure to write about Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS); the ever-beating heart of the IB Diploma Programme. It is a wonderful feeling to share and celebrate students' achievements in a range of experiences and to witness students' growth and personal development through a rigorous process of reflection on their learning.

Students have reflected on the value of getting involved in physical activities for their physical and mental well-being, the importance of teamwork and the benefit of getting outside of their comfort zone and being creative. CAS students have shown determination, commitment and resilience in enjoyable and worthwhile activities and projects, which always have a common thread of helping others and improving themselves as individuals whilst contributing positively to society.

There have been some exciting CAS Projects this year, such as raising money for charity and creating awareness campaigns that focus on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. As always, Bromsgrove offers a wholesome programme of exciting and valuable opportunities for students to fulfil the CAS requirements of the IB Diploma Programme and they also have the option of creating their own experiences on issues they are passionate about and activities they enjoy doing.

*D West*



## CCF

When you water a dried up plant, you wonder what the result will be, further growth, or a catastrophic decline, and so it was as we restarted CCF activities to the full in September 2021. We had done what we could during the pandemic, but what would happen now?

Regrowth beyond our wildest dreams. We started the year with the largest numbers of cadets I have seen in my time at Bromsgrove School. Firstly, we held a camp in November in the chilly depths of the Worcestershire countryside. We have also taken over fifty cadets to the indoor range to fire .22 target rifles. The Headmaster allowed us the privilege to take a number of our Senior Cadets to London for the Foundation Lecture, with guest speaker Brigadier Simon Scott OBE.

Competitions have been back on the Calendar, with a Saturday at Kingsbury Ranges for the Brigade SAAM, a very cold weekend at Swynnerton for the Bde Mil Skills Competition, and, of course, for the RAF, a sunny day at the Mini Royal Air Squadron Trophy. It was here that Cpl Oakley was the Best Shot of the Day and the team were awarded the Best Shooting Trophy.

We now look forward to further enhancing the strength of the CCF, the School's largest and most diverse activity.

*J Farnes*

## Chapel Matters

This year, Chapel has been back to some kind of pre-COVID normality. Students in the Senior School attend one regular 'chapel' a week and then most of the main School services during the year, which include the Harvest, Christmas and end of year services. There is also a Whole School Eucharist and Choral Evensong. Other non-compulsory services include those on Advent Sunday, Mothering Sunday and Confirmation. Furthermore, each of the Boarding and Day houses attend Holy Communion on a Friday morning in turn.

In the Prep School, students attend Chapel on Wednesday mornings and students in both the Prep School and Pre-Prep School attend School services at special times in the year.

So, in terms of services: Chapel Matters.

In terms of a sanctuary, holy or quiet space for anyone to benefit from: chapel matters.

As we saw in our Peace Vigil in March, it is a place to quietly think, consider and pray. In the age in which we live, with the trials of this world and the pressures upon members of our School community, it may become more needed as such a place to go. As part of a wider School 'well-being offer', the Chapel and its chaplaincy team may play a bigger part in the future.

As a place for weddings and baptisms – for some Old Bromsgrovians and some staff families: Chapel Matters. At the end of last year, it was wonderful to have the postponed wedding of a former Head Girl take place in Chapel.

As a focal point in the School: Chapel Matters.



It may be a building that is hard to miss as it sits proudly at the highest point in the Senior School campus, but I hope it will also continue to be in the centre of School life. Those who are believers in Christ are known as Christians and the Church are those people. Similarly, 'Chapel' is not really a building or something that students attend in that building – but, in a real sense, it is the people who attend. We meet as a School and everyone in this School, both students and staff, belong and are special, whether they believe in God or not, whether they are Christians or members of another faith or of no faith at all.

Chapel Matters.

*Reverend Paul Hedworth*  
(School Chaplain)



## Coding Club

Coding Club caters for students who are just starting out coding or have developed a more advanced knowledge of Python. Students work towards set challenges using Python coding software. Once a specific skill set has been met, the students are then provided with unique challenges, with no guidance, with the aim of solving the problem with their acquired skills. More advanced students also have opportunities to take part in Raspberry Pi competitions, recently coding solutions to a sustainability problem.

*C Cunningham*



## Deaf Culture and Communication

In our Deaf Culture and Communication activity club, students learned about hearing physiology and how someone may experience impairment in their hearing with Mrs McCarthy. Students watched the Oscar-winning movie CODA that was awarded Best Picture, Best Supporting Actor, and Best Adapted Screenplay in the Academy Awards. The film followed a hearing child's experience of leaving her deaf/Deaf family and their fishing business to pursue music at university-level. Students continued to build their British Sign Language vocabulary with Dr Rimmer, learning signs for topics including family, food/drink, animals, colours, and health. Some students volunteered to work with young people from Sense, the national charity for people with complex needs.

Our contribution to raising awareness of and funds for Sense was recognised by us being shortlisted as 'Community Partner of the Year' at this year's Sense Awards. The annual Sense Awards celebrate the outstanding achievement achievements of people with complex disabilities, as well as the people and organisations that support them and their families.

*D Rimmer*



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

After a couple of turbulent years, it has been fantastic to return to a full schedule of expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award this year. Over 100 Upper Fourth pupils enrolled onto the Bronze Award this and they have enjoyed weekly sessions building their navigation skills, ready to successfully navigate through the Peak District over a weekend in May.

Eighty Fifth Form pupils were navigationally challenged in September for their Practice Expedition to the Long Mynd and, after a long period of examinations, were treated to some spectacular views, albeit in some 'varied' weather conditions over the moors and coast in Exmoor.

Forty-two Lower Sixth enjoyed a remarkably dry Practice Expedition to the Lake District in April and headed to North Wales to scale Snowdon to complete their qualifying expedition. Huge congratulations too to the twenty Upper Sixth pupils who have completely finished their Gold Awards. They await their invitation to St James' Palace to receive their certificates over the coming months.

Pupils engagement in their other sections remains fantastic. With physical activities ranging from School sports, to horse riding, to individual training for a triathlon, our pupils remain committed to maintaining their health and well-being. They are also keen to develop their skills with participation in drama, music, photography, baking and coding challenges. And finally, their engagement in community service varies widely with real successes in charitable ventures. Collectively, Bromsgrove pupils completed 4888 hours of community service over the last year – equating to a social value of over £25000.

*A Baker*



## Enrichment

Another year of Sixth Form Enrichment brimming with opportunities to learn and master skills for life beyond Bromsgrove. At Bromsgrove, we understand the importance of a rounded education and that Enrichment is an essential ingredient of inspirational learning. We have delivered key personal qualities and values education whilst raising awareness of strategies to live healthy and safe, fulfilled lives both individually and with others.

Some activities have been more challenging than others and were set to raise awareness of how learning to understand better the unfamiliar can promote independence and greater tolerance. Our contributors are from a range of professional and experienced backgrounds offering students an insight to assist them in developing improved decision-making skills personally and professionally. Our inspirational Enrichment contributors have delivered, amongst others, cooking with our fabulous in-house chefs from Holroyd Howe making tasty meals on a budget. Self-defence and de-escalation techniques with Master Swift from Verve martial arts school taking the Sixth Formers through their paces using Special Forces techniques that don't rely on previous experience. Lt Peil role played first aid scenarios that students could envisage happening on a night out and how to keep someone safe whilst waiting for the emergency services.

Now, if the electrics go out or water is dripping through the ceiling, there is no need to worry, our Sixth Formers will be able to isolate the issue and change a washer or fuse courtesy of our Estates department team. Having always been a compassionate advocate for others and with twenty-five years of Military and NHS service, Dr Lizzy Bernthal used her own incredible journey to show our students the importance of tiny gains in resilience and leadership to combat self-limiting beliefs, enhance communication skills to identify their value and empower themselves. Mr Wingfield, overall included, continues to show how easy it is to change a tyre and fill up the oil in the car in essential car maintenance.



Developing communication skills in teamwork has been a highlight for both students and staff on the team building and resilience training hosted by Aztec Upton Warren. Our brilliant Health Centre team delivered a session on unbiased and up to date sexual health and family planning to keep our community and loved ones safe and healthy.

For our young drivers, possibly the most important educational opportunity was given by Val Ferreira from the Safer Driving Partnership showing how easy it is to get it wrong on the road and what the consequences can be. To encourage a healthy financial future, Ed Flack from WizeUp Education showed us how to make the most of the money you have and to shop and plan financially. Our adolescent mental health nurse, Mrs Henderson, has been working with our Sixth Formers on strategies for when life gets tough and Dr Chris Wood has uncovered the universal truths of healthy and unhealthy relationships whilst not telling anyone the answers. Miss Leech showed Sixth Formers the importance of career research and how to survive interviews whilst King's College London delivered their lecture on choosing the right course. Bath University supported our Higher Education Fair this year delivering a superb lecture about how to create a spectacular personal statement for any application beyond Bromsgrove. And finally, as a grand finale, the magnificent menu of opportunities was topped off with our Maniac Games giving our Upper Sixth Form leavers some well-deserved fun before they move on to the next exciting chapter.

*E Densem*

## Flourishing Fiver

The Flourishing Fiver activity has continued with unprecedented enthusiasm this year. It was fantastic to see that the eight students involved included some who had done the activity before and wanted the opportunity to help Primrose Hospice even more. At the start of the year, the hospice once again provided the students with £5 each to start their enterprising initiatives and the students had a tour of the hospice to understand how important their fundraising efforts are.

Throughout the year, the students have hosted film nights, sold and delivered Valentine's roses, hosted cake sales, ran an Easter extravaganza event for Page House and sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Their biggest success came in the form of an Own Clothes Day and so the team are very grateful to Rev. Hedworth for his support of this.

In total, the team managed to raise a record breaking £3000. This is an outstanding achievement which myself, the rest of the Bromsgrove Service team and most importantly, the students themselves, are very proud of. Staff from the hospice have expressed their gratitude and are keen to work with the School to see how the activity can be developed further in the future.

The most humbling thing about this year is that despite achieving such a significant amount for the deserving charity, the team do not feel like they have done all they can and are already looking forward to taking part in the activity again next year and how they can raise even more.

*J Holdsworth*

## Futures

In May 2022, I celebrated twenty years at Bromsgrove. A lot has changed over those two decades – but the constant in Bromsgrove Futures is the application of the students and the support of Old Bromsgrovians. Getting up to come to work has never been an issue with this perfect equation of aspiration and enthusiasm. Working together for a better future is a clear goal for any young person attending and moving on from Bromsgrove School. The world keeps challenging our young people, but at Bromsgrove there is a clear network of support, as an OB recently commented, “This is one of the things I love so much about Bromsgrove School: it does not matter if you are not a student anymore, the School will still offer you the same support it did when you still were.”

And the OBs have been showing their support in force this past year. The joy of being able to do in-person activities again is a huge blessing, and clearly appreciated by all involved. From supporting specific subject and course interests to motivational and mentoring style conversations, we have been inundated with offers of help.

Research has shown that wellbeing and career planning are clearly interlinked – setting goals, pushing forward and being your best self - it makes sense. I often talk about the possibilities that come with change; embrace it, challenge it, grow with it. I am now following my own advice and starting a new role this September with a focus on wellbeing and mental health. The department will flourish in its new home, the Library, with a new team dedicated to all the bright pathways our young people wish to explore. I want to thank all the OBs that have given such kind service to Bromsgrove Futures over the years and made my role such a joy. Seeing a young person grow and then give back creates an immense sense of pride and gratitude – thank you. Floreat Bromsgrovia.

*Z Leech*



## House Debating

After six heats of academic debate, the Senior House Debating Competition concluded just before the Lent half term. The winners were Lupton House (Edan Blyth and Seb Adams) and the Runners Up were Otilie Hild House (Polly Green and Esme Elwell-Thomas). The best speaker in the competition was Polly Green.

## Housman Verse Prize

The theme for this year's Housman Verse Prize was 'epiphanies' – moments of profound realisation, often arising from something seemingly insignificant. James Joyce described his literary epiphanies as moments of 'sudden spiritual manifestation' in which his characters may sense the moment of epiphany without truly understanding it themselves. The poems entered reflected on personal epiphanies large and small, from relationships to careers; on the yearning for an epiphany and on the courage required to respond to one when it comes. The winning poem by Charlotte J vividly captured a double realisation, about personalities and attitudes to perfection. We are indebted to David Corcoran and Katie Kan for the beautiful cover illustrations which adorned the anthology published at the end of the summer term.

*P Dinnen*

### Thorns

*At the far end of the garden  
Is a tangle of brambles, that writhe like  
angry snakes.  
Prickled and pointy, With treacherous  
hooks  
That'll catch like the shed lock in spring.  
And every time I try to clear it,  
They'll prick and they'll scratch till I bleed,  
with their barbs and their spines and their  
ugly bite,  
until I give up and say they can stay.*

*It's a tiny patch at the back,  
In the shade of the fence, and the shed,  
And with the vegetable patch, the lawn,  
and the flowers  
It's almost insignificant.  
The rest of it all looks beautiful,  
And I know I've worked so hard,  
But it never changes that the brambles  
you see,  
Mean you'll never appreciate the rest like  
me.*

*The rest of the garden is neat,  
Trimmed grass and roses in bloom.  
The evening sun is setting, and you're  
strolling up the lawn,  
I think you really like it; You say the roses  
look divine,  
Yet you persist with your comments,  
About the brambles (of all the things)  
And somehow the barbs feel sharper,  
Now you've mentioned it again.*

*I don't know why they bother you,  
It's not your garden, its mine,  
Yes, they're imperfect and annoying at  
times,  
But I can get along just fine.  
They're out of the way, Since I tamed and  
trimmed,  
And I guess that they're alright to stay.  
They matter to me; I've grown quite fond  
But you won't listen anyway.*

*And what's just occurred to me I'd never  
have thought,  
Because it seems such a funny thing  
For all you seem to hate brambles,  
their pricks and their tangles, that you  
protest at every turn.  
At the end of the day, something you forget  
without fail,  
Is that roses are not so pure.  
For all that they represent virtue;  
Roses have thorns too.*

*Charlotte James*

LVI – Housman Verse Prize Winner 2022

## Kit Car

*Which came first?*

In 2018, we were able to use the KFC (Kitcar Final Champions) acronym for Team Chicken which we had been saving for years, but not quite as long as the question we wanted answering when we named the car in 2013.

After a very slow start to the season at Goodwood on the 5th May, we were determined to make sure that we were ready and raring to go at Mallory Park, a race circuit that was our first venue when we started ten years ago. Coincidentally, this is also the venue that will be our new race team's maiden drive. Both Team Chicken and The Egg were competing but at different levels. Team Chicken were in the junior category where they would be facing off against schools, and academies up and down the country and The Egg would be competing against university and big corporations like Renishaw, Siemens, and Jaguar Land Rover.

Race 1 was for Team Chicken and lined up against thirty other teams. After a gruelling race, we managed to come in as 2nd fastest Kitcar and 9th overall with a fastest lap time in Race 1 of any Kitcar at 2m5s, averaging 46Kph. Another battery issue, something grinding metal in the drive train and high winds may have hindered our chances of first place Kitcar.

Race 2 was for The Egg, and as this was its maiden race, we didn't think it would be all that successful and hoped that it would complete the race at the very least with some data that the students could use for improvement before the next race. How wrong were we! It led the Kitcar category throughout and came first by the end of the one-hour race. A superb maiden voyage.



Race 2 for Team Chicken again saw the team battle through to achieve an 8th place and 2nd place Kitcar overall, which was a great achievement over our races at Goodwood. The pit changes were quick, and the team worked tirelessly to make sure that the car ran as it should.

The students who took part in the day are as follows and should be commended for a superb day of racing: Jared Spurgeon, Morgan Black, George Ascough, Christopher Smith, William Jackson, Chu Chun, Tom Wang, Harrison Philpott, Edan Blyth, Jacob Moore, Tsz Chung Lam, Hei Kiu Chan, Jack Ryan and Oliver Rodriguez.

I would also like to thank our sponsors for unflinching support with the running of our teams: NSOptimum, Easy Truck, 4QD and Washford Finishings; your help and support is very much appreciated.

*S Broadbent*

*As a side note, which came first?  
The answer, The Egg.*



## Marmite Society (More Able Students)

The Marmite Society, in a variety of incarnations and iterations, has now been running at Bromsgrove School for seventeen years. It has been officially titled 'Gifted and Able', 'Gifted and Talented' and now 'More Able' – hence the use of 'Marmite' as a form of stabiliser, giving consistency to a quirky flavour... apart from a brief and glorious year when students renamed it 'The Sparkle Motion Society'. Do the research...

We've survived so much together in those years, and the Society is once again thriving, off Zoom and back in classrooms, in person and oddly indefinable. 2021-22 has seen a joyous return to form – people, cake, ideas, movies, pizza, amicable disagreement and many voices representing diverse opinion, cultures, experiences and identities. We concur on little, apart from the Society's enduring mission statement... 'Work Hard and Be Kind'.

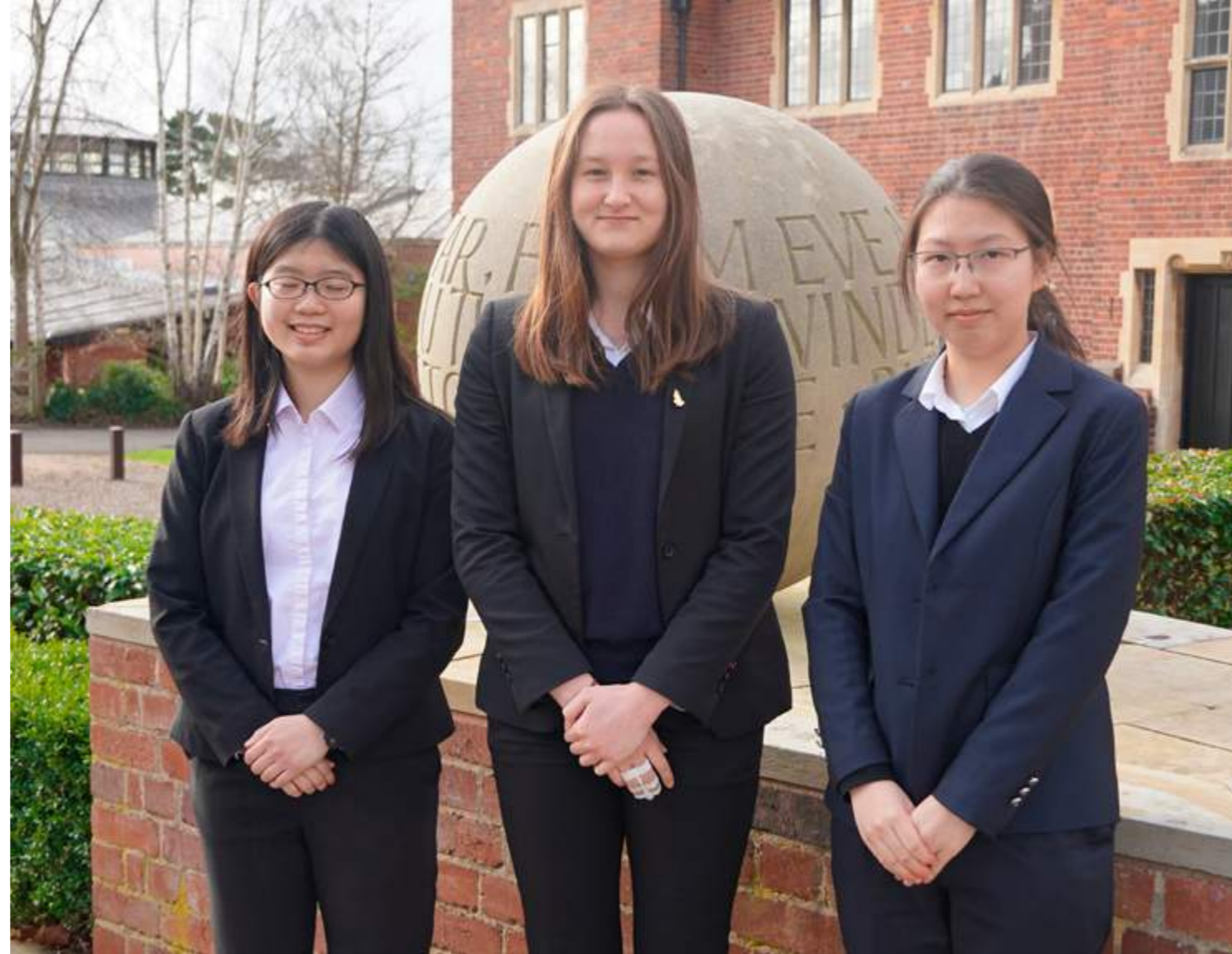
As ever, we have used the university seminar model – we share interdisciplinary texts one week, then students make presentations the following week using the text as a stepping stone to their own divergent responses. They are supplied with a text and cake, but they bring context, history, experience, questions, expertise and curiosity.

LVith seminars on 'Nature and Culture' were robustly well attended and lively. Like this year's UVith they will soon be part of Marmite's extensive crossover with Dr Rimmer's Oxbridge and University programmes, and all will be welcome to one-to-one support with UCAS. IVth and Vth Formers leapt enthusiastically into courses discussing Norman Rockell, the Paris Metro, Entropy, 'Changing the World with TV' and 'Free Will vs. Fate'. Year 7&8s devoured 'Feelings vs Knowledge' 'The Zombie Apocalypse' and 'Art vs Science' as well as fudge brownies.... and an inspirational group of Year 6 padawans tackled 'What is Scary?'

Marmite Movie and Pizza Evenings were back to full strength as well – *The Matrix*, *Spiderman: Far From Home*, *Tik, Tik... Boom!* and *Yesterday*. There will be more next year along with trips, which are intellectually and socially rewarding. Members heading for University take our pride and affection with them – keep in touch.

The Marmite Society represents the opportunity to take a risk, to pursue the unplanned and unexpected, to try unfamiliar flavours, to imagine. Maybe you could give it a taste next year. Membership is for life, and hereditary – we already have a few Marmite 'grandchildren' out there. If you join, you'll always be welcome. We are 'all different, all the same'. We have value and voice... because there IS such a thing as society, and we are proud to be one.

M Ruben



## Physics Olympiad

This year saw a significant increase in the number of students sitting a very challenging Olympiad paper. Usually only approximately 1500 students sit the paper but this year a record 4500 students participated with the average score being 25%. All participants have done exceptionally well and developed important problem solving skills for the future.

Joelle Booth	Commendation
Marcus Wu	Bronze II
Daniel Costache	Bronze I
Vicky Hu	Bronze I
Irene Lo	Silver

The Lower Sixth students also did very well; the paper this year was more challenging than in the past. The competition saw 4000 students participate with only the top 8% being awarded a Gold.

Demian Zhelyabovskyy	Silver
Tom Wang	Bronze
Yanbo Dong	Bronze
Joseph Hong	Bronze
Yutong Hu	Bronze
Larry To	Bronze
Callum Wilkinson	Bronze
Sophia Meadows	Commendation
Justinas Stankus	Commendation

## Peer Support Mentors

Our Lower Fourth Peer Mentors have completed their training and are equipped to help Year 8 pupils with any worries they have. The Mentors have learned:

- What the role of a mentor is
- They understood what pupils they could be providing support for
- Where they themselves can access support

The mentors have been taught and then assessed on key skills. Listening, communication, body language, effective questioning, bullying, and confidentiality, all critical for their peer mentor role. They have made individual pledges and understand that they hold a position of responsibility and privilege. They make themselves available on a rota basis to cover lunchtimes at the Prep School for drop-in sessions, meeting face to face with Year 8 pupils as well as answering anonymous email worries.

## Remembrance

On the eleventh day of November 2021, at the flagpole, we observed the traditional two minutes' silence with a large congregation of staff and students present. On the following Sunday, we were able again, after COVID-19, to meet in Chapel for our two services of Remembrance and to lay the wreaths at the plaques commemorating all those Old Bromsgrovians who lost their lives in the two world wars; and to remember that other wars that have and are still claiming so many lives on all sides of the conflicts.

At the time of writing, we see that Europe is again experiencing a terrible war, which directly affects many of our present-day students at Bromsgrove and their families. On Friday, 11th March 2022, we held a Peace Vigil in Chapel at lunchtime, at which there were over eighty students and staff present, many of whom lit candles for those involved in the war in Ukraine.

We will continue to think and pray for Peace in the world and at Remembrance we will continue to remember all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of others and for the peace of the world.

Jesus said, 'Greater love has no man that he laid down his life for his friends.' (John chapter 15 verse 13)

Sometimes we might ask, 'Where is God in all this?' Well, Jesus suffered and died amongst us, and God is here, and He suffers with us in all our suffering.

*Reverend Paul Hedworth*



## Robotics

It seems even robots can fall victim to COVID-19; during the past two years, the annual VEX Robotics Competition had to be cancelled due to the worldwide pandemic. I do hope they will not hold it against us when the robotic uprising comes. For this reason, Bromsgrove's roboticists were looking forward to finally getting their teeth stuck into another competition this year, with the return of the VEX event. Alas, this again was not to be. Omicron, sounding ironically as if from some robot-laden science fiction B-movie, scuppered those plans and caused the cancellation of yet another year's contest. To make the best of a bad situation we instead conducted an internal competition across the first two terms, between Session 1 and Session 2. Robots were tested for speed and reliability, with Session 1 taking the inaugural crown this year. Their robot completed the course in 3 minutes 17 seconds, setting the benchmark for future trials - but leaving room for improvement.

*D Atkinson*

## Scholars' Programme

Academic, Honorary and Foundation Scholars in the Senior School and the Prep School recently enjoyed a social evening of games, laughter and snacks, where students were able to get together for the first time since the pandemic. Earlier in the year, groups of students entered our Annual Research Competition on the question: 'What should the NHS invest in to be future-proofed for 2030?'

Other competitions that scholars were encouraged to enter included: Bebras, National Scientific Thinking Challenge, Master of Scholars' Reading Challenge, Introduction to Economics Challenge, as well as essay competitions from various universities and the International Maths Modelling Challenge. Scholars have recently set up their own Maths Club for those who enjoy solving advanced numerical problems. Alongside online university and School campus lectures, students enjoyed trips to local universities for interactive workshops and to visit Old Bromsgrovians at the University of Cambridge.

*D Rimmer*

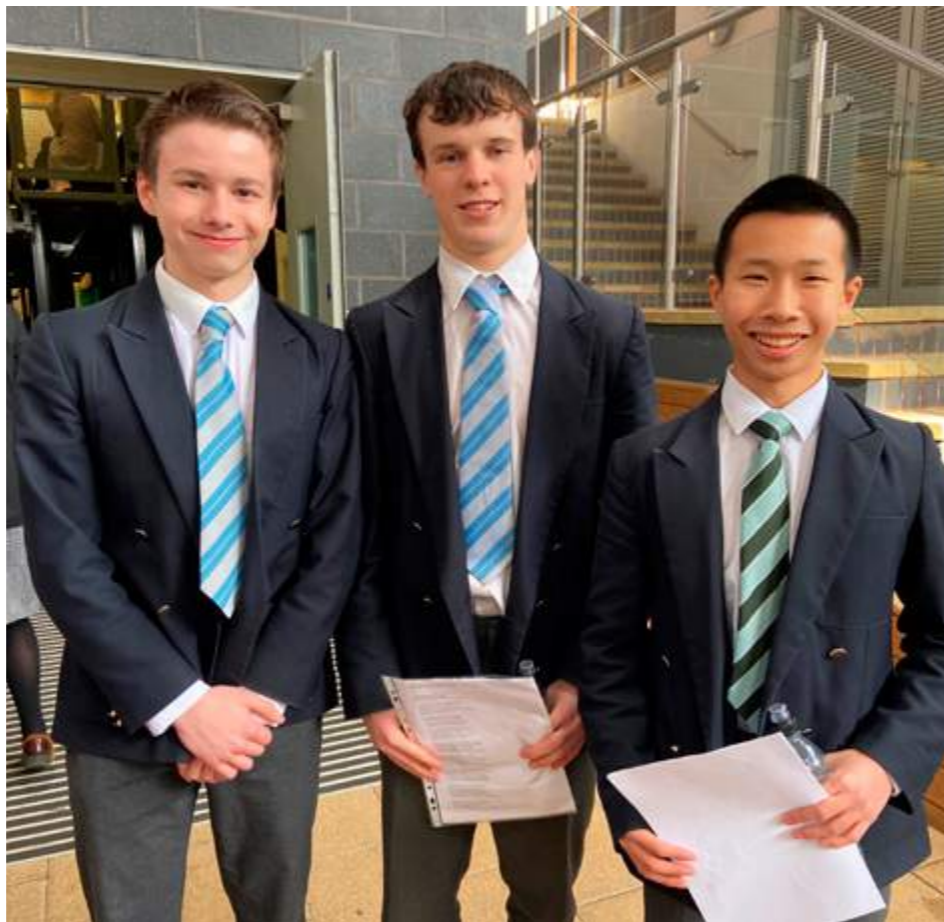
## Staff Reading Prize

This year's Staff Reading Prize was extremely competitive and the standard of entries was incredibly high. After two years of the competition's climax being performed to camera, it was wonderful to return to a live audience on the final day of the Lent Term.

This year's theme was 'Epiphany' and the extracts this year explored its energy, jubilation and, on occasion, melancholy. Junior Winner, Jack Atkinson, delivered his poem by Robert Frost completely from memory, and his prose – an extract from the short story *Eveline* from James Joyce's *Dubliners* collection - with clarity and perfect poise. Equally, our three senior finalists - Joseph Boardman, Bowen Cheung and George Hastings - delivered polished performances of all their extracts, leaving staff with an unenviable decision concerning this year's Senior Winner. The fact that Joseph and George are former Junior Winners meant that this year's final was of an especially high standard. Ultimately, a very tight vote ended with Joseph Boardman being crowned winner, with his memorable renditions from Jon Krakauer's *Into The Wild* and William Ernest Henley's poem, *Invictus*.

An enormous well done to all those involved, there is no doubt you have all gained something immensely valuable from the experience.

*R Unterhalter*



## Sustainability

The Eco-Committee have been increasingly active this year across the School. The pupil-led committee have run a number of activities to raise awareness about sustainability. The highlights have included tree planting in the School orchard, extending the recycling programme to Day Houses and communal areas, setting up the Swap Shop and a fascinating talk by Elliot Barfield on 'How to drive environmental change? A ocean-Climate advocate's perspective.' Elliot was a delegate at Cop 26. He delivered an inspiring presentation on COP26 and the progress that was made.

We were incredibly proud of one of our pupils Elena López Hemsing who attended Cop26 as a student delegate. On her return, she shared her experiences with both the Prep and Senior Schools.

The Eco Concert celebrated the end of Bromsgrove School's first Sustainability week. Each day had a theme including: clothing and water, pollution, energy, pollution and carbon footprints. Activities included a student-run podcast, a swap shop, visiting speakers and themed meals in the dining hall. The concert was a smorgasbord of performances from the traditional to the contemporary. This was a pupil-led initiative to raise awareness about the issues facing our planet ahead of COP26. The event was a credit to all those involved and we are already planning next year's event.

*J Holden*

## Two Zero One Magazine

"Thud." The satisfying sound of 201 hitting the desk; the result of passion, teamwork, and, as always, hard work. Yet thickness has not distinguished this year's editor team but the variety and depth of content: from critical evaluations of climate change (this year's theme) and growing collaboration with the eco-committee, to J Page's Lovecraftian short story, to A Steshenko's discursive exploration of K-Pop. We did not sweep any national awards this year, but this has never been 201's *raison d'être*; it is easy to forget the importance of a school magazine as the fount (or outlet) of the school body's interests, creativity, frustrations - its voice. This year's editor team have worked tirelessly to express it, and they can now relax knowing they have contributed their part to the burgeoning legacy of 201 in School.

I make my clarion call again that 201's voice is only ever strengthened by new ideas and new contributors writing in. It is not a popularity contest, nor do you need to be the finished product. And should I mention that Boris Johnson cut his teeth on a School magazine...

*J Huckle*

When I first joined Bromsgrove in 2018, I remember that one day I was looking for a book in the library, but then something more interesting caught my eye... It was not a book. Instead, it was something more colourful and intriguing. As I approached this small booklet, I started to notice that there was a big number written on its bright pink cover. 201. I immediately picked it up and started to flip through. I realised that it was, in fact, the School's pupil magazine and I knew I wanted to be a part of it.

Luckily, for me, the editor-in-chief was a boarder who lived in the same House as me. She told me that I could write about anything I desired and that any contribution would be welcomed. Personally, I was very content with the idea, as I was accustomed to having very restrictive guidelines when writing. But, realistically, this put some pressure on me, as I wanted my contribution to be adequate for the Headmaster to read. However, as I wrote more articles, I became more comfortable with the idea, and even wrote more than one piece for an issue. I guess my passion and persistence paid off, because that is what got me the position of editor this academic year.

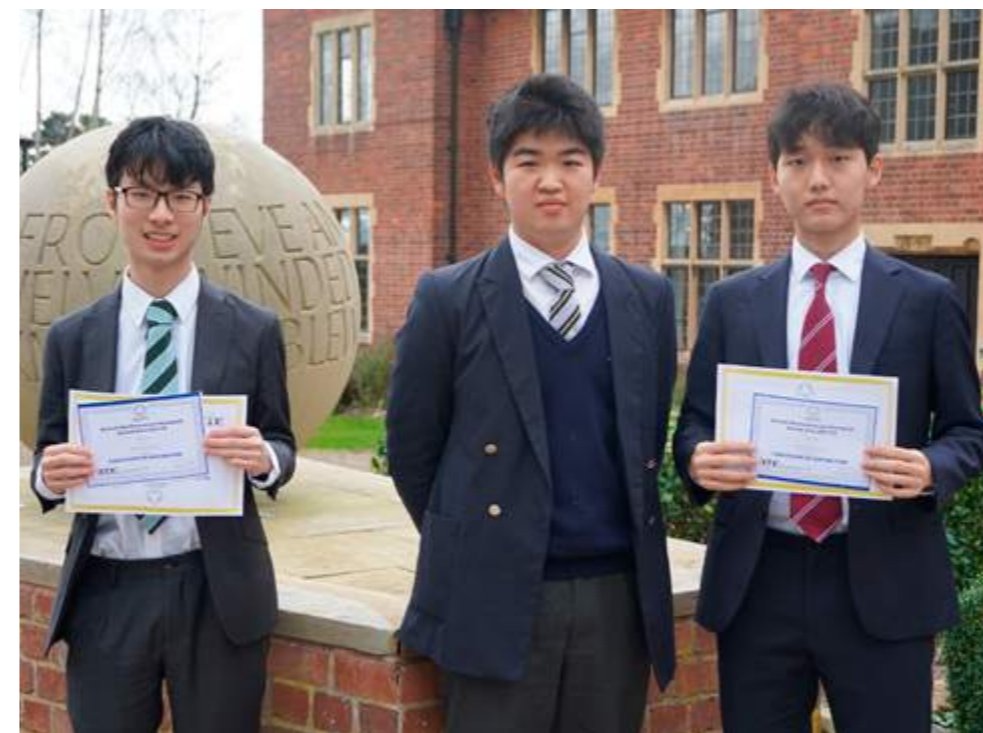
I am aware that not everyone has a passion for writing. What is great about 201 is that it welcomes contributions of all sorts. If one is not a significantly strong writer, but instead they are an amazing artist, they can still take part. Similarly, if you do not particularly like writing articles about political or scientific affairs, you may also choose to come up with a creative piece of writing, like a poem or a story.

I remember the first article I wrote for the magazine; it was a piece on acceptance. The theme of the issue was "deal with it". I was quite nervous to write it. I made myself read it five times before submitting it, just to make sure I had a worthy debut. However, after a while, my confidence grew, and this couldn't have happened without the aid of the comforting and dedicated editors that came before me. I still can't wrap my head around the fact that it is now my job to encourage and help upcoming editors and writers. I have enormous shoes to fill, and I am always motivated by the fact that 201 is a beautiful legacy that was bestowed on me, and I will soon pass it on when the time comes.



This year, I had the amazing opportunity of attending the Shine School Media Awards lunch, which was hosted at the Guildhall in London. I was struck by the amazing medieval architecture of the Guildhall, but then I started to pay close attention to the wide range of guests that showed up. Of course, the choice of venue was serene, but I found myself paying closer attention to the faces of each individual present. The pandemic deprived us of many events of this sort, and this was the first time I was able to physically see the competition take shape and I was finally able to see the people behind the other amazing Shine Award winning magazines. All of us were very different, yet the same. We all shared the same passion of writing, which showed in the pride each team had when picking up their awards. I was able to talk to them and compare notes. It was truly a memorable experience. I feel so honoured to have been able to attend such an event, especially on behalf of 201 and Bromsgrove School.

*Ioana Voicu*  
(Editor-in-Chief of Two Zero One)



## UKMT

The following students all achieved Gold certificates in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge:

Mikhail Bashkirov, Aaron Chan, Shivam Chawlia, Alexis Chiliment, Alvin Chui, Yanbo Dong, Faming Han, George Hastings, Yuran Huang, King Dun Lau, Hei Tung Li, Kazu Luscott-Evans, Nutcha Sirithunyanont, Aidan Swadling, Maya Wingfield, Shawn Wong, Yui Chit Wu, Hanli Yang, Junjie Yang. Special congratulations to Yanbo Dong who scored the Best in School with 135/135.

Well done to the pupils who scored Gold in the UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge in November 2021 and were then invited to enter the follow on Kangaroo or Olympiad rounds:

Amos Chau, Daniel Costache, Yanbo Dong, Yujie Dong, Sungyoon Hong, John Kim, Gavin Lo, Irene Lo, Matei Militaru, Steven Tang, Larry To, Tom Wang, Than Wong, Chengtao Yuan, RuiXuan Zhang and Demian Zhelyabovskyy.

Special mention goes to Yanbo Dong who scored the best result in School in the Senior Challenge and also to John Kim and Larry To who both achieved a Certificate of Distinction in the British Mathematical Olympiad.



## Young Archivists' Club

Young Archivists' Club has attracted a range of students from different disciplines and year groups this year, giving rise to a great variation of work and expertise.

In September and October, preparation for Black History Month and WW1 workshops were supported by Archive club students in the Lower Sixth who researched former Bromsgrovians, their heritage and their life after School to contribute to the information presented to Prep School pupils.

Students have helped with de-framing Whole School photographs and the cricket photo collection from the old pavilion. Photos are now repackaged and listed on the catalogue.

Three students curated temporary exhibitions for the Headmaster's Dining Room, and for Commemoration Day on the history of the Coronation at Bromsgrove School, to link with this year's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and on Prizes given over the last 150 years, which included former Headmaster signatures going back to Dr Collis in 1848.

Two students spent time interviewing and editing films they created of Sixth Form leavers for the oral history archive. This is an important start on a project to capture student experience as they leave School.

*N Thorpe*



## Young Enterprise

This year's Young Enterprise team has achieved significant success, equalling the School's most successful previous team by winning Best Company at both the Area and County Finals, and then winning a further award, in their case Best Innovation and Technology, at the Regional Final where they competed against teams from across the West Midlands. WellBeFun may have narrowly missed out on a place at the UK Final but what they have achieved and learned this year is remarkable.

The team set out with the objective of helping people rather than making a profit and quickly identified mental health in young people as something they wanted to support, particularly following on from the COVID-19 pandemic and the implications of it on wellbeing.

WellBeFun, a name decided upon based on the connection with making wellbeing fun, came up with their product idea quickly but spent considerable time carrying out research and refining their final product to make it as effective as possible.

The final product, a wooden sausage dog called Frankie and aimed at children three years and above, is sold with coloured foam discs which children slot onto the dog to represent how they are feeling. This can then be used to aid conversations between children and carers to help them navigate and understand their emotions more effectively. The usefulness of the product was further enhanced with a supporting story book and an activity sheet, which supports the Government's Early Years Framework. The book was created by the students themselves following a workshop with published author Kelly Turner.

CAD, laser cutting, personal selling and digital advertising are some of the specific skills acquired. Alongside these, the transferable skills of communication, negotiation, teamwork adaptability and working under pressure are just a selection of the skills that this team have developed this year. These will prove invaluable as they progress with their university applications and beyond.

Throughout the year, the team have been told by various professionals that their product could very easily be commercial and has significant potential. This was a leading cause in their Best Innovation and Technology award. Despite the success of the team and them selling out of all their manufactured stock, it was never about that for this team, they genuinely wanted to help. Based on this, the team's final event of the year was to run a wellbeing workshop at Bromsgrove Pre-Preparatory School with the Nursery children. This was very well received and, hopefully, it will have inspired the children to consider how they are feeling more in the future. In the words of the *Frankie the Dog* story, understand that "no matter how you feel, it's ok to feel emotions".

Particular thanks must go to Vicky Hadley from Keystoneva for her support and guidance of the team in her role as Business Advisor.

*J Holdsworth*



## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

On Friday, 27th May 2022, history was made when the Whole School (over 1300 pupils and staff) from across Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior came together to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special drone photograph. Then, Prep and Pre-Prep had a royally good time at their Street Party, based at the Prep School, with red, white and blue themed decorations, food and music from the last seven decades.

Across the School, we planted Oak trees as part of The Queen's Green Canopy "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" initiative.

*M Griffiths*





Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee



# Trips

## World Challenge

Fourteen pupils from the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth travelled thousands of miles to Costa Rica for a three-week expedition with World Challenge. The trip was split into three sections to fully immerse them in all that Latin America has to offer: from sloths to scorpions, 85% humidity to epic thunderstorms and lush green forest to sandy beaches.

The challenge phase saw them hiking through cloud forests, sliding down muddy hills in rainforests and sea kayaking in aquamarine waters. For their community initiatives, the group worked with a Sea Turtle Conservation group recording important data on sea turtles and helping to restore their vital habitat by working in the mangrove nursery. They also spent a day in the Dota coffee region helping with a community-based reforestation project.

Finally, the rest and relaxation phase saw the group zip wire across the cloud forest canopy on Latin America's longest zipwires, go whale-watching for humpback whales and bottlenose dolphins and white-water raft over grade 3 rapids for an exhilarating final day.

*A Baker*







## Prep Drama

It has been a wonderfully full and fantastic year in the Prep Drama department. For the first time since I joined in September 2019, we have had an uninterrupted programme of events. I also welcomed Mr John Licqurish into the department to teach two classes of Year 8 Drama alongside his regular English timetable.

The year began with auditions for the production of *There's a Leak*. This was open to Years 7 and 8, and with the play having the potential for a large cast, I was able to give all those who auditioned the opportunity to perform on stage. Due to the size of the cast, I was also able to add music and even some dance routines, which only added to the spectacle. The pupils did an amazing job and it was lovely to see a packed auditorium for the last performance, and I hope this is now a sign of things to come.

In the classroom, Years 5 to 8 embarked on the exploration of script and completed a short project to accompany their work. Year 5 studied *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*, Year 6 *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Year 7 *Bugsy Malone* and Year 8 studied *Blue Remembered*. The exploration of the scripts allowed the pupils to design costumes, the set and research the location and time period in which the stories were set.



The second half of the Lent Term saw auditions begin for the first Year 6 production since before the pandemic. They performed *The Pied Piper* over two evenings in May and it was lovely to give thirty-one pupils their first experience of performing on the stage in Cobham Theatre.

The end of the year has seen the announcement of a return to musical productions in the Prep School. We will be performing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* in February 2023 and the auditions will commence when we return in September.

*J Amphlett*

## There's a Leak

### Cast

*Elsa* Rumer Evans

*Igor* Lola Broadhurst

*Small Boy (Elvis)* Olivia Grove

*"Stressed" Mother* Flora Blower

*"Country" Mother* Emily Wiggins

*"Wannabe" Mother* Siena Ward

*"Sporty" Mother* Neave Colley

*Mothers* Harriet Williams,  
Rosa Doyle,  
Shreya Parsotam

*Man 1* Bertie Chandler

*Man 2* Ethan Masterson

*Man 3* Morgan Kirkden-Smith

*Man 4* Sam Reynolds-Dennis

*Councilman* Spike Bloxham

*Councilwoman* Amelia Lees

*Reporter 1* Harriet Cutter

*Reporter 2* Grace Laurenson

*Reporter 3* Leah Marie

*Reporter 4* Olivia Faber

*Reporter 5* Abi Round

*Young Man* Faisal Tukur

*Friend 1* Amina Muldasheva

*Friend 2* Nicky Harding

*Politician* Freya Wen Bradley

*Politician's Aides* Harriet Williams,  
Rosa Doyle,  
Shreya Parsotam

*Scientist 1* Emily Jones

*Assistant 1 (Gary)* Isabel Kingston

*Scientist 2* Sammy Riley

*Assistant 2 (Sian)* Xanthe Mathews

### Scientists

Olivia Grove, Flora Blower,  
Emily Wiggins, Siena Ward,  
Neave Colley, Amina Muldasheva,  
Zariya Petrova, Prekshya Gurung,  
Harriet Cutter, Grace Laurenson,  
Leah Marie, Olivia Faber, Abi Round

*Soldier 1* Sam Critchley

*Soldier 2* Iseoluwa Odugbesan

*Soldier 3* Archie Wilson

*Voice on Radio* Isobel Boardman

### Soldiers

Bertie Chandler, Ethan Masterson,  
Morgan Kirkden-Smith, Sam Reynolds-  
Dennis, Amelia Lees, Spike Bloxham,  
Faisal Tukur, Nicky Harding,  
Harriet Williams, Rosa Doyle,  
Shreya Parsotam



## The Pied Piper

### Cast

*Pied Piper* Fraser McDougall

### Townfolk

*Erich* Isabelle Ballard

*Erwin* Noah Quinn

*Grandpa Heinz* Ella Cunningham

*Petra* (name to follow)

*Ursa* Evie Beckley

*Jurgen* Josh-Austin Schirwing

*Lukas* Zak Sami

*Ingrid (Little Girl)* Neve Wilkinson

### Town Leadership

*Mayor Wagner* Maya Tindall

*Advisor 1* sabel Gibson

*Advisor 2* Saiya Shemi

*Advisor 3* Merryn Bird

*Advisor 4* Hattie Jones

*Captain Muller* Arthur Thompson

*Treasurer Vogel* Ethan Ford

*Secretary Schmitz* Louis Albutt

### Townfolk and Narrators

Max Bateman, Shristi Rai,  
Eva Thorpe, Elly Hall, Riya Gandesha,  
Emmie Bond, Tiffany TC, Freya Kettle,  
Henry Shirley, Martha Blower,  
Edith Stones, Charlotte Ascough,  
Darcie Jackson Adams, Theo Lewis

## Senior Drama

It has been another extraordinary year for Drama at Bromsgrove School with a record number of performances and the highest number of students both studying and creating theatre within the department since the opening of Cobham Theatre five years ago.

For the first time since scholarships were extended to Drama students in 2018, the thirteen Drama Scholars in the Fifth and Sixth Forms joined the senior Music Scholars for a combined evening of music making and dramatic performances in Routh Hall. The Drama Scholars created a number of scenes to the delight of their audiences and very successfully used the limitations of the concert hall as an acting space to their advantage. Jake Wingfield as the insouciant valet, Cool, from the opening of Boucicault's hilarious *Comedy of Manners*, London Assurance, began the dramatic proceedings, and we saw excerpts from Dennis Potter's *Blue Remembered Hills*, Pinter's *Black and White*, Oscar Wilde's *A Woman of No Importance* and Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

In spite of persistent COVID restrictions, and against all the odds, fifty-seven pupils presented four performances of the classic Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls* in the second week of December 2021. Rehearsed in only nine weeks, it was a remarkable achievement, but the extraordinary ensemble work and high production values that we have come to expect of the Senior Play brought a genuinely professional flair to the Cobham stage.

The musical by Frank Loesser, with a book by Swerling and Burrows, is peppered with snappy one-liners, swooping romantic ballads, thrilling dance routines, both for the acrobatic male 'crapshooters' and the high-kicking Hot-Box cabaret girls, takes the audience from Times Square, New York to the exotic tropical paradise of Havana, Cuba, and back again.

In such a tight, talented and hard-working ensemble, it seems wrong to single-out any individuals, but Fred Hanson and Brooke-Lily York as Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown gave winning performances. Meanwhile, Jessica Whitlock as Adelaide and Jake Wingfield as Nathan Detroit (not forgetting Chi Lam as Nicely- Nicely) shone like stars of the future at every performance. A very welcome and joyous end to the term.





Just three weeks into the Lent Term, almost seventy students from the Lower and Upper Fourth Forms presented nine plays to a delighted audience in Cobham Theatre as part of the Fourth Form House Drama competition. The event was a triumph for all who participated, and much ingenuity was required to ensure a complete cast would appear on stage in the midst of another COVID upsurge. Sixth Form directors had to step in to fill some last-minute gaps, but this only added to the professionalism, and further raised the high standards of performance. The teamwork, support and good humour between all of the performers and directors was an example of Bromsgrove School at its very best.

The evening began with the louche comedy of Elmshurst's *Dinner For One*; later we saw the impressive cast of Otilie-Hild House with each performer playing many different roles in *Shakers*; the wonderfully dead-pan humour of *The Changing Room* was also an excellent highlight, as was the final, searing intensity of Mary Windsor's *The Crucible*. This was an evening of diverse styles and plays that never failed to entertain.

Ms Jill Bradford, the Head of Drama, was presented with a very difficult task in adjudicating the competition.

Awards were as follows:

**Runner Up Best Actor**

Neel Agrawal

**Best Actor**

Charissa Brobbey-Sarpong

**Adjudicator's Special Award**

(for most effective physical ensemble playing)

Wendron-Gordon

**Runner Up Best Play**

Elmshurst for *Dinner For One*, directed by Jack Atkinson

**Best Play**

Mary Windsor for *The Crucible*, directed by Ioana Voicu and Sara Popescu

This year's packed Senior House Drama competition revealed performing talents on the very highest scale. The choice of plays was impressive, ranging from intimate two-handers to several large-scale ensemble performances.

Almost eighty students appeared on stage, some for the very first time, but there was a uniformly professional approach from all. Witty, wise and entertaining adjudication from actor and screenplay writer, Theo Fraser-Steele, completed a superb event.

In an evening of memorable highlights, personal favourites included School House's lucid interpretation of *Waiting For Godot*; the image of the rolling transported convicts at the start of Elmhurst's *Our Country's Good*; eight Hazeldene students curtsying perfectly in full Elizabethan dress for *Emilia*; the grotesque swaggering gentlemen in Thomas Cookes' gender swapping production of *Posh*, and the final, unforgettably haunting images of Marcus Au Yeung cradling his patient in *Equus*, which won the best play trophy for Wendron-Gordon.

Full results are as follows:

**Runner Up Best Actor**

Joe Boardman

**Best Actor**

Jake Wingfield

**Best Director**

Polly Dakin

**Special Adjudicator's Awards**

Walters for *The Importance of Being Earnest* and Otilie Hild for *The Handmaid's Tale*

**The 2022 Performing Arts Award**

(presented by the Director of Performing Arts)  
Polly Dakin

**Runner Up Best Play**

Thomas Cookes for *Posh*, directed by Jessica Whitlock and Paris Siviter

**Best Play**

Wendron-Gordon for *Equus*, directed by Marcus Au Yeung and Thando Best



A multi-talented cast and crew brought *Romeo and Juliet* to Cobham Theatre in the Summer Term, with the audience seated in a dynamic thrust formation. A meticulously choreographed Ball scene involving the whole cast with the stage awash with devastating blood-red lighting thrilled us and heightened our anticipation of the lovers' first meeting.

The challenging roles of Juliet (Isla Chattin) and Romeo (Hugo Blackwell) were impressively carried, with Juliet's independence and sense of excitement conveyed particularly well against Romeo's slightly more blinkered views of love.

Excellent comic relief was provided by Phoebe Dinnen's Benvolio, partnering with Olivia McKelvey's Mercutio, along with an assured performance of the challenging part of Nurse from Charissa Brobey-Sarpong.

It was a great achievement for the directors, Ms Bradford and Mr Dinnen - ably assisted by the Sixth Form Drama Scholars - particularly to have such a large cast working together so seamlessly.

A wonderful evening decked with great promise for the future.

*T Norton*



## Prep Music

Prep School pupils have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and their dedication has resulted in a series of phenomenal performances this year. Various orchestras, choirs and ensembles have combined in joyous concerts held in Routh Hall.



The two instrumental schemes in Years 3 and 5 have continued with huge success. Many of our pupils are now dedicated members of the various music ensembles and have chosen to continue playing their instruments. Both schemes have offered the opportunity of learning a new instrument and culminated in taking the new Bromsgrove Music Certificate to demonstrate their success.





## Eisteddfod

Musicians from Year 3 to 8 were able to show their exceptional individual performing skills in the Eisteddfod. The standard of talent was truly inspiring. Pupils sang and played instruments with flair and no sign of stage fright.

## Hearts & Flowers

A magnificent concert where over 100 pupils took part, from across the whole of the Prep School, and it was amazing to welcome a full audience back into Routh Hall again. Well done everyone for all your hard work in ensembles and groups, and we look forward to learning some new repertoire after half term!

## Cheltenham Festival

Seventy-eight Prep pupils from Years 6-8 went to Cheltenham Town Hall in the Summer Term to take part in the Cheltenham Festival for Performing Arts. A Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Festival Ensembles took part, and we are very proud to say that each group came home with their respective trophies! Well done everyone; the effort pupils have put in to reach such an excellent standard has been phenomenal. The Festival Ensemble performed pieces by Mozart and Elton John. They were congratulated for their wide range of instruments and breadth of timbre. They performed the Mozart with a lightness of touch appropriate to the style, whilst Can You Feel the Love Tonight showed great control of individual instrumental lines as well as beautiful blended playing.



## Prep Summer Concert

We were thrilled to welcome the return of our Prep Summer Concert, which this year involved over 200 pupils across Years 3-8. It was truly magnificent event, and everyone should be so proud of all the hard work that has been put in this year to reach such an amazing standard.

## Prep Concert Series

Over the course of this year we introduced a new series of concerts where beginners of various disciplines came together, many for the first time, to perform on Routh Concert Hall. The aim was to create a comfortable environment in which our beginners can begin to experience performing in a relaxing and welcoming atmosphere.



## Senior Music

The Chapel Choir have had a remarkable return to musical life, with some fabulous singing throughout the year. Despite not being able to celebrate Advent or Christmas in person, but via recording two carols for the Headmaster's electronic greetings card, the Choir sang at Harvest and Remembrance services in the Michaelmas Term, and in memory of Bernard Hall-Mancey, former Director of Music. The Choir also sang some of the music recorded forty-five years ago by the then Junior School Choir, some of whom returned to the School for a trip down memory lane. Trips to Lichfield Cathedral and Caius College, Cambridge were hugely rewarding. And the Choir finished the year in great style with two services at Commemoration, complete with full organ, six trumpets and a roof-raising congregation.



Our talented Music Scholars were joined by the Drama Scholars this year, giving a platform for the thirty-four award holders, it really was an enjoyable evening. Many congratulations to each performer for sharing their talents; it was fantastic to see all our Performing Arts' Scholars shine on the Routh stage.

A new initiative this year saw a series of 'Celebrating' concerts, each instrumental and vocal family being showcased by some advanced musicians, both soloists and groups. Some truly memorable performances can be seen via our YouTube channel.

The theme of this year's Unison House Song Competition was 'togetherness'. Twelve houses took to the stage, which saw the debut performance of Otilie Hild House; newly opened in September 2020. There was a variety of songs, many of which were rousing and creatively choreographed for all to enjoy, and the event saw the Staff Choir returning to the House Song stage. The competition was adjudicated by Miss Joanna Korzinek, Director of Music at Reigate Grammar School. She awarded Housman Hall as the triumphant winners with their fantastic rendition of *Dancing in the Moonlight*; Wendron-Gordon were runners up with *Happy Together* by The Turtles; Elmshurst picked up Best Creative Prize with The Four Tops classic '*Reach Out (I'll Be There)*' and Angela Hong (Mary Windsor) received the prize for Best Conductor.

In November 2021, seventy musicians took to the stage in a special concert commemorating St Cecilia's Day, the patron saint of music. A phenomenal display of music making from the orchestra, big band, concert band, string orchestra, brass group and both boys' and girls' choirs was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience.



This year's House Music Competition featured an outstanding array of talent and wonderful support from family, friends and colleagues. No fewer than ninety musicians took to the stage and eleven Houses were represented in the Ensemble competition. Each House gave their all and impressed the adjudicator in their variety of musical styles and communicative qualities. Wendron-Gordon were the winning ensemble, with a fabulous performance of *Country House* by Blur. In the evening, the soloists battled it out in two categories: Intermediate and Advanced. Each finalist had progressed from the first round two weeks before, at which sixty-six musicians auditioned. Congratulations go to Ilerioluwa Odugbesan (Otilie Hild) who won the Intermediate category, the winner's trophy of the Advanced category went to outstanding pianist Joshua Graesser (Lyttelton). This year's adjudicator was Mr Jonathan Soman, Director of Music from RGS Worcester, who gave exceptional feedback to all performers.

Over 100 performers were involved in creating a vibrant and informal atmosphere at the return of Pop and Jazz in the Lent Term. The evening was opened by a new collaboration with the Prep Jazz Group and guests from Winterfold House School, the Groove Diggers. Both groups have been collaborating all year, and it was fantastic to see them in action with tunes ranging from rock anthem *Seven Nation Army* and a Toy Story modern classic, *You've Got a Friend in Me*. Shortly after, there was another debut performance from a new ensemble, the Music Society, who meet during the Tuesday activity session. This group crosses year groups, involving Prep and Senior students, and displayed a diverse array of talent. The evening wrapped up with a set from the Big Band involving vocalists singing with the band for the first time, including Fred Hanson and Olivia Garrett.



After last year's year group bubble concerts, we were delighted to be able to now combine the Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth musicians on the Routh stage. It was wonderful to have some live music making just before the May half term holiday. Thirty-four musicians stepped up to the concert platform in a wonderful array of musical talent featuring our Music Soc. Group, the Lower Fourth GCSE Music Group, as well as some small ensembles and solo performances. It was an enjoyable evening all round.

Another new initiative this year was the creation of a Middle Schools Orchestra of young musicians from local schools. Any age, any instrument, any standard was the chosen mode – they had some interruption to rehearsals, but many persevered and came back week in, week out, culminating in a performance in March 2022. We look forward to welcoming them back, and many new joiners, in the Autumn.



The Big Band made a happy return to the 35th Upton Jazz Festival, this year with promotion from the fringe to the main event. They performed an hour long set to a packed out venue, with rapturous support from parents and local jazz enthusiasts alike. Vocalists Eleanor Dunn, Jake Wingfield, David Corcoran and John Kim were all excellent raconteurs, exuding professionalism and charm beyond their years. The set concluded with a collaboration with the Prep Jazz Group; an experience of huge enjoyment and value to our budding young jazz musicians. The following day, Winterfold's Groove Diggers appeared in the same venue. It has been lovely to combine the groups this year for a couple of joint rehearsals and performances.

This year's Leavers' Concert was given by three key members of the departing Upper Sixth: Tristan Chan, Sebastian Harrison and George Vaughan. The number of hours of practice that go into this performance must be quite some total – they have been reliable, faithful and dedicated ambassadors for the Bromsgrove School Music Department for many years: in Sebastian's case, since the Pre-Prep. It was wonderful to be able to listen to their stunning performances in Routh Hall. We thank them for their service and wish them all the best for their continuing musical journeys.

One hundred graded practical and theory music exams took place this year, ten of which were at Grade 8 or Diploma level. We introduced our own Bromsgrove Music Certificates too, available at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, as an alternative to the early music grades.

If you missed it, you didn't miss out! Performances can be seen again on our YouTube channel.

*J McKelvey*



## Prep Art

It was such a delight to teach Art in the Prep School, with full creative ideas flowing again. We started the year off with our usual drawing scheme of work. Looking at natural insects from around the world was exciting and unusual to say the least. Some children had never seen anything like the huge bugs and beetles before. We made 3D work in teams with Year 8, where Steam Punk was the focus. We created large bugs in the style of Naomi Greaves with Year 7 and in Years 5 and 6, we had the best fun ever, making the hugest 3D individual flowers that the art room could hold on mass. We finished off with painting pots for a plant giveaway in the Senior School, learning how to use sewing machines and introducing pupils to various art movements. It has been wonderfully busy and the whole Art Department has been continually amazed at the pupils' resourcefulness, creativity, intelligence and, something I am always proud of, their kindness and care, shown in all our lessons and activities.

Exhibits have been an excellent feature of this year, Miss Read and Miss Elliott have worked tirelessly to show off how much the pupils have accomplished. Between the Eisteddfod and the Worcester Voices and Visions, with many other exhibits in between, we have been humbled by how many of your pupils have been chosen to show off their artwork around the County.



Years 7 and 8 thoroughly enjoyed a fascinating talk by Mrs Shim, a car designer and CMF expert. This was linked to art education and the need for any designer to be able to work to design boundaries whilst remaining as creative with their solutions as they can be.

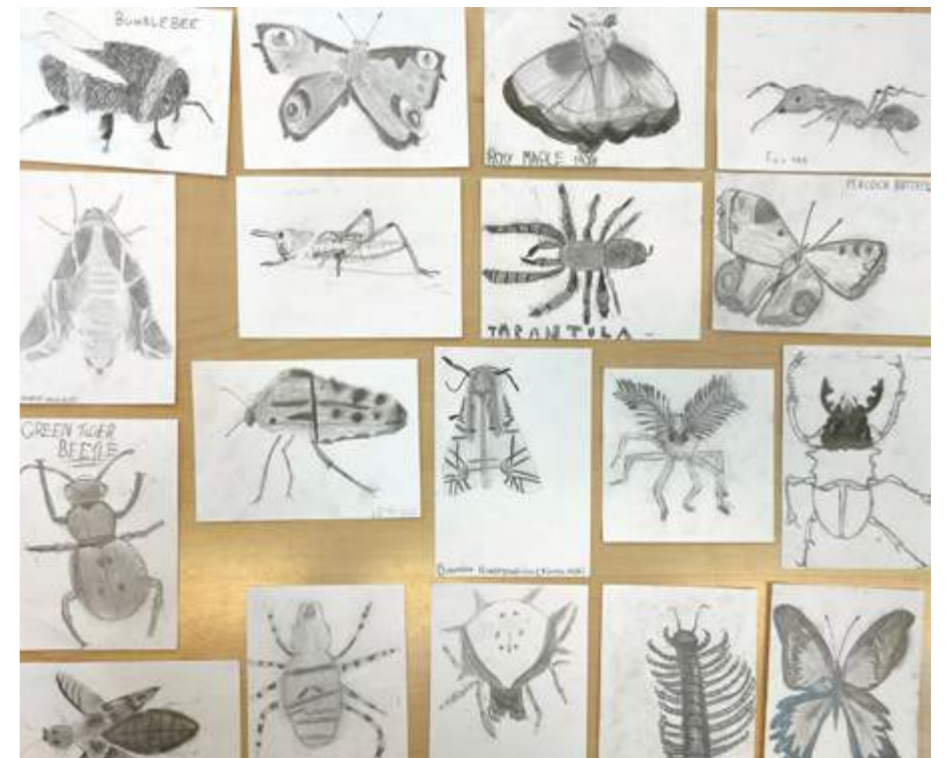
And finally, after seventeen wonderful years being the Head of Art in the Preparatory School, I proudly introduce Miss Read as the new Head of Art starting next academic year. I have loved the role deeply and my passion for Art is not ended, merely, taking a new turn as I focus my work life on being the Prep School's Mental Health Coordinator and an Art Teacher.

*V Barron*





# Prep Art



# Prep Art



## Senior Art

This has been my first year at Bromsgrove and I feel so lucky to be part of this School, and especially the Art Department. The standard of work, as well as the variety of skills and styles covered, is incredible. Pupils' creativity was clear to see in the IB exhibition, held in the beautiful Old Chapel and opened with a well-attended Private View back in April 2022.

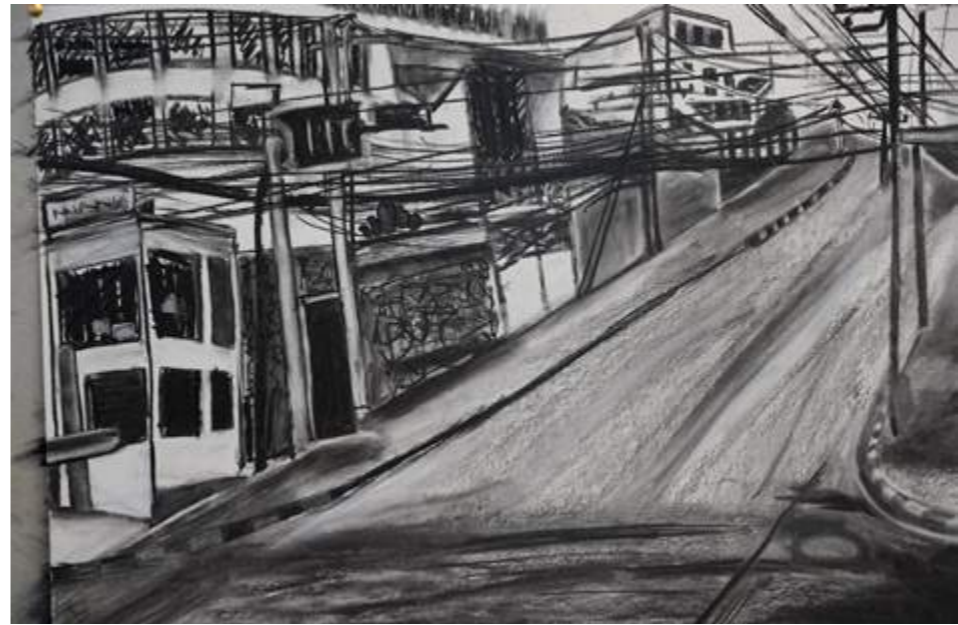
We set A level students a 1m x 1m challenge to replace the exam. Pupils had total free reign over topic and media, the only stipulation was that the outcome had to be 1m x 1m in size. The students rose to the challenge, tackling a broad range of topics, from highlighting more serious social issues to optical illusions and hyper realistic drawings.

GCSE students have completed a mock exam and evidence of all the amazing work created was on display in our End of Year Exhibition in the ADT block. It has been such a great and exciting year for the Art department and I can't wait to see what follows next academic year.

*L Blakeley*

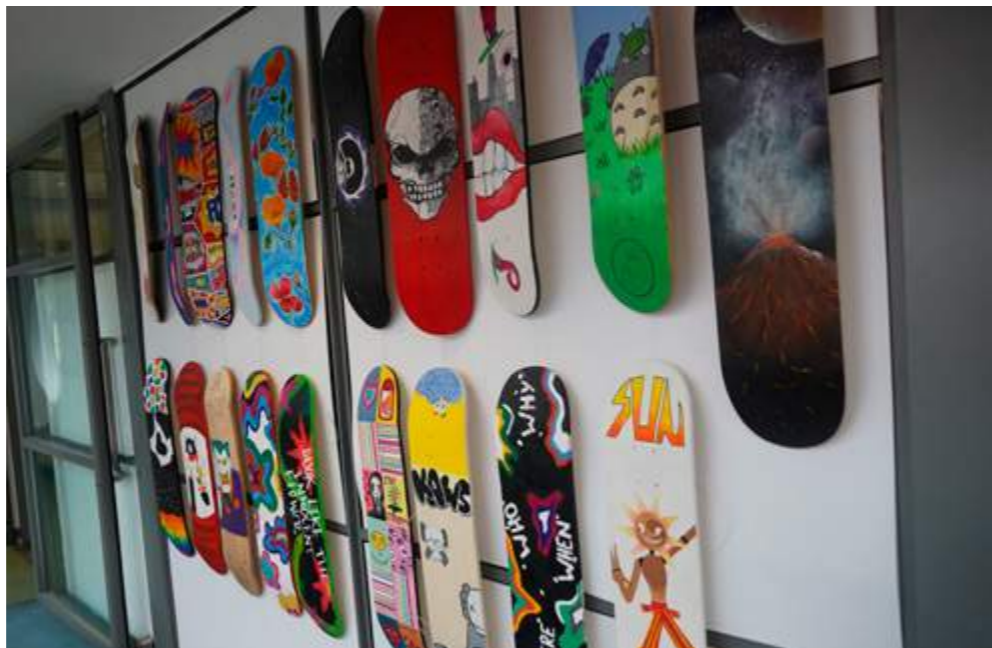


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## Sport

### Sports Overview

I think it is fair to say that there has been a welcome return to the busy and fulfilling normality of a year at Bromsgrove School. That has been increased by the variety of extra-curricular activities on offer and the camaraderie between the pupils, especially without the restrictions of year group bubbles. In a summary such as this, the sporting year becomes a list of achievements, often at elite level, but the starting point should be the recognition that the number of pupils taking part in sport throughout the School, whatever the level, is at an all-time high.

Many congratulations to those individual pupils who have gained international honours in netball, hockey, cricket, modern pentathlon, triathlon, eventing, alpine sports, karting and golf. It is so impressive to see the range of sports in which we excel, and we have an even greater number of our pupils training in professional performance pathways.

The year started off with the U17 cricket team reaching, but narrowly losing, the National Final, but we have seen notable performances from all of our cricket teams against some of the best cricketing schools in the country. The U18 girls' tennis team has had a superb season, making it through to the National Finals for the second year running. Our main success came in one weekend when Lilli Boersch and Latesha Grant retained the Midlands girls' tournament, and when the boys and girls of various age groups returned from the County Schools' Championship with trophies. Our netballers have had a positive year with undefeated seasons for many teams. Rugby too has had plenty of success, particularly on the 7s circuit, with several tournament victories, while our top swimmers have continued to compete in regional and National competitions.

The hockey teams continued to impress with the U18 boys qualifying for the Tier 1 National Quarter-Final and the U16 boys playing in the Tier 2 Final. The U18 girls played in the Semi-Final of the Midland Indoor Finals. Bromsgrove football is thriving and developing year by year, with this year's highlight undoubtedly the introduction of a girls' team who won the majority of their games, including the Repton tournament.

More students than ever are participating in badminton, basketball, volleyball, squash and table tennis, with the highlight coming from the U18 basketball team who reached the National Quarter-Finals. The Golf team qualified for two National Finals: the IGSA and the HMC Foursomes; it has been over twenty-five years since we qualified for the prestigious HMC Foursomes Final. And finally, a record number of our students qualified to represent Hereford and Worcestershire for athletics in the esteemed Mason Trophy.

In short, whilst large-scale participation remains key, both our boys' and girls' elite teams continue to prove themselves to be competitive at regional level in virtually all sports.

*P Mullan*



## Prep Boys' Athletics

During the Summer Term, the School hosted the county round of the ESSA Track and Field Cup. The fourteen boys scored 360 points, which saw us tie for first place with King's Worcester. James Hackett achieved platinum standard with 54 points, equalling his own School 100m record of 11.8 seconds. Alfie Higgins finished with 43 points (gold standard), only two points off platinum standard with a javelin throw of 33m, the best throwing performance by any Preparatory School pupil in 2022.

Fourteen Prep School junior boys came 5th in the Midland Final of the ESAA National Cup at Nuneaton. They scored 375 points (the winning score of 411 points was not that far ahead of us). Once more, James Hackett finished with a high score of 47 points, achieving platinum standard. William Hapgood and Alfie Higgins closely followed with gold standard, achieving 38 and 36 points respectively. At these two ESAA events, here were many others in silver and bronze standard who should be congratulated on their performances.

The Years 5 and 6 boys participated in the District Athletics Championships at the end of the Summer Term. Many of the boys were making their debut for the School at athletics. The following received medals: Toby Kippax (Year 5) 2nd in long jump, George Greathurst (Year 6) 1st in high jump, Elliot Hill (Year 6) 2nd in shot put, Jyanas Gurung (Year 6) 2nd in 150m, George Cutter (Year 6) 3rd in 800m.

Twenty-nine Year 7 and 8 boys took part in the District Athletics Championships with many achieving personal best performances. A special well done to the following pupils who medalled on the day: Lester Ng (Year 8) in 75m hurdles, Sheldon Mou (Year 8) in high jump, Ayush Sunuwar (Year 8) in discus and Rosco Dines (Year 8) in 75m hurdles. For Year 7, Oliver Jones-Elliott received a medal in long jump, James Hoare in javelin, Ben Brettell-Elowe and Ningso Limbu in discus, Nish Gurung in shot put, Aydin Dean in high jump and Alex Dawson in the 800m.

A great afternoon of competition was had at the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Year 8 County Track and Field Championships. From the six boys who represented the district team, Rosco Dines (80m hurdles) and Oliver Cattell (high jump 1.50m) were the county champions. A silver medal went to runner up William Hapgood in the 1500m – he broke the Year 7 School record by ten seconds in a time of 4 minutes 42.4 seconds, which was also 2.5 seconds faster than the Year 8 boys' record. Henry Greaves was a bronze medallist in the long jump (4.62metres).

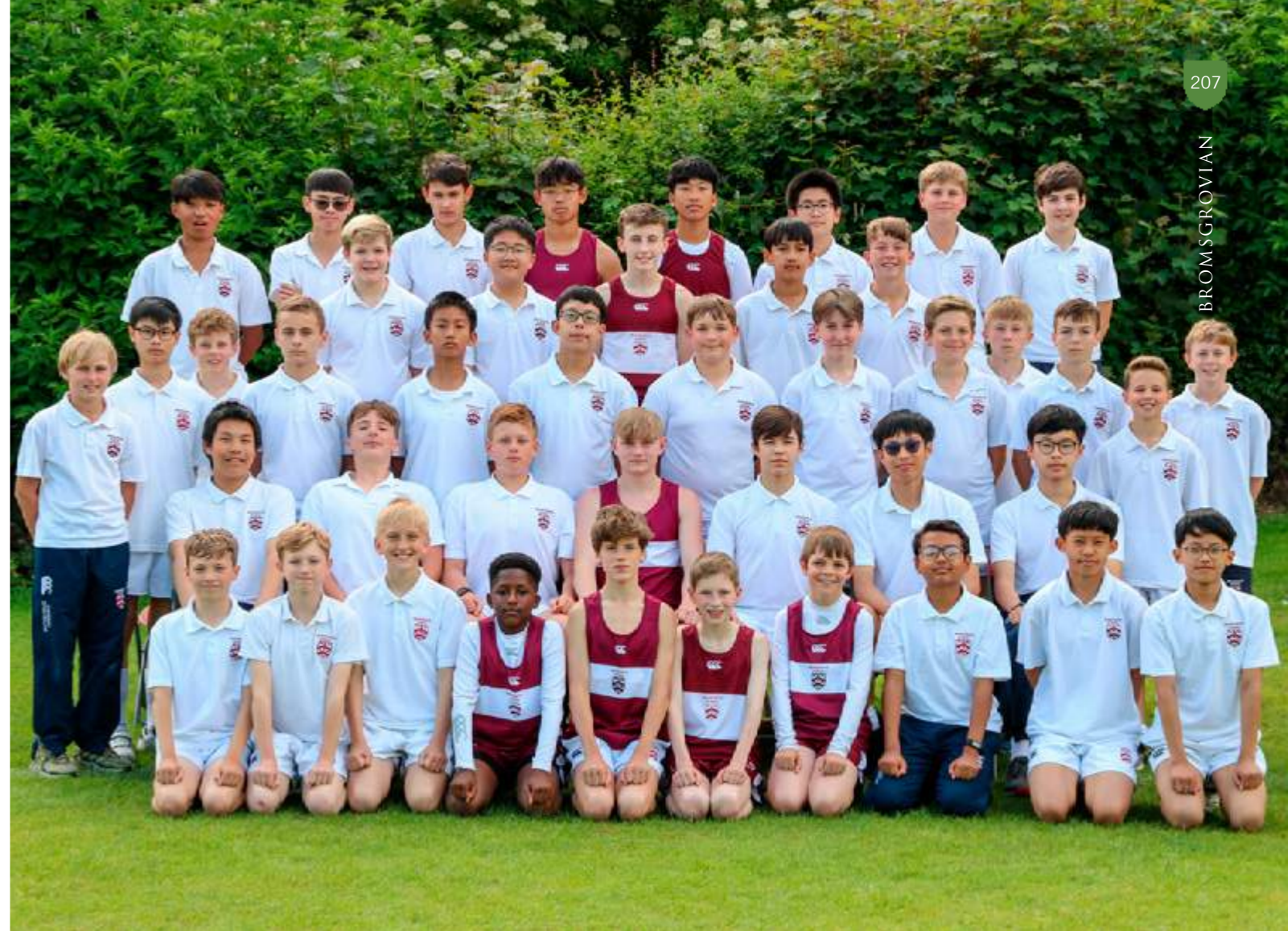
We were the only School represented at the Worcestershire County Clubs championships at Stourport AC. For Year 8 (U15 category), James Hackett was 1st in the 100m, 200m and long jump, with Oliver Cattell finishing 1st in the 80m hurdles and 4th in the 300m race. Raphael Perry was 1st in the shot put and Samyam Rai was 8th in the 100m.

A number of our athletes competed in the U13 category (Years 6 and 7), and many finished in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Sam Brown was 1st in the 200m and 1st in long jump, with Namsong Rai also finishing 1st in his discipline, the 75m hurdles. Louis Belcuore came 2nd in both the 100m and 200m, as did Harry Helmore in his 1500m race. Jyanas Gurung finished in 1st place in the high jump and 6th in the 800m. Lucas Ashurst was 2nd in long jump and 3rd in the 100m, with Oscar Len 2nd in the 800m and George Collier 3rd. Buster Reid was placed 3rd in the 200m behind his teammate Louis.

In Years 4 and 5 (U11 age group), seven boys took part in the quadrathlon (75m, 150m, long jump and howler throw) with Toby Kippax in 2nd place, Dexter Ward 3rd, Josh Bhardwaj 4th, David Odinstov 6th, Sam Middleton 7th, Arjun Bhogal 8th and Alfie Webley 14th.

Four athletes were in action at the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Track and Field Championships with James Hackett winning both the 100m and 200m and coming 3rd in the long jump. Frank Faizey also won a bronze medal in the hammer and congratulations also to Henry Greaves and Lester Ng who represented the District team on the day.

James Hackett represented the U15 Herefordshire and Worcestershire county athletics team at the English Inter Counties match at Stoke on Trent, winning his 300m heat in yet another impressive time of 38.94. James also ran in the county U15 relay team and anchored the team to a silver medal.



A superb day of athletics was had for forty-five of our top Preparatory School boys at the Mercia Area Championships. Highlights include many personal best performances with the athletes who finished 1st and 2nd as follows: James Hackett (Year 8) 1st in 100m and 200m, Alfie Higgins (Year 8) 1st in javelin and 2nd in hurdles, Tristan Shaylor (Year 8) 1st in hurdles, Moses Kwong (Year 8) 1st in triple jump, Rosco Dines (Year 8) 2nd in triple jump. In Year 7, William Hapgood came 1st in the 800m and long jump. Buster Reid was 2nd in the 200m, Sam Brown finished in 2nd place in the high jump. Our 4 x 100 metres relay of William Hapgood, Buster Reid, Louis Belcuore, Sam Brown also finished in 1st place.

During the Summer holidays, we saw the return of the National Preparatory School Athletics Championships. On the day, we had two National Champions in James Hackett and William Hapgood. James ran for the U14s in the 100m race with a time of 11.98, a phenomenal achievement due to the fact that he is our first ever Prep School boy to win a National 100m title. William ran the 800m in 2 minutes 12.90 seconds, a Personal Best and an equal National Preparatory School record. Tristan Shaylor (U14) finished 8th in the final of the 80m hurdles, with a time of 13.89 seconds. Louis Belcuore (U13) was 11th in the long jump (4.00m) and Rosco Dines (U14) finished in 13th in the triple jump (7.90m). Two more pupils competed in the U13 category with Freddie Giles in 11th place in the 1500m (5 minutes 16 seconds and a PB) and Sam Brown came 12th in the 200m (28.60 seconds and a PB). William Hapgood, Louis Belcuore, Sam Brown, Freddie Giles were our U13 runners in the 4 x 100 metres relay, finishing in 10th place in a season's best time of 56.38 seconds.

*G Jones*



## Prep Girls' Athletics

This has been the most successful season for our top female athletes since 2017. In the ESAA athletics competition, our Years 7 and 8 team were County champions, Regional champions and they competed in the prestigious National Track and Field Cup Final where they came 11th in the country.

Throughout this special athletics season, we have seen some fantastic School records broken, one which lasted for twenty-three years – Belle Davies ran a phenomenal 25.4 secs in the 200m. She also smashed the 100m and 300m record. Jadyng Ogunsola also jumped a massive 4.89m on Sports Day beating a seven-year-old record. Sophia Bhardwaj set a new high jump record for her age group jumping 1.40m, and Iseoluwa Odugbesan jumped 4.85m in long jump to beat a long standing U13 girls' record.

We had a record number of pupils who qualified through to the Mercia National Finals, no fewer than twenty individuals and the Year 8 girls 4 x 100m relay team. Here, we saw Belle Davies being crowned National champion in the 200m, beating a championship best performance. Neave Colley became the National runner up in the shot put and our 4 x 100m relay team also gained a silver medal.

Our top Year 8 athletes took part in Invitational meetings hosted by the Senior School, which gave them valuable experience competing against (and often beating) pupils much older than them. District competitions were available for other pupils and despite competing against other schools' 'A' teams, many of girls achieved gold, silver and bronze standards. This demonstrates just how strong this Year 8 group of girls are.

Alongside Sports Day, our Years 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed representing the School at the District athletics meetings and it was great to see them enjoying the experience (and winning a few medals along the way).

*J Danks*



## Senior Athletics

This year has proven to be another outstanding year of athletics with over 100 students competing in fixtures. Their exceptional results highlight each student's dedication and commitment to training in the Summer Term and during pre-season.

With ten meets over a short seven weeks, this was a very busy term for all athletes. Our teams were raring to go and began the season with an away fixture at Rugby School. Results were excellent across the track and field, pushing both the girls and boys to the top of the points table. The boys then travelled to KES Birmingham and the girls to Oakham School. Once again, the girls and boys performed well, placing first and third respectively.

Our junior and intermediate teams took part in the District Trials and many pupils qualified to represent the District at the Hereford and Worcestershire Championships. Following strong performances at the District and County Championships, the following athletes were selected to represent Hereford and Worcester at the prestigious Inter Counties Schools' Championship, otherwise known as the Mason Trophy: Krystof Wood, Joe Kippax, Lucy Hatfield, Iruoma Onwuki-lwuchukwi, Alex Li, Shushank Nembang.

The following athletes performed superbly at the event, winning medals. Well done to Jack Wilkinson (Silver, hurdles), Evie Hastings (Gold, discus), Henry Parsons (Silver, relay), Oscar Hagan (Silver, relay) and Ollie Dieppe (Gold, hurdles and Silver, relay).



*L Mullan*

The intermediate boys and girls put in strong performances in the first round of the English Schools' Track and Field Cup, both qualifying for the Midland Final. The girls performed well and the boys narrowly missed out on a place in the National Final by finishing a close second by fifteen points. All participants should be proud of their achievements.

Overall, our athletes have had a very successful season, and we look forward to even more achievements in the years to come.





## Senior Badminton

This season has seen a healthy growth in the participants attending our badminton academy, with in excess of sixty pupils regularly attending a weekly training session. Our two training days were split into age and ability. On Wednesdays, the two-hour sessions were for older and more accomplished players and Thursday's session was for development. This year's focus has been individual skill development and doubles court crafting.

The matches were, in the main, friendlies, with our opposition varying greatly, meaning we could put our players to the test and match up accordingly. The results throughout the age groups have been impressive - out of the thirty-six matches played, Bromsgrove won thirty-three, drew one and lost two.

Bromsgrove also became District and County champions, both boys and girls, and in both the KS3 and KS4 age groups. Unfortunately, there was no progression to regional level due to COVID restrictions.

Overall, it has been a great season for Bromsgrove's badminton teams.

*L Hadley*



## Senior Basketball

An incredibly busy season for the basketball teams saw a large number of pupils participate and thrive, with three teams representing the School in Cup competitions. Most notably, the U19s reached the Quarter Final of the National Cup.

The 1st team had a successful season winning twelve of their eighteen games. They started well with some friendlies against Shrewsbury and Bromsgrove Blaze, where the pupils had the chance to press for a spot in the starting line-up. A fixture against Bristol Met Academy proved to be a fantastic opportunity for the team to test themselves against high quality opposition in a totally different environment to what they had been used to. This aided them well in their preparation for the National Cup.

A busy period of National Cup games in the Lent Term proved very positive, with two wins against Alcester Grammar School and Shrewsbury meaning that the team qualified for the Quarter Finals. This was a brilliant achievement for the squad who, unfortunately, were beaten by a very talented Myerscough College side. However, there were further good wins against Bloxham, Rugby, Oundle and Old Swinford Hospital School. Thank you to all the Upper Sixth Leavers who have shown a strong commitment and effort to the basketball programme during their time at the School.

This year's junior teams continue to develop, playing in several fixtures across all the terms. A highlight for the year was the U14 side coming second in the County Cup, narrowly losing by three points. This proved a great learning experience for a young side who had not played a lot of competitive basketball. The U14s had further success against Sir Thomas Rich's and Old Swinford Hospital. The U15s team also saw success against Sir Thomas Rich's, but what must be credited is the number of boys who have played up one or two age groups to support a successful U16 season (the side only lost two games). A highlight for the U16 team was winning against a strong Bristol Met Academy side.

A huge thank you must go to Mr Miller, our basketball coach, who puts in an enormous amount of effort, time and energy into training, which has allowed the boys to make huge strides in becoming fantastic players.

Next season, the U17s will enter the YBL for the first time, playing regular League and Cup fixtures against club teams. This is an exciting time for the development of Bromsgrove School basketball, with both the pupils and the staff looking forward to what the new season may bring.

*W Colson*

## Prep Boys' Cricket

There have been many successes on the cricket front this season, despite the weather hindering match time for the pupils. There have been eighty-one fixtures played with some fantastic individual and team performances on show. The U13As have played some brilliant cricket against tough opposition and won the County Cup Final against King's Worcester with Alfie Higgins scoring a 104\*. However, we were unlucky to lose to Warwick in the National Bunbury Cup. A special mention must go to the U12A team who have had a super season with many terrific individual performances. George Hall has led from the front scoring 444 runs in nine innings and has been supported by Nahum Benjamin who has taken 20 wickets. In total, twenty teams have represented the School competitively throughout the season and all have done so with tremendous spirit and sportsmanship. Many thanks to the coaching staff who have provided the opportunities for the pupils to develop and experience cricket.

### U13A

The U13A team have competed against the strongest schools in the region with many successes - notable wins include RGS Worcester, King's Worcester, Prestfelde and Northampton School. The start of the season was a challenging period playing some very solid teams. I have been impressed by the desire of the team to reflect on matches and how to improve their individual and team skills in order to challenge competitively. The squad enjoyed competing in the National Bunbury Cup and played some brilliant cricket to beat a strong Northampton School team to progress. Special mention goes to Seth Benjamin and Alfie Higgins who have led from the front with the bat whilst being supported by Logan Ingram and Nicky Harding with the ball. The whole squad can be proud of their efforts and the collective maturity they have shown after a challenging set of fixtures.

I wish them every success as they continue to play cricket in the Senior School.

*J Thornely*



### U11A

The U11A team had a great season, with all boys contributing to each game with either wickets, runs or dismissals. The season started extremely well with a win over Dean Close. The boys bowled well, only allowing Dean Close to score 19 runs off the bat. As the season progressed, they got to play in the County Cup. This was a day of tough competition with the players making the final. A hard game against RGS The Grange, it went down to the last over where Bromsgrove narrowly missed out on winning. Overall, the boys have performed extremely well as a team with at least one player per game taking responsibility and helping their team mates get to the finish line. They should all be proud of how they have performed this season.

*J Harris*



## Prep Girls' Cricket

Girls' cricket continues to flourish at Bromsgrove Preparatory School. For the first year, the U13A and U12A played hardball matches competitively. We now look forward to more hardball games for our younger age group 'A' teams next year. We were delighted with how much enthusiasm, commitment and engagement the girls demonstrated throughout the term and this led to extremely good results. Rain stopped play too many times for our junior teams. However, the game they played, the pupils all enjoyed immensely and we had great success, namely over Bluecoat School.

Highlights of the season include our U10s experiencing their first ever game of cricket, the U11A girls' cricket team playing in the local boys' Dynamo Championships and beating all of the opposition.

The Years 7 and 8 girls have produced six teams against other schools, notably all U12A – D teams beating Cheltenham Ladies' College and the U13A, U13B, U12A and U12B all having an unbeaten season.

*J Danks*



## Senior Cricket

The 2021/22 cricket season proved to be a very successful one, with the 1st XI winning fifteen out of their twenty-one games played, including a tie of the last ball. A good team spirit and a clear ethos was vital in securing a positive start against Oakham and Bedford School in pre-season friendlies.

The first block fixture on a Saturday was away against Magdalen College. We bowled well early on with Jack Warner taking three wickets and thus restricting the visitors to a low score. Some good batting from Magdalen saw them reach a respectable 175 all out. In reply, Bromsgrove put on an excellent display of batting to chase the score down with a partnership of 176 between Archie Greaves-Hall (68\*) and Oliver Davidson (80\*) to easily win the game with 20 overs to spare.

The National T20 Cup saw Bromsgrove face Wrekin College and KES Stratford. During the morning match, we restricted Wrekin to 78 all out from 20 overs and chased it down in just 10 overs. Against KES Stratford, the game was always going Bromsgrove's way as the visitors were bowled out for 32 and the runs were ticked off within the power play, further evidence of the strength of the bowling attack. The game against Shrewsbury School really saw an extraordinary game of cricket. As was the case this season, Bromsgrove elected to bat first and got off to an exciting start with 41-1 off 6 overs. A partnership between Oliver Davidson and Elliot Small of 64 and 65 each got us to 188-3, before Tom Cosh got us to 267 with a quick 41, a score that we were pleased to receive against a good bowling attack. Jack Warner bowled an excellent death over to prevent Shrewsbury from getting over the line, a real fighting effort from the players to stop a likely victory for the opposition at the halfway stage of the bowling innings.



The next round of the National T20 Cup was versus Ellesmere College. The opposition put Bromsgrove into bat and we scored 146-7, a decent score on a slightly wet wicket. The bowlers went about their business and shared the wickets around with everybody contributing with the ball in hand, bowling Ellesmere out for 59.

After the half term break, the team enjoyed a fun-filled evening at Solihull with a high scoring T20 match with music, flashing stumps and a large crowd. With Bromsgrove electing to bat first, we posted 182-6 with Freddie Fallows on a half century and other batters contributing to get us to a par score on a very small ground with a very good batting wicket. The Bromsgrove bowling attack rallied and managed to keep Solihull to 171-9 with Lucas Ingram picking up three wickets.

The National Cup match versus Shrewsbury was an exciting prospect after the block fixture earlier in the season. Freddie Fallows batted outstandingly well to score 101 off 58 balls, with Oliver Davidson scoring 58 in support to get Bromsgrove to 177 in their 20 overs. Shrewsbury started well, as they had in the previous game, and got to 76-3 in the power play. Then, Bromsgrove produced an unbelievable spell of bowling and bowled Shrewsbury out for 115 in 15 overs thanks to four wickets from Oliver Davidson, and three wickets from Freddie Fallows.



The following weekend saw Bromsgrove play Malvern in the National Cup. We were asked to field first and bowled on a challenging ground where there have been many high scores this season. Malvern managed to get to 171, which was too many to chase, and Bromsgrove fell 44 short of the target finishing 127 all out with a standout innings from Oliver Davidson, again scoring 56. This was the end of the Cup run against a very strong Malvern side with multiple academy players.

The annual fixture against the MCC was played in good spirit. The MCC batted first, making only 109 with Freddie Fallows bowling 23 Overs taking three wickets, James Bayliss taking two Wickets for 26 Runs and Oliver Davidson, the

standout, with figures of 21 overs, eight maidens, five wickets for 38 runs against a strong MCC team. This was an excellent partnership of spin bowling from the experienced pair to restrict them to such a low score. Bromsgrove then responded to the first half of the game by chasing the runs without losing a wicket due to Elliot Evans and Oliver Davidson both scoring half centuries.

The School will lose seven Upper Sixth players at the end of this academic year - James Bayliss, Tom Cosh, Oliver Davidson, Freddie Fallows, Elliot Small, Jacob Smith and Will Udy. The incoming players next season will build their own team ethos and new pupils will gain an opportunity to impress at 1st team level.

Both the U14A, B and C and the U15A, B and C teams enjoyed great wins this term, the highlight being the U14s win vs Malvern by 8 runs in the Area Cup, and closely beating a strong Shrewsbury team. The U15s had strong wins versus Sedbergh and Repton where Thomas Ashton hit an outstanding 100 not out.

I would like to thank Mr Hatfield and Mr Evenson for their efforts during training and game time, and to Mr Tongue and Miss Evenson for their efforts throughout the winter with the 1st XI and then with the U14s and U15s in the summer. I would also like to thank Mr Fallows for everything he has done for the pupils over the past twelve years, he has certainly made them better players and encouraged them to excel at cricket at Bromsgrove. We hope he enjoys his move to Cumbria and makes an impact as big there as he did here at Bromsgrove.

*Tom Cosh*  
(1st XI Captain)

## Prep Boys' Cross-Country

In October 2022, the School hosted the first round of the ESAA Cross-Country Cup. Expectations were high going into the county round, but with a very young team of predominantly Year 7 boys, we came up against some very tough opposition in RGS Worcester, King's Worcester and Haybridge High School. Despite finishing in fourth place as a team, only twelve positions separated the first four schools. There were many great individual performances with William Hapgood 3rd, Wilf Gilbert 8th, Freddie Giles 14th, Charlie Adcock 16th, Malakhi Bailey 18th, Wise Boginisoko 21st and Henry Foster 22nd. There were also great runs from Buster Reid, George Hall and William Siviter. We expect that this team will feature better next year when they are top of their age group.

The following month saw us host the Midland Final of the same Cross-Country Cup. Six of our Prep School boys ran superbly, with William Hapgood the first boy home for Bromsgrove in 7th place. Well done also to Henry Greaves 35th, Wilf Gilbert 50th, Malakhi Bailey 52nd, Charlie Adcock 53rd and Freddie Giles 57th.

At the start of the Michaelmas Term, we hosted the annual District Cross-Country Championships around our Senior School campus. In total, we had forty-six boys running from Years 5, 6, 7 and 8. The top six runners from Years 5-7 were selected to represent the District team at the Worcestershire Schools County Championships. William Hapgood had an amazing run to finish in 1st place for the Year 7 boys, followed by Freddie Giles in 4th and Wilf Gilbert in 6th. In Year 6, Lucas Ashurst finished in a well-deserved 4th place. For the Year 5 boys, Toby Kippax came in 6th place. The first boy home for Year 8 was Logan Ingram in 36th. Many others finished in the top 20 – well done to everyone who took part.



Our Years 5, 6 and 7 cross-country runners represented North Worcestershire at the Worcestershire School Games held at Wolverley Secondary School. This was a tough course that tested our pupils, but they all rose to the occasion to achieve the following position – Toby Kippax in 22nd (Year 5), William Hapgood 1st and country champion and Freddie Giles in 11th (both year 7). Well done also to Wilf Gilbert who also ran in the Year 7 race. Well done to all our runners and special congratulations to William Hapgood on being selected to represent the county of Worcestershire at the English School's Games National Final in Leicestershire.

For the first time in three years, we saw the return of the National Preparatory School Championships at Malvern College. The U11 boys' team of Louis Albutt (164th), Harry Helmore (54th), George Cutter (140th) and Jyanas Gurung (147th) came 38th in the team event at Malvern.

The U13 boys' team finished 19th as a team, a brilliant achievement considering they were all Year 7s competing against predominantly Year 8 boys. Individual placings - William Hapgood 10th (a phenomenal effort and first Year 7 runner home nationally which is quite remarkable), Freddie Giles 78th, Wilf Gilbert 120th and Charlie Adcock 128th.

Many thanks to Mr Skipp, Mr Barnett and Ms Faulkner-Petrova for coaching our children throughout the Michaelmas and Lent Terms.

*G Jones*

## Prep Girls' Cross-Country

It was great to see our girls' cross-country teams compete again after a two year break. The U13A and U11A teams competed in the District and County Schools' Competition, the Prep Schools' National Cross-Country Finals and also the ESAA Cross-Country Cup. All runners relished in the experience to compete again after training hard throughout the season with Mr Skipp. Congratulations in particular go to Caitlin Pridden (Year 7) and Amber Edwards (Year 6) who individually qualified from the County Worcestershire Schools' Games through to the National Finals.

Our Year 5 girls did exceptionally well in their first ever competitive race for the School. Their final positions were: Robyn Duffy 5th, Amelia Hughes 9th, Gigi Gilbert 10th, Sophie Jones 12th, Darcey Conroy 13th, Thomasine McCormack 15th, Eloise Warman 18th, Eden Hall 22nd, Penelope Higgins 23rd, Leah Luscott-Evans 27th, Chloe Greathurst 30th and Nandi Panwar 34th. Congratulations to Robyn Duffy who qualified in 5th position to represent Bromsgrove District at the County Cross-County Competition.

In the Year 6 race, Isabelle Ballard came 3rd, Neve Wilkinson 5th, Amber Edwards 6th, Daisy Whitehouse 7th, Charlotte Ascough 9th, Ella Cunningham 10th, Merryn Bird 13th, Gabrielle Kavanagh 15th, Priya Giles 17th, Isabel Gibson 25th, Martha Blower 27th, Hollie Walker 29th and Sophia Cooper 36th. A big well done to everyone but especially our top three runners Isabelle, Neve and Amber who qualified to represent Bromsgrove District at the County Competition.



Caitlin Pridden (Year 7) put in a stellar performance in her race to win by a fair distance. Particular congratulations must also go to Sophia Bhardwaj who came in 6th place. Both girls qualified through to the County round then subsequently into the National Finals. Our other Year 7 girls put in an excellent effort to achieve the following positions: Natalie McNeil 8th, Isobel Boardman 11th, Emily Meese 15th, Amelia Fox 16th, Olivia Grove 20th, Adrienne McCormack 24th and Lola Jones 29th.

In the final race for the Prep School, our Year 8s were up against Year 9 runners for a place in the County round. The girls put in an exceptional performance with five from our seven runners achieving a place in the competition. Ruby Broadhurst came 5th, Chloe Chan 6th, Gina Obrey 8th, Sammy Riley 9th, Anna Ludwig 15th. Also well done to Farah Croce 19th and Hannah Tong 42nd. A superb performance especially given the girls were running a year young in this competition.

*J Danks*





## Senior Cross-Country

After two years of year group bubbles and being restricted to running within the School grounds, it has been a relief to train on the paths, parks and trails surrounding Bromsgrove again, made even more pleasant by the particularly dry and mild weather.

The East Midlands Independent Schools Cross-Country League (EMISCCCL) was resurrected and well attended by the usual schools. William Pridden started the season well with a win at Uppingham School. However, with a busy race calendar outside of School, he was unable to compete again in the league this year. Bromsgrove School hosted the second race, and further races were held at Rugby, Worksop, Oundle and Oakham. Everyone in the squad ran hard and supported their teams. Callum Wilkinson achieved the most notable overall performance, placing third individual in the senior boys' league.

The King Henry VIII Relays in Coventry's war memorial park reconvened this year for their 50th anniversary race. The standard is always high, with many national standard runners competing. Bromsgrove entered one boys' and one girls' team, both of whom finished in a respectable 25th position. William Pridden ran the 2.3 mile course as the fastest boy in 12:60, and Emily Dyer was the fastest for the girls in 16:00. Both of our teams were relatively young and special mention should go to Caitlin Pridden, only in Year 7, but competing against Year 13 runners.

Cross-Country is a team event, but everyone must carry themselves. There is no hiding from the course, mud, hills, other runners, and the clock. All of our runners have worked hard and shown commitment in training and at fixtures. The Halstead Cup for most improved runner has been awarded to Emily Dyer. Special thanks and recognition must go to Daniel Goodwin who has run cross-country since joining in the Prep school eight years ago and he led the team superbly this year as Captain.

*M Giles*

## Equestrian

It has been a busy year for the School equestrian team, with pupils all the way from Reception to the Upper Sixth representing Bromsgrove. Highlights include Jasmine Underwood in Eventing who has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Junior European Championships after consistently placing in the top four at U18 and U21 level and coming second in the Junior National Championships.

Chloe Chan had clear goals for 2022. Her goals were to qualify and take both her ponies – Corries Jack In a box (Doc) and Monarch of the Glen – to the Royal International Horse Show. Chloe qualified with both. Glen back in March 2022 at Onley (the first qualifier of the season) and then Doc at the Royal Bath County Show, where she achieved overall Working Hunter Champion. This season, Chloe has been busy competing at British Eventing and has been selected to be on the National U18 British Youth Eventing Team for 2022. At present, Chloe is busy competing at the Horse Of The Year Show qualifiers, winning both the 133 and 143 class, as well as gaining qualification for The Horse of the Year Show which takes place in October 2022 at the NEC in Birmingham. Chloe also competed at the European 1star Event at Blair Castle, Scotland this summer.

Amy Pinfield has had a very successful year. In Summer 2021, Amy and Nipna Jackmanii were crowned champions at the Welsh Festival of Showing, qualifying for Junior Mountain and Moorland Pony at Horse of The Year Show. Amy also won at the National Pony Society summer championships, the Final of the Black Country saddles mountain and moorland pony of the year, winning a new saddle. Amy was Reserve Champion HOYS on Earnwell Elwyn at NPS Devon and Reserve Champion Junior on Brocklebank Jim Bean at the NPS Championships. In a team with Chloe Chan and a third member from Bristol University, Amy won the British Show Pony Society Young Judges Competition at the National Championships. This year, she has qualified for three classes at the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead. She has won the Best of the Best and Best Rider to go on to represent our region at the BSPS summer championships in August and was also Champion junior at the BSPS spring Championships.



Evie Derbyshire has had success on the young horse that she has been bringing on. She introduced her young horse to his first season of eventing and had immediate success, finishing third at their first event together and consequently qualified for the Schools' Equestrian Games Eventing Championships later this year. Evie has finished inside the top ten in every event she has completed in so far this season. Over the summer, Evie was busy competing in the National Qualifiers for Dressage, Show jumping and Eventing.

A big well done to all pupils have represented the School this season.

*E Buckingham*



## Fencing

This year, fencing has been slowly emerging from the pandemic. As a result, our fencers trained hard but they were still somewhat restricted in order to demonstrate their competitive prowess. Their first event was the Cocks Moors Woods Épée Championships where Kamilla Kartashkina finished 7th in the U15 girls' event, with Oliver Gowen 15th for the U15 Boys, George Ascough and Japer Page 21st and 26th respectively in the U13 boys' category and Laura Floricic 31st in the women's event. Next came a trip to King Edward's School, Birmingham for an Age Group Épée Competition. In the senior event, Dariush Modaressi finished 7th, Kamilla was 8th and Kristy Lo finished 12th. Meanwhile in the juniors, Leo Boonnak finished 2nd, George finished 5th, Alvis Luk 7th and Jasper Page 8th. Just before the end of the Michaelmas Term, we sent a team of George, Leo and Oliver to RGS Worcester for their Gala Team event where they finished 3rd in the Junior Épée.

The Lent Term brings the West Midlands Age Groups competition. In January 2022, that took us to Shropshire for the Épée with Kamilla taking a bronze medal for the U16 girls, Alvis Luk finishing 5th in the U14 boys (with Jasper in 8th and George in 13th) Laura 6th in the U18 girls. Leo was 10th and Oliver 11th in the U16 boys, and finally Gordon Lam finished 15th in the U18 boys' category. Not long after, we had a training competition at King Edward's School, Birmingham where Laura finished 11th in the Senior Mixed Foil and 17th at Épée, whilst George finished 7th in the Junior Mixed Épée and 13th at Foil.



Next came the Foil Age Groups in Birmingham. This event gave us plenty of success with Alvis taking a gold in the U14 boys, Gordon a silver in the U18 boys, George a bronze in the U14 boys, with Jasper coming in 6th place. All of these results, along with Kamilla, Alvis, and Jasper's Épée scores, meant that the team qualified for places in the British Youth Championships National Finals.

March 2022 saw us traveling down to London with the largest squad we have had for quite some time to take part in the Public Schools' Fencing Championships. The squad included Dariush, Gordon, Kristy, Laura, Kamilla, Oliver, Leo, Luigi Li, George and Jasper. Everyone fenced at both Foil and Épée, with the stand out performance being George making a last 16 in the Mount-Haes Foil, closely followed by Kamilla (25th in the Junior Épée), Kristy (27th in the Senior Foil), Laura (28th in the Senior Épée) and Jasper (29th in the Mount-Haes Foil).



The team then travelled to Sheffield for the British Youth Championships Finals. Jasper finished 23rd in the U14 Épée and 58th in the Foil, Kamilla was 30th in the U16 Épée, Gordon 48th in the U18 Foil, Alvis 53rd U14 Épée and 64th in the Foil, George 71st in the U14 Foil. Unfortunately, Laura could not compete due to injury sustained the week before.

Next came the England Youth Championships with George and Jasper once again competing in both weapons. They finished 43rd and 44th respectively in the Épée, reversing order for 30th and 32nd in the Foil.

We finished off the year by running an Épée competition for the Prep school where Laura, George, Jasper and Leo turned up to organise and referee.

It has been an incredibly exciting competitive year and we look forward to a full and even more successful calendar of competitions ahead.

*N Chapman*



## Senior Boys' Football

After two years impacted by the dreaded 'C' word, the Bromsgrove football teams enjoyed, statistically, the best season in ten years. A 58% win ratio across the five boys' teams. This is a reflection of the efforts of all coaches, the commitment of the players and our BSFC culture: *Humility, Hard Work, Team before Self.*

The 2021-22 1st XI squad was built around the nucleus of a very strong Upper Sixth year group, with a number playing for external teams, which meant added experience to the squad. As a result, the 1st XI entered the ISFA U18 Cup competition for the first time during the Michaelmas Term. Score lines do not always tell the full story of any sporting contest, and this was certainly the case in the ISFA Cup. Beating Wolverhampton GS 4-0 away in the 1st round flattered Bromsgrove, however, a 4-1 away loss against a very strong Cheadle Hulme side certainly did not reflect possession, chances and quality.

In the various 'Super Saturday' fixtures, the 1st XI was undefeated against the likes of Oundle, Uppingham, Stowe and Rugby. The only team to out-compete this competitive group was a talented Clifton side, and we deservedly lost 2-1; yet such was the character of the 2022 squad they won three and drew one of the remaining four fixtures. Bizarrely, for a team who won their last two matches, 4-2 and 3-0, an excellent away win at Rugby School, scoring goals probably cost the squad an undefeated season.

Strength in depth is another important facet in the development of Bromsgrove football. The very capable 2nd XI, containing several players with 1st XI experience, won seven of eight games, scoring thirty-two goals in the process. The team, led by Sam Amos, couldn't stop scoring goals. Similarly, the 3rd XI, led by the new coaching duo of Mr Young and Dr Jones, enjoyed their best season for a few years, winning two and drawing three of their seven matches. The only footballing negative was a COVID curtailed season for the U16s, so often critical in developing future 1st team players. However, I saw enough in training, and a thrilling 2-0 home win over BGS.



Two huge highlights of note during the season - a trip to St George's Park, home of England football, for a training camp was enjoyed immensely by a group of thirty senior players, even the freezing water rehab did not dispel spirits. Whilst the arrival of Miss McCready ensured that the inaugural Girls' 1st XI enjoyed a fantastic first season with the promise of more success in the future.

Finally, after ten years at the helm of Bromsgrove football, I hand over to Mr Unterhalter. My administrative role is made so much easier due to the commitment and positive role-modelling of the coaching team. I am indebted to their professionalism and love of the game to ensure that all Bromsgrove footballers have excellent input throughout the season. However, my biggest thanks go to Mr Brighton for his innovative coaching, wise counsel and man-management skills as the embodiment of BSFC culture.

*S Matthews*



## Senior Girls' Football

A girls' football team was established at Bromsgrove School this year, with the aim of encouraging participation from as many girls and year groups as possible. Over forty girls from Lower Fourth to Upper Sixth attended our training sessions, providing enough players to field a 1st XI along with an U15 development team.

Whilst the focus this year was participation, our 1st XI performed exceptionally well, winning six out of seven friendly matches, along with winning Repton School's U18 6-a-side tournament, where the team were undefeated and scored fourteen goals. Furthermore, we entered an U15 team into one of the Sisters n Sport Cup Competitions, allowing many pupils to play their first competitive matches. Although we lost our games, it provided a great development opportunity and learning experience.

The squad atmosphere and enthusiasm week on week was exceptional. Some standout individuals are worth a special mention - Lousie Steenbergen and Elisabeth Rieger (1st XI captains) led from the front throughout the season, ensuring a positive and enthusiastic environment.

Louise Apuusi-Tchassem effortlessly controlled the centre of the pitch, an incredibly talented player with a bright football career ahead of her. A special mention must also go to Tamara Kamal About Gheit who was voted as the "players' player", which in my opinion, is the highest award possible. Tamara's fellow team mates have identified her exceptional attitude and performance during training and matches. Additionally, I would like to highlight the Lower Fourth pupils who have stepped up to play 1st XI football - Amelia Abraham, Isabelle Abraham and Tyanna Semper have developed and shone as the season has progressed. Maria Christodoulou has particularly impressed, volunteering as our goalkeeper and producing some outstanding saves over the season. She has won the coaches' player award.

It has been a pleasure to coach the girls football this year, and I am looking forward to working with these players as they continue to develop over the coming seasons.

*M McCready*



## Senior Golf

This year, Bromsgrove proved themselves to be one of the best golfing schools in the country. We qualified for both the ISGA and the HMC National Finals, and we were unbeaten in matches versus other schools. Eleven pupils represented the 1st team over twelve matches, and many more participated in the recreational golfing sessions; there was even a keenly contested School Championship. In addition, traditions were upheld with matches versus Old Bromsgrovians and School Staff.

The ISGA National Finals in April 2022 were at Formby Golf Club. We had secured a place as Area winners with wins over Solihull, Repton and Uppingham. In unusually calm conditions, we finished thirteenth out of twenty-one schools, with Lili-Rose Hunt, our best performer, finishing as eighteenth individual with rounds of 74 and 72.

The School Championship was won by James Humphries for the second consecutive year. Lili-Rose was three shots back in second place, with Thomas Griffiths completing the podium places.

Regular driving range sessions were professionally coached by Rob Laing. His coaching was of significant benefit to many of our young golfers and thanks goes to Bromsgrove Golf Club for their continued support.

The premier school tournament is the HMC Foursomes. Our toughest fixture to get there was a first round tie against Ellesmere College. In the deciding match, the final pair of Euan Choi and Prin Waerunwanatorn went to first extra hole. Prin held her nerve to hole a 20 foot putt for the win. Subsequent wins against Cheltenham College and Warwick School led to qualification for the finals at Little Aston Golf Club, the first time since 1998. Attended by the best eight schools in the UK, they split into two leagues of four with matches over two days of 36 holes. We acquitted ourselves well but failed to reach the grand final. The Tankard competition was a 9 hole Stableford where our team score of 32 sealed sixth place.

The team has never been stronger and exciting years lie ahead.

*N Riley*



## Prep Boys' Hockey

Another busy term at Bromsgrove Preparatory School comes to an end after having played 191 matches in ten busy weeks. Once more, we have played the very best hockey schools in the Midlands region, some of them twice, as well as our A teams coming across the same schools at multiple tournaments.

The strength of our C and D teams in Years 7 and 8 was very evident with the U12C team having an unbeaten season, closely followed by the U12D team losing just once. The U13C team also won eight out of ten matches, whilst the U13E team won all five matches played.

The biggest highlight of the season has to be when we were one of only three boys' teams from across the United Kingdom to have three teams qualify and take part in the prestigious IAPS National Finals. The U11A team won the South West IAPS qualifier at Clifton College, whilst on the very same day, the U13A boys came runners up at a Midlands qualifier at Cheltenham College. The U12A team had an incredible day at their IAPS National Final coming fourth overall from the sixteen teams that had taken part on the day.

*G Jones*



## U11A

The U11A team have completed a successful season. It was at tournaments where the boys won most of their matches, especially at the U11 IAPS South West qualifier where they won on flicks versus the hosts, Clifton College. At the IAPS National Finals, the boys lost their first group match, which then put the team under pressure for the remainder of the group matches. They eventually qualified for the Plate competition, finishing fourth and giving them a National ranking of 12th in the United Kingdom.

Individually, Isaac Chinnadurai has captained the side well and Toby Kippax, playing up a year, has been one of most consistent performers. Isaac Chinnadurai in goal made some superb saves. I would like to thank Mr Kippax for his assistance during the season in training sessions and on match days with coaching and umpiring.

Squad: Isaac Chinnadurai (GK) Daniel Duffy, Jacko Pritchard, Toby Kippax, Arthur Thompson, Fraser McDougall, William Jones, Lucas Ashurst, George Cutter, Jyanas Gurung.

*J Harris*

## U13A

The U13A boys' season started at the annual Repton Prep tournament before the Lent Term had even commenced. This was followed up with a trip to Cheltenham for the Dean Close 11-a-side Invitational Padfield Tournament. We were entered into three cup competitions - in the ISHC, we were two minutes away from a huge win versus Solihull in the first round, but agonisingly lost with the very last play of the game. The highlight of the season was coming runners up at the regional IAPS qualifier at Cheltenham College, where we played superbly all day with Alfie Higgins scoring nine goals. At the IAPS National Finals at Haileybury School, we had an incredible start beating Felsted 2-1 in the first match but, unfortunately, that was the highlight and eventually our day came to an end at the Plate quarter finals stage losing 2-0 to the Scottish champions, Cargilfield School. In the England In2Hockey, the boys came runners up in the group in the Midlands' round, and then came up against Solihull School in the semi final, losing 1-0 in a tight game.

Out of tournament matches produced very few wins, but our fixture list was exceptionally tough. Alfie Higgins captained the team and was our leading goal scorer with twenty-two goals. Henry Foster, Alfie Higgins and Tristan Shaylor were our key performers with good contributions also from Seth Benjamin and Henry Greaves. Nicholas Harding made huge progress from Year 7 during the course of the season and is to be congratulated on his hard work and progress made. Many thanks to our Director of Hockey, Mr Gooderham, for coaching the boys.

Squad: Tristan Shaylor (GK), Alfie Higgins (C), Seth Benjamin, Henry Foster, Nicholas Harding, Mackenzie Jones, Henry Greaves, Monty Cooke, Yuvraj Sehmi, Harry McGuinness.

*G Jones*



## Prep Girls' Hockey

### Senior

The Senior girls had a delayed start to the hockey term due to a few Years 7 and 8 matches being cancelled due to outbreaks of COVID-19. The U13As were unable to take part in the National Cup competition for this reason but despite this disappointment, they performed very well at the IAPS Regional round reaching the Cup quarter finals. The same team were also crowned winners of the Invitational tournament at The Downs School, Colwall, beating all of our main local competitors. Our U12A team had a tremendous term of hockey and a highlight for them amongst the high number of games won throughout the season was when they won the IAPS Plate competition coming 9th in the country. As ever, it is not just all about the A teams and we are proud that the Prep School offers B – F teams with a regular set of fixtures throughout the term.

### Junior

Huge congratulations to our U11A girls' hockey team who qualified for the IAPS National Finals. This team progressed well and just narrowly lost in the final of the Bowl competition on the day. The U11B, C and D teams took part in over seventeen matches and congratulations go to the U11C team who were the most successful winning four of their seven matches played. The U10s also represented the School in over twenty matches and have learnt a great deal along the way. A big positive for the hockey season was the sheer number of girls across Years 5–8 who participated in a total of 131 matches played, with over 190 girls representing the School. We look forward to the 2022 season after the summer break.

*J Danks*





## Senior Boys' Hockey

### Boys' Indoor Season

The boys' indoor season saw both the U16s and U18s qualify for the Midlands' Final. The U16 team, made up primarily of U15s, performed well and really took to indoor hockey. Unfortunately, they did not qualify for the National Finals but they certainly gained some much needed experience for next season.

The U18 boys came through a tough zone against Trent and Ashby to qualify, and faced a strong Repton side in the first game. The team pushed them close, leading 2-1 with three minutes to go. However, a missed stroke at 2-1 would prove costly as Repton went on to win 3-2. A comprehensive win in the next game saw Bromsgrove face a must win final group game. Sadly, the boys could not match their performance in the first game, missing several chances and failing to qualify for the Semi-Finals.

### 1st XI

The boys' 1st XI entered the Tier 1 league this season, giving them two terms of hockey matches against the best in the country. In our league were Repton, Ipswich, Trent, Gresham's, Norwich and Oakham. A mix of results in the league stage put us in third place. We were one of the two best third placed teams and, therefore, qualified for a Quarter Final vs Kingston Grammar School. This was a tight game that ended in defeat but the boys had worked hard throughout the year. In their Saturday matches, the boys played well, losing two and winning eight. This was a good season all round for the boys' 1st XI.



## Senior Hockey Teams

The boys' U16 team had a very good season. There were mixed results during Saturday fixtures, but some excellent performance against strong schools. However, in the Cup, the boys lost their first round in a close match to Solihull 2-1. This sent the boys into Tier 2. With a hard fought 1-0 win over Rugby and a comprehensive win over St Peter's, York, the boys were in a home North final against Calday Grange. This was a very tight game, with Calday Grange playing half court. With fifteen minutes to go, Bromsgrove managed to score two quick goals, but a goal from Calday Grange with five minutes left on the clock threatened to make the game tight, until Bromsgrove killed the game with a goal from the push back. This took the boys to a National Semi-Final away at Oakham. The boys showed an outstandingly disciplined display of defending and came away 2-0 winners. A final at the Olympic Park against Dean Close now awaited. Unfortunately, this did not go our way but to be runners up was an achievement in itself.

The U15s had an unfortunate early loss in the ISHC, a game they dominated but could not score and ended in the lottery of penalty strokes. During Saturday matches, they made great improvements throughout the season.

The U14 boys qualified for the Midlands' Final where, unfortunately, they did not make it out of the group. During Saturday fixtures, they had mixed results but every game was close. The boys worked hard throughout the season.

The boys' U15 and U14 B and C teams have enjoyed a full fixture list. This year not only saw fixtures for the U14Ds but also the U14Es and U15D and E teams. The boys performed well throughout the year, and the U15Cs didn't lose a game. Similar results were found in the U14C team who only lost two games all year. It was good to see so many boys in the Fourth Form playing hockey on a Saturday with some boys playing their first fixtures for the School.

*A Gooderham*



## Senior Girls' Hockey

### Girls' Indoor Season

The girls' indoor was the best season for a long time, with both the U16 and U18 teams qualifying for the Midlands' Final. The U16s, made up of U15 players, showed a good grasp of the game and qualified in second place out of the whole county. At the Midlands' Final, although the team failed to qualify for the semi-final, they learnt a lot about the game which will be integral for next season. The U18 girls qualified for the Midlands' Final with an exceptional victory against Malvern College 3-1, turning around a 3-1 loss from the week before. A loss in the third meant a three-way penalty shootout. The girls finished second and ended up in a semi-final against Repton who boasted ten Junior England players. The girls played superbly, although losing 2-0, they worked so hard and created chances to score themselves.

### Girls' 1st Team

The girl's 1st team had a frustrating season. On paper, it does not look good, but this only tells one side of the season. In the England Hockey Tier 2 competition, the girls lost their first game to King's High, Warwick, in a game they dominated but could not score. In tier 3, they played Solihull and lost a very even game 2-1. In the Independent Schools' Cup, the team lost in both the first round of the Cup and in the Plate to late extra time goals. Although the results did not go our way, all fixtures were very close and the girls competed well. The team showed great pride in representing the School and never gave up. Their attitude was exceptional on and off the pitch, with all the team putting in the effort and turning up for extra sessions.



## Girls' Hockey Teams

The other girls' hockey teams were still affected by COVID this academic year. This meant that cup teams were truncated and a lot of Saturday fixtures were cancelled. This led to some mixed results as there was not an opportunity to gain consistency in game play. However, we still put out thirteen teams during weekend fixtures, with over 200 girls representing the School.

The U16 cup team lost a game that they dominated to two breakaway goals against Malvern. Restrictions in the Fifth Form meant that, in the first round of tier 3, the U15s played as the U16s. The team played superbly but could not find the goal they needed, losing 1-0 to RGS.

The U15s reached the third round of the Independent School Hockey Cup. After convincing wins against Solihull and King's Worcester, the team travelled to Millfield. Restrictions again meant that the team were going into the competition weakened. It was a tough 1-0 loss in an even game but, nevertheless, a great performance by the girls.

The U14s missed their county tournament due to COVID restrictions. However, they were able to enter a zone to try and qualify for the Midland Finals. Unfortunately, this meant a tough draw with two county winners, and the girls were eliminated on goal difference.

I now look forward to the season ahead where we can, hopefully, play a consistent set of matches.

*A Gooderham*



## Prep Netball

### Seniors

Our U13A netball team made history this year becoming undefeated County Champions, undefeated IAPS Regional Champions, IAPS National Champions, Sisters n Sport National Champions and runners up in the School Magazine National Final. The way this team grew throughout the season was incredible to witness, not just their performances on court, but also their support and encouragement for each other. A masterclass in teamwork. I have no doubt that this team will continue to go on to achieve great things in the future, but the amazing memories they have gained from competing at the Prep School will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

The other U13 teams had hugely successful seasons too, with our U13B and E teams being undefeated, and the C and D teams displaying a 60% and 80% win ratio respectively.

A record number 110 girls played a match against Cheltenham Ladies' College where we fielded A – F teams (every girl in Years 7 and 8). Throughout the term, all Senior teams achieved a fantastic level of improvement by the end of the season. It is testament to the strength of netball at the School that the U12A team came third in the IAPS National Final, the same day that a few of this team competed at the Regional hockey competition. Even more incredibly, the U12As only lost by one goal to the overall IAPS winners in the semi-final.

### Juniors

For our junior teams this year, despite other schools playing the new 'Bee' netball 5 a-side game, Bromsgrove continued to play in the traditional 7 a-side format for inclusivity. The eight U11 and U10A teams played an incredible amount of matches. Congratulations, in particular, to our U11A, U11C and U10C teams who won the majority of their matches. We look forward to playing some 5 a-side netball matches next year alongside the 7 a-side version.

*J Danks*



## Senior Netball

It has been another successful netball year for our Bromsgrove teams, both in terms of success in matches and tournaments, as well as the sheer number of girls who have represented the School across the age range. At senior level, we have competed at 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 16A, 16B and 16C teams and at junior level, the teams range from A-E for the U15 and U14 age groups.

### 1st Team

After a short and disrupted season last year, the 1st team enjoyed a complete season during the 2021/22 academic year.

As in previous years, the 1st team participated in the Independent Schools' Cup and had a bye in the first round. In round two, Bromsgrove beat St Helen and St Katherine 55-26. The third round saw a 60-45 win against Cheadle Hulme, and a similar score (59-45) against St Alban's in the fourth round meant that Bromsgrove would play Millfield in the Quarter-Final. Bromsgrove lost to a strong Millfield side who went on to win the competition.

The Sisters n Sport Cup competition followed a similar trajectory, with Bromsgrove delivering strong performances in the initial rounds. In the second round, there was a 43-20 win against The King's High School for Girls, followed by a 33-27 win against Rugby School in the third, and an impressive fourth round win, 70-15 against Wycliffe. Bromsgrove narrowly missed out on the Semi-Finals with a close defeat to Wrekin.

A superb display of netball was seen in the County tournament, with Bromsgrove scoring 100 goals and conceding only twenty-nine. This meant that the girls were through to the Regional tournament. Despite being top of the group, a one-goal loss in the last game meant that Bromsgrove missed out on reaching the Nationals.

This year's 1st team was filled with an impressive calibre of girls who enjoyed a wide range of successes across England and franchise level. Both Isabelle Eaton and Jessica Monthe were selected by England Netball to participate in the U21 and U17 Europe Netball Competitions. Isabelle built on her 2021 VSNL debut this season for Severn Stars, and Jessica, Madeleine McLeod and Alanna Pullen were all selected to play for their franchises at U17 and U19 level during the NPL season. Three members of the first team have been selected to attend Roses Camp in Summer and we wish them the best of luck.

*Maddy McLeod*  
(Netball Captain)



## Senior Netball Teams

The 2nd team, captained by Ellen Ashton, turned out to be the 'draw' specialists. It is rare for matches to be drawn in netball, however, the 2nd team impressively managed to draw three in a row against Sutton Coldfield 29-29, Repton 25-25 and Oakham 24-24. They backed these up with good victories over Stowe and Trent College.

Our 16A team were particularly strong this year. Captained by Charlotte Jones, they won all of their Saturday fixtures, with the exception of Rugby School. They progressed through to the second round of the National Sisters n Sport competition, losing to an extremely strong King's High Warwick side, and they narrowly missed out on a place at the National Finals having competed well at the West Midland tournament. We look forward to seeing some of them compete for a 1st team place next season.

Liz Smith captained a very strong 15A side this season. They won all of their Saturday fixtures against some strong opposition and played a lovely style of netball whilst doing so. They won the Uppingham Invitational Tournament, beating the host school in the final, and in the National Independent Schools' Cup, they lost to a well organised Redmaids' High School 36-45. There was also plenty of success for our 15B, 15C and 15D teams too.

Our 14A team were fantastic in both their attitude and ability, and they seemed to go from strength to strength. Georgia Hay captained the team and they remained unbeaten in their School fixtures and were extremely close to qualifying for the National Finals, losing out at the Semi-Final stage to Bablake and King Henry VIII School. They also took part in the National Sisters n Sport Cup where they were beaten in the third round by the same opposition. The strength in depth of this year group was highlighted by a very strong season from the 14Bs (who won all of their fixtures), all the way down to the 14E team.

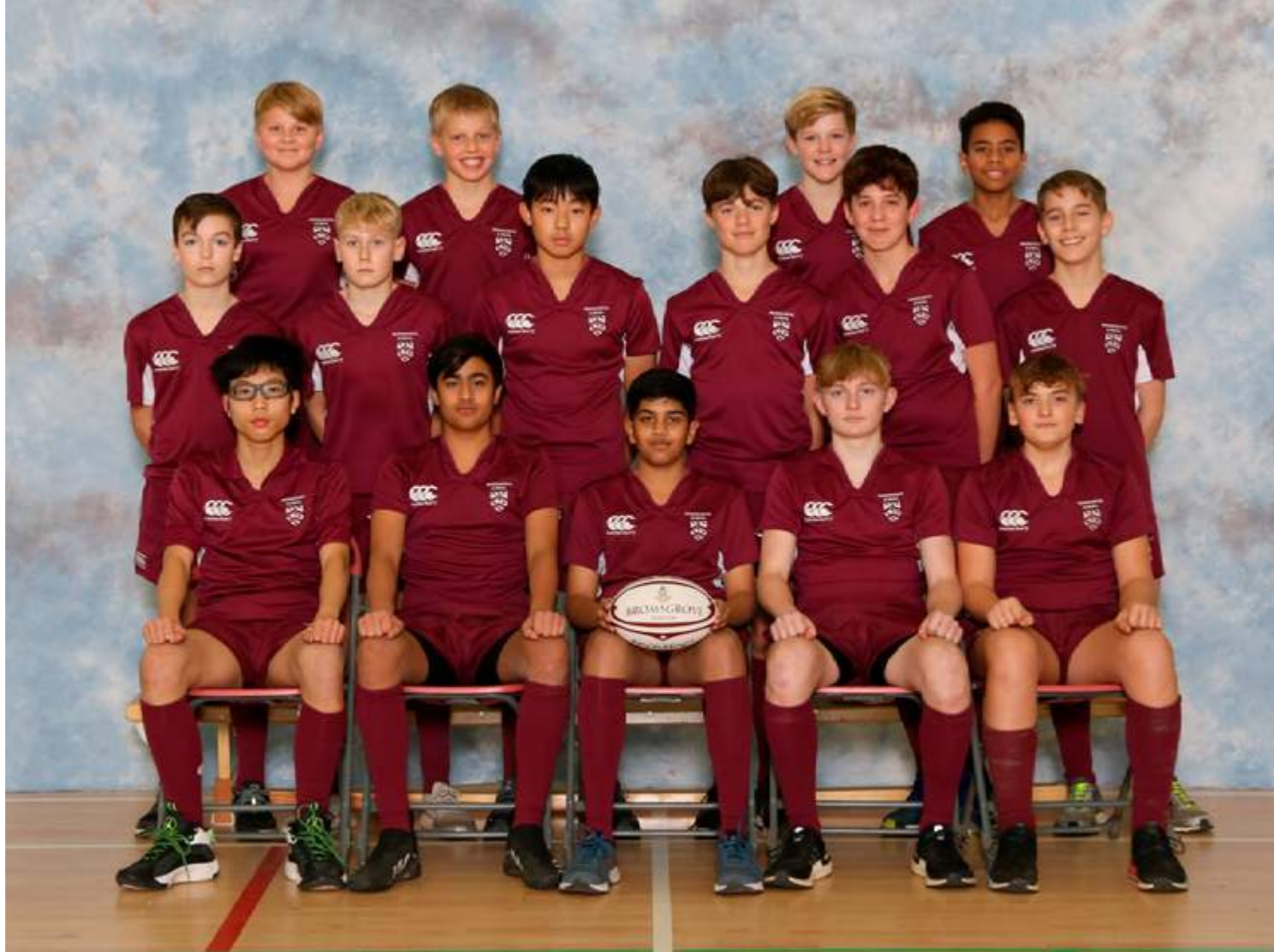
*S Franks*

## Prep Boys' Rugby

The season started very brightly and it was great to see the boys having a full pre-season programme of training and matches despite some COVID-19 restrictions still being in play. The RFU decided that all age group rugby would play the age group down rules up to Christmas 2021 given that there had been no competitive inter-school fixtures for over twelve months. The U13 age group lacked depth and quality at the top end to challenge our strongest opponents, but the B and C teams showed some promise and signs of progress. The U12s had the biggest ever intake of new boys in Year 7 and, overall, they had a more successful campaign than the U13 age group. Indeed, the U12C team had their most successful season.

We fielded five teams in Year 6 at U11A to E level, with the U11A team having a strong season. The theme of triangular and festivals was also very evident at U10 level. The U10A team had a strong season in their first year of having rugby matches for the School. The U8 and U9 age groups continued to have matches on Thursday afternoons throughout the Michaelmas Term.

*G Jones*



## U13A

P	W	D	L	F	A
11	3	2	6	150	150

This age group had shown much promise and potential lower down the School, especially at U9, U10 and U11 levels but not having had any fixtures at U12 level due to the pandemic, this affected what the team may have been capable of achieving.

The season started well following a good pre-season training schedule and two pre-season fixtures versus Abberley Hall and King Edward VI, Stratford. Following a loss to Sir Thomas Rich's 25-30, the boys had two big wins versus Magdalen College and Kirkham Grammar School. We then had a spate of six consecutive matches cancelled due to COVID measures. After half term, we had a tough triangular at Monmouth versus the hosts and an unbeaten Millfield side where we lost both matches, the one to Monmouth by just one try. Next up was a trip to the Cotswolds to play a strong Taunton Prep whom we beat 15-10; the boys showed real character to come back from 0-10 down at half time. In our second match, we lost 5-30 to an unbeaten Clifton College side. Things were not going to get any easier as we hosted another formidable side, Caldicott Prep School. In this match, the boys showed the strength of their character in the second half against a very big, athletic and powerful rugby team. The last match of the season was against Warwick School, a great spectacle with the boys agonisingly losing 15-20 with the last play of the match.

U13A: Seth Benjamin, Joseph Billig, Wise Boginisoko, Oliver Cattell, Monty Cooke, Nico Drouet, Henry Foster, Henry Greaves, James Hackett, Alfie Higgins, Mackenzie Jones, Lester Ng, Raphael Perry, Yuvraj Sehmi, Tristan Shaylor, Ayush Sunuwar

## U11A

P	W	D	L	F	A
12	5	5	2	119	45

The U11A team had recorded a highly impressive season as U9s two years previously, and despite not having had any School rugby fixtures as U10s, they went on to have a very successful U11 season under the guidance of Mr Kippax.

After a productive and enjoyable pre-season, the boys opened with an eight try all thriller versus Warwick School. The boys then travelled to Stowe School and had a very enjoyable and successful afternoon winning three of their four matches, with the only loss coming versus a very strong and physical Dragon side. Next up was another test at the Caldicott Festival where we drew with The Beacon, beat Chesham Prep and had a narrow two tries to four loss to the hosts. We beat King Henry VII, Coventry and RGS The Grange either side of half term but the second half term saw many matches cancelled due to COVID measures which was frustrating for the boys. The last match of the season saw us play Solihull and Akeley Wood.

U11A: Lucas Ashurst, Isaac Chinnadurai, George Cutter, Daniel Duffy, William Francis, Jyanas Gurung, Harry Helmore, Elliot Hill, William Jones, Archie Lea, Jack Pritchard, Ollie Whitehouse

## Senior Rugby

### 1st XV

The 1st XV had a season filled with ups and downs, seeing six wins out of a total eleven matches played. The team started promisingly with two victories against Cheltenham College and Warwick School, conceding only three points. The NatWest Cup run started with a close battle against local rivals King's Worcester, with Bromsgrove winning 35-34. Our second round match was away at Bloxham where we grinded out a 26-15 win. However, in the thir -round game against a tough Monmouth side, the 1st XV lost narrowly 14-8. The boys then lost the next two Saturday fixtures against challenging opponents Rugby School and RGS High Wycombe. The boys wanted to redeem themselves in the remaining games against Marlborough, Clifton and Warwick but, unfortunately, these were postponed due to rising COVID cases across the country. Arguably, the best performance of the season came at home against Uppingham who started the game very well, leading 20-5 at half time. The boys regrouped and came out to win the match 43-20, with some very impressive handling skills from both forwards and backs.

In the traditional end of season match against KES Birmingham, the Bromsgrove team retained the Siviter Smith trophy with an impressive 18 -0 victory.

### 1st VII

The 1st VII had an excellent season, winning twenty-eight games out of thirty-five games played in all tournaments. The team won the Rugby 7s tournaments at Solihull School and retained the KES Stratford Cup for the third consecutive season. They were also runners up in the Cup at King's Worcester and the Plate at Oakham. At the National Rosslyn Park Schools' 7s Vase tournament, we reached the Plate Quarter finals.



## Senior Rugby Teams

As School fixtures resumed following the enforced break due to the COVID19 pandemic, rugby has once again thrived at Bromsgrove School. Even with some weekends being disrupted due to COVID cases, we regularly fielded sixteen teams on a Saturday afternoon during the Michaelmas Term, resulting in almost 250 boys playing rugby. A total of sixteen Rugby 7s tournaments were entered during the Lent Term across all age groups.

The U16A team enjoyed a very pleasing season, winning six of their eight matches played. Many of the boys also stepped up to play for the U17 team in our traditional end of season match against KES Birmingham.

The U16 VII side produced some excellent Rugby 7s skills. The team also won their group at the Rosslyn Park National tournament but, unfortunately, lost their knock out match to Millfield. Our U16B and C teams enjoyed mixed success during the season but it has been nice to watch the boys develop as the season progressed.

Our U15As reached the Regional Final of the NatWest Cup in what has been a pleasing season with the team improving week on week. It was also good to see both the U15B and C teams winning over 70% of their matches.

Our U14A team experienced a positive season winning nine of the fourteen games played. They also reached the Quarter Final of the inaugural National Schools' Cup competition, losing to the eventual runners up. Rugby 7s in the Lent Term is normally an excellent time for the boys to continue their rugby development. The team reached the semi-final of the Solihull 7s tournament, and progressed to the second day at Rosslyn Park, playing some excellent Rugby 7s to reach the Semi-final of the Plate competition. Unfortunately, the team lost 17-24 to the eventual winners. The U14B, C and D teams also had positive seasons with many boys enjoying playing rugby, some for the first time.

*T Windo*



## Senior Squash

With squash becoming a popular sport at Bromsgrove School, the squad has had the opportunity to play in multiple fixtures. With the influx of new players, squash has started to become a Saturday sports fixture, playing against various opposition. This year, have been able to give thirty-one pupils the opportunity to represent the School. Out of this number, ten went on to represent Bromsgrove in the National Cup. The U15s travelled to Taunton for their competition. They played very well but just missed out on qualifying for the Cup. The 1st team played their first tournament at Rugby School, qualifying for the second round of the Plate competition. This took them to Manchester Grammar School. The first game was against Newcastle Grammar, where the boys won every game. In the final against MGS, the team narrowly missed out on the National Final by one game, losing 3-2 in a deciding leg. A huge congratulations must go to everyone who has played squash for the School this year. The development of each player has been fantastic and there is much to build upon as we progress.

*J Harris*



## Prep Swimming

With swimmers being hard hit throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, it meant that the youngers years had perhaps not had as much time in the pool as previous year groups. Despite this, Bromsgrove pupils have done extremely well in both friendly fixtures and National competitions, namely reaching the IAPS National Finals at the London Olympic pool and the ESSA National Primary School Relays at the International Sports Centre in Sheffield.

All swimmers who qualified for the IAPS National Finals performed superbly. Amber Edwards finished 14th in the U11 50m backstroke, Sophia Bhardwaj finished 5th in the U12 50m butterfly, Eve Hetherington put in a phenomenal performance in the U13 50m freestyle finishing 2nd in the country and achieving a personal best time of 28.84, Henry Foster finished 10th in the U13 50m butterfly, Oliver Cattell 5th in the U13 50m backstroke, Harry Helmore finished 5th in the U11 50m backstroke and Edward Coote 8th in the U12 50m backstroke.

With only the top twenty schools in the country being chosen, our U11 girls' and boys' relay teams did extremely well in qualifying for both the freestyle and medley relays at the ESSA National Finals. Overall, the boys finished 11th and 12th in the country in the medley and freestyle relay, and the girls finished 13th in the medley and 11th in the freestyle relay. This is a huge achievement and congratulations go to: Evie Beckley, Ella Cunningham, Gabriella Kavanagh, Daisy Whitehouse, Louis Albutt, Harry Helmore, Leo Fuller, Jyanas Gurung and Oliver Whitehouse.

*S Camden*





## Senior Swimming

For the past two years or so, due to the pandemic, team training has been confined to year group bubbles. This academic year, we were finally able to resume our morning team training sessions. Training can sometimes be hard and monotonous, but the challenge of working hard to complete set after set in the pool is exciting, not to mention how it brings out the team spirit we cherish so much.

With restrictions lifted, we had the opportunity to participate in swimming galas against other schools such as Cheltenham College, Uppingham School and King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls, achieving exceptional results in relays as well as individual events. In March 2022, I also had the fantastic opportunity to represent the School in the U18A team at the Bath and Otter Relays at the London Olympics Pool

Overall, we achieved extraordinary results, with the U18A boys' medley relay team winning third place and both the U18A girls' medley and freestyle relay teams reaching the top seven finals.

All of our swimmers have performed extremely well this season, and there are a few outstanding achievements that I would like to give recognition to:

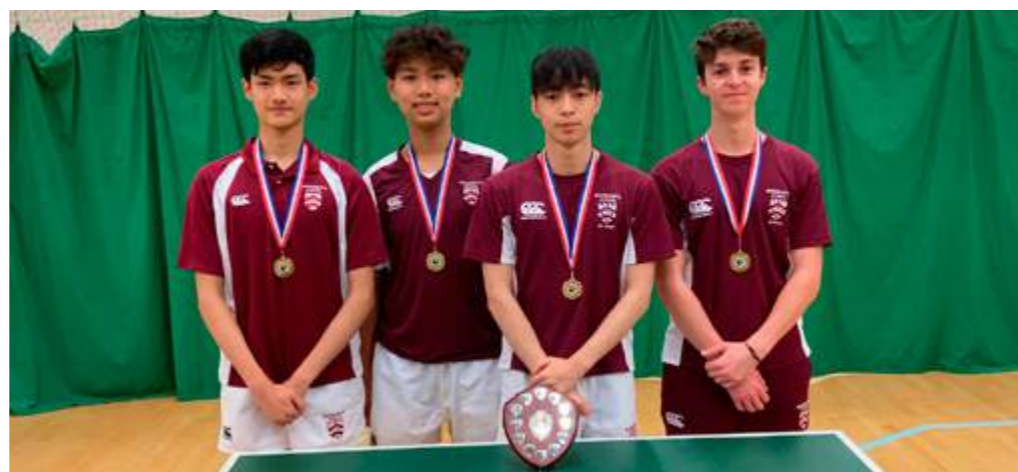
Krystof Wood has qualified for the British Championships in the 50 breaststroke, freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Maya Wingfield will be swimming at the Nationals, representing Wyre Forest swimming club in the girls' relays.

Emily Bower has qualified for the British Nationals in 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke, and the English Nationals with 50 backstroke, 100 breaststroke and 200 breaststroke.

As captain of the swimming team, I would like to conclude by saying that it has been a fantastic season and I wish everyone a wonderful year ahead.

*Serena Cai*  
(Swimming Captain)



## Senior Table Tennis

More pupils than ever represented Bromsgrove table tennis in competitive fixtures, and a highlight was entering a team into the National Junior League for the first time. Another new opportunity for players of all skill levels was found at the Lillington Open Tournament in Warwick.

Darren Hui, Merrick Yeung and Karis Cheng all finished in first place at the Worcestershire County Junior and Cadet Trials. However, due to the ongoing COVID situation and availability, they were unable to represent the county.

The School hosted the U11, U13, U16 and U19 boys' and girls' Worcestershire County Schools Team Championships, as well as the U16 and U19 County Individual Championships.

The U19 boys' squad of Darren Hui, Howard Wong, Merrick Yeung, Louis Gabbard, Demian Zhelyabovosky, Neil Cai and Tristan Chan were crowned Worcestershire School County Champions. They reached the Regional Final stage of the English Schools' Team Championships where they won two out of three matches, only losing out to London Academy who were to go on and win the National Finals.

The U16 boys' squad of Arion Cheung, Marco Lee, Jayden Chiu, Ambrose Ho and Henrick Keller also finished as Worcestershire School County Champions and reached the Zone Finals stage of the English Schools' Championships.



The U16 girls' squad of Karis Cheng, Anna Rombach, Tiffany Fan, Tona-Bosser Sanchez, Nina Renouvel, Cherry Tang and Sofia Mikhonicheva were awarded the title of Worcestershire School County Champions and Zone Finals Champions. Karis, Anna, Tiffany and Cherry were the first Bromsgrove U16 girls' team to reach the Regional Finals stage of the English Schools' Championships, where they finished in second place, winning two out of three matches.

The School had a tremendous run in the National Junior League, finishing in fourth place. Represented by Darren Hui, Howard Wong and Karis Cheng, and competing over four Saturdays against thirteen club teams, they managed to reach the Top Division. Merrick Yeung replaced Darren Hui for the last Saturday. Darren finished with a 96.43%-win ratio winning twenty-seven out of twenty-eight matches. Indeed, Darren had another fine season also winning the Worcestershire County Schools' U19 Boys' Individual Championship. Howard Wong and Anna Rombach were runners up in the U16 Boys' and Girls' Worcestershire County Schools' Individual Championships, with Karis Cheng finishing in third place.

We had an array of winners at the Lillington Open Tournament at Warwick. The standout performance was by Howard Wong winning the Junior Competition and the Grade B Consolation Final. There were also trophies for Kristy Lo, Anna Rombach, Arion Cheung and Theodor Todorov.

In the annual Derby Cup v Prince Henry's High School, the score was an 8-8 draw with the opposition taking the trophy on count back of sets won 32-29. There were some excellent performances from Karis Cheng, Anna Rombach and Arion Cheung.

We were also able to provide Table Tennis activities during Guardian Angels for boarders staying at School over the holiday periods.

*N McKay*



## Prep Girls' Tennis

### Senior

Despite a particularly wet Summer Term, especially on fixture days, the U13 and U12 teams have enjoyed playing fixtures, with, at times, forty-two pupils playing at once.

The U13A team have had a 'mixed bag' of results but they have progressed well. Our B and C teams represented the School, some for the first time, against Trent College, Dean Close and Cheltenham Ladies' College, and enjoyed much success. Congratulations to the U13C and D teams who really progressed throughout the term and were unbeaten all season.

The U12As and Bs have a very strong squad and have demonstrated superb tennis skills in all of their matches. Strength and depth in this year group is evident by the fact that the U12CS were also unbeaten this season.

### Junior

The junior teams enjoyed matches against a number of local schools, with the U11A and U10A teams playing against Cheltenham College, Dean Close and taking part in an Invitational Tennis Tournament at Warwick Prep. The girls have worked hard on their skills and demonstrated power in their shots. They are thinking more about when to play different types of hit, with excellent examples of smashes and volleys regularly seen in matches. They are also thinking carefully about moving to the best position for a hit and continuing to speed up their reactions.

The U10 girls have worked on their over arm serves and they are becoming more confident using these in matches with great accuracy and power. The girls have represented the School with pride and been a credit to Bromsgrove, showing great sportsmanship and impeccable behaviour.

*J Danks*



## Senior Boys' Tennis

Another incredible year of boys' tennis has come to a close, with lots of success in midweek and Saturday fixtures across the age groups. These matches were only made possible by Mr Lawton and his team of coaches who have provided the students with team training throughout the week and also the option of individual and group sessions at lunchtimes and outside of School hours.

The 1st team enjoyed another brilliant year of fixtures with wins over Clifton, Bloxham and Cheltenham, and only narrowly losing to Warwick. These results have shown the strength of the team and their desire to win each and every match throughout the term.

The U14A team have proved their quality by having an unbeaten season, with wins over the likes of Warwick and KES Birmingham. This was followed closely by the U15A team who had another great season with wins over Clifton and King's Worcester. The depth of players throughout the younger age groups gives a great insight of the success to come.

A team consisting of Stuart Shannon, Jason Chu, Cameron Owen and Damon Cheng participated in the Tier 1 Cup. With the boys winning all their singles and doubles matches in the early rounds, the team then faced a tough Warwick side. After playing all of their singles and doubles matches, the game was tied at 3-3. This meant that the match came down to a 10-point shootout in which they just lost out 10-7. Although the boys fell at the final hurdle, I couldn't fault their effort.

More success was present in the County Schools' Championships with Stuart Shannon winning the U18 singles title and receiving the Scott Cup. The pair of Charlie Fielding and Alexis Chiliment won the U14 boys' doubles. In addition, a great effort was put in from Toby Ward and Damon Cheng who came away as runners up in the U16 boys' doubles.

The tennis season finished with an annual tradition at the School, with two pairs from the boys' 1st Team playing against the Old Bromsgrovians. After four closely fought matches, the result ended up being a tie at 2-2. It was great to catch up with the OBs and speak to them about their journey at Bromsgrove and where tennis has taken them.

*Stuart Shannon*  
(Boys' Captain)

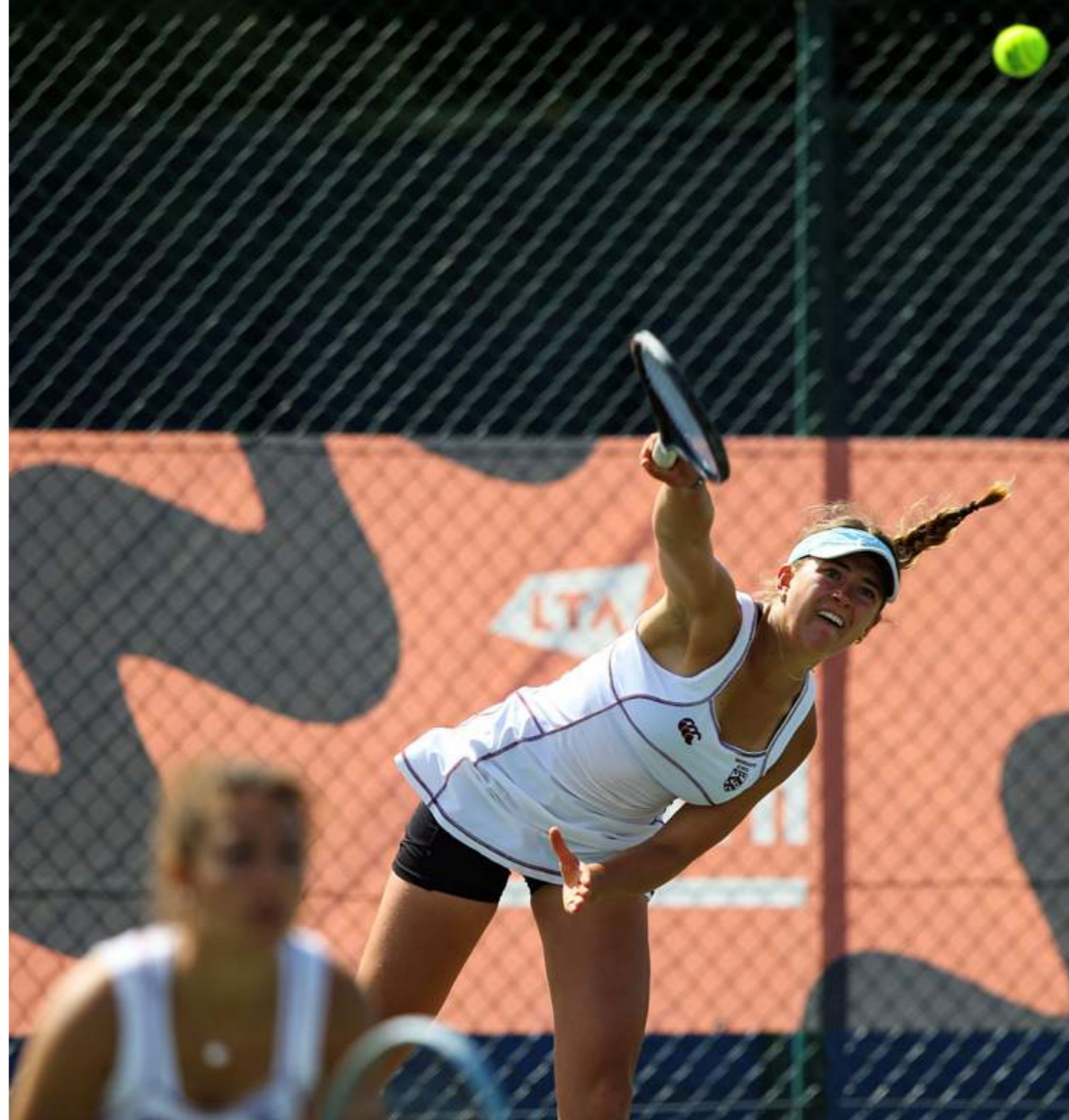




## Senior Girls' Tennis

The aim of the 1st tennis team this season was to emulate, if not better, last year's fantastic achievement of finishing 8th in the National Schools Aberdare Competition. The format of the competition is for schools to select their top four players (yr 7-13) with each playing a 'best of 3 set' match at both singles and doubles. Bromsgrove's top three players of Paulina Jurkowska (yr 12), Josie Ward (yr 11) and captain Latesha Grant (yr 13) were ever present throughout the competition, and they were ably assisted by either Lilli Boersch (yr 13), Freya Lawton (yr 11) or Gina Obrey (yr 8).

Making it through to National Finals was successfully completed by beating Rugby School, RGS Worcester, Ellesmere College and finally Repton to qualify for the tournament held at Nottingham Tennis Centre at the start of July. Gina was selected as the fourth member of the team which gave the School a very strong chance of competing against the top schools in the country. The standard was incredible with some players entering the competition once they had been knocked out of junior Wimbledon!



On day 1 the team played excellent tennis to beat Wycombe Abbey School and secure a top eight finish. We now had 3 further days of matches to try and finish higher. Tough matches followed against Prior Park College and Putney High School, resulting in narrow defeats in tie-break situations, which meant that we had to beat Millfiled on the last day to finish 7th. Latesha and Paulina held their nerve in a very tense tie-break finish to secure victory and achieve our aim of bettering last year's result. It is fantastic to see the Bromsgrove players competing consistently at this level and maybe next year we can go one stage further?

Other highlights of the season include Paulina and Latesha winning the prestigious and historic Midlands Girls Tournament and defending the enormous trophy that Latesha and Lilli won last season. Josie and Freya were crowned U16 County Doubles Champions and Latesha U18 County Singles Champion. In regular School Saturday matches there were many promising performances from players, in varying age groups, against opposition such as Clifton College, Trent, Kings High, Cheltenham College and, on the final weekend, and highly enjoyable 'mixed doubles' match against Shrewsbury School.

What a fantastic season and well done to all the players and coaches who contributed towards the success of Bromsgrove School tennis.

*Sally Franks*



## Prep Sports Day 2022

### Year 3

- 1st Imogen Lewis (girls) and William Morris (boys)
- 2nd Matilda Wilkes (girls) and Dexter Colley (boys)
- 3rd Nia Roberts (girls) and Oliver Gibson (boys)

### Year 4

- 1st Aaliyah Jackson (girls) and Freddie Helmore (boys)
- 2nd Sophia MacCormick (girls) and Monty Yiend (boys)
- 3rd Lily Heath (girls) and Theo Siviter (boys)

### Class Result

- Year 3 3JK
- Year 4 4GB

### Years 3 and 4 House Results

- 1st Sycamore
- 2nd Ash
- 3rd Rowan
- 4th Willow
- 5th Beech
- 6th Cedar

### Year 5

- 1st Sophie Jones (girls) and Toby Kippax (boys)
- 2nd Robyn Duffy (girls) and Joshua Bhardwaj (boys)
- 3rd Harriet Barnes (girls) and Arjun Bhogal (boys)

### Year 6

- 1st Amber Edwards (girls) and Jyanas Gurung (boys)
- 2nd Eva Thorpe (girls) and Lucas Ashurst (boys)
- 3rd Gabby Kavanagh (girls) and Harry Helmore (boys)

### Haffner Cup

(for the best cricket ball throw)  
Jacko Pritchard

### Years 5 and 6 House Results

- 1st Cedar
- 2nd Willow
- 3rd Rowan
- 4th Beech
- 5th Sycamore
- 6th Ash

### Year 8

- 1st Jaydn Ogunsola and Lester Ng
- 2nd Ruby Broadhurst and Henry Greaves
- 3rd Belle Davies, = Yusef Yaseen, Alfie Higgins and Tristan Shaylor

### Year 7

- 1st = Neave Colley and Oseoluwa Odugbesan, and William Hapgood
- 2nd = Louis Belcoure and Sam Brown
- 3rd Caitlin Pridden

### Years 7 and 8 House Results

- 1st Beech
- 2nd Willow
- 3rd Cedar
- 4th Ash
- 5th Sycamore
- 6th Rowan

### House Results from all Sports Days combined

- 1st Cedar
- 2nd Beech
- 3rd Willow
- 4th Sycamore
- 5th Rowan
- 6th Ash

*With thanks to DE Photo for the Years 3-5 photographs and to Mrs Boardman for the Years 7-8 images.*

## Honours Awards 2021/22

### Academic

#### Prep School

Senior Colours: Monty Cooke, Ava Crawford, Isabella Davies, Rosco Dines, Marcus Ho, Emily Jones, Sheldon Mou, Gina Obrey, Lucy Porter, Riya Ratra, Shaila Sunuwar, Toby Weekes, Ethan Woo

Junior Colours: Theo Lewis, Ella Cunningham, Freya Kettle, Roni Bansal, Isabelle Ballard, Riya Gandesha, Elly Hall, Hugo Hodgkisson, Freya Kettle, Edith Stones

#### Senior School

Based on their performance at GCSE in 2020/21, the following pupils were awarded Honorary Academic Scholarships: Joshua Graesser, Oleksii Li, Sophia Meadows, Emily Miskin, Katie Murray, Sophie Pover, Alexander Ranger, Angelina Sanghera, Niklas Sturz, Jessica Whitlock, Hyuntae (John) Kim, Anya Sanikop

### Activity Awards

#### Prep School

Accelerated Reader Gold Certificate of Achievement: Matthew Hill

Accelerated Reader Silver Certificate of Achievement: Isobel Boardman

Accelerated Reader Bronze Certificate of Achievement: Leon Jewkes-Aguirre, Carsten Langlois

Animation: Samuel Reynolds-Dennis, Amelia Tamplin and Louis Kitching, Rhys Palmer

Badminton: Sesehang Limbu, Douglas Pak Lui

Buddies: Isabelle Ballard, Charlotte Ascough, Evie Beckley, Emmie Bond, Martha Blower, Tabitha Downs, Freya Kettle, Sofia Cooper, Gabby Kavanagh, Bertrum Fountain, Theo Lewis, Lily May Mullan, Shaila Sunuwar, Charlotte Kearney, Jonnie Parker, Andile Zulu, Tajvy Thapa, Hannah Tong, Oscar Gurung, Anna Ludwig, Samyam Rai

Construction: Lulu Jewkes

Cookery: Mille Tamplin

Craft: Neeloh Sunuwar and Boden Sunuwar

Curiosity Club: Avani Patel

Eco Committee: Charlotte Ascough, Evie Ashhurst, Daniel Duffy, Robyn Duffy, Alana Fuller, Riya Gandesha, Yasmin Hughes, Leon Jewkes- Aquirre, Imogen Lewis, Amina Muldasheva, Khai Nguyen, Noah Noake, James Oatridge, Jonnie Parker, Vanshika Sopariwala, Henry Stones, Harriet Warman, Jarry Baipeng

Fencing: Ted Nuttall

Gardening: Eilidh Bird, Toby Nuttall, Etta Daly, Max Morgan

Karate: Daniel Wang and Sepehr Maleki

Origami: Mohammed Porbanderwalla

Swim Squads: Oliver Whitehouse

Woodworking: Nam-Oun Panyasiri, Juanita Obidi, Celina Borkowka, Zachary Worton, Scott Wong

Golf: William Jones-Elliott

Zen Tuesday: Sophia MacCormick and Sepehr Maleki

### Art

#### Prep School

Senior Colours: Wise Boginisoko, Flora Blower, Lily Costello, Harriet Cutter, Emily Jones, Daniel Underwood

Junior Colours: Tobias Crabtree, Anreet Dhami, Hugo Hodgkisson, Freya Kettle, Hollie Walker, Daisy Whitehouse

### Athletics

#### Prep School

Senior Full Colours: Sophia Bhardwaj, Flora Blower, Ruby Broadhurst, Oliver Cattell, Belle Davies, Rumer Evans, Henry Greaves, James Hackett, William Hapgood, Alfie Higgins, Charlotte Kearney, Anna Ludwig, Xanthe Matthews, Maggie Middleton,

Lester Ng, Sharon Nwigwe, Gina Obrey, Iseoluwa Odugbesan, Jady Oguniola, Caitlin Pridden, Sammy Riley, Tristan Shaylor, Emily Whitehouse  
Senior Half Colours: Malaki Bailey, Louis Belcuore, Sam Brown, Jeannine Canacoo, Neave Colley, George Collier, Alex Dawson, Rosco Dines, Nico Drouet, Frank Faizey, Freddie Giles, Eve Hetherington, Matt Hill, Isabel Kingston, Moses Kwong, Oscar Len, Adrienne McCormack, Natalie McNeil, Emily Meese, Sheldon Mou, Samyam Rai, Buster Reid, Yuvraj Sehmi, Ayush Sunuwar, Andrei Titov

Junior Full Colours: Lucas Ashurst, George Cutter, Amber Edwards, Will Francis, Jyanas Gurung, Harry Helmore, Eva Thorpe

Junior Half Colours: Louis Albutt, Isabelle Ballard, Joshua Bhardwaj, Arjun Bhogal, Merryn Bird, Isaac Chinnadurai, George Greathurst, Elliot Hill, Hugo Hodgkinson, Gabrielle Kavanagh, Toby Kippax, Sofia Neale, Jacko Pritchard, Hollie Walker, Dexter Ward, Daisy Whitehouse

Most Outstanding Senior Athlete: James Hackett, Belle Davies and Jady Oguniola

Most Outstanding Junior Athlete: Jyanas Gurung and Amber Edwards

Most Improved Senior Athlete: Rosco Dines and Maggie Middleton

Most Improved Junior Athlete: George Cutter and Merryn Bird

### Senior School

Minor Colours: Amy-Rose Arrowsmith, Amy Pinfield, Martha Cross, Lucy Hatfield, George Hastings, Felix Meng

Major Colours: Matthew Burke, Alex Collin, Nell Stone, Maddy McLeod, Esther Lamidi, Josh Leonisio, Katie Rolph

### Badminton

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Jacqueline Cheong, Bowen Cheung, Jayden Chiu,

Lydia Flynn, Seb Hall, Bright Jindachotsiri, Rufus Parker, Bernice Lau

Major Colours: Jacky Lee

School Cap: Joelle Booth, Leo Hemburg, Nicole Leung, Irene Lo, Andrew Wong

### Basketball

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Mark Florov, Nick Hunt, Felix Meng

School Cap: Daniil Dulko, Alex Kandelaki, Sam Kwan, Jack Ma, Riccardo Xu

### Boarders' Awards

#### Prep School

The Edwards Cup for Most Considerate Boy Boarder: Jarry Xing

The Bond Salver for Most Considerate Girl Boarder: Tajvy Thapa

### Bromsgrove Badge

#### Senior School

The Bromsgrove Badge Award for outstanding commitment, teamwork and leadership throughout the year is awarded to Lauren Reid and Kingsley Anyadiegwu

### Bromsgrove Service

#### Senior School

Marat Daminov has been highly commended for his hard work and commitment to Bromsgrove Service this year, especially within the Design Technology community projects

### CCF

#### Senior School

The following students received their ranks slides for promotion to senior CCF positions next year.

Army:

CSM A Company: Henry Scott  
CSM A Company: Harrison Philpott  
CSM B Company: Jared Spurgeon  
CSM B Company: Charlie Hodgson  
CQMS: James Box  
CQMS: Morgan Black

RAF:

Flight Sgt Senior Flight: Thando Best  
Flight Sgt Junior Flight: Harrison Brown  
Flight Sgt Junior Flight: Izzy Oakley  
Flight Sgt Junior Flight: Callum Wilkinson  
CQMS Flight Sgt: Jake Wingfield

### Cricket

#### Prep School

Senior Full Colours: Seth Benjamin, Madison Falconer, George Hall, Eve Hetherington, Alfie Higgins, Sophia Moberley, Gina Obrey, Riya Ratra, Samantha Riley

Senior Half Colours: Daisy Apperley, Sophia Bhardwaj, Tilly Brookes, Neave Colley, Henry Greaves, Logan Ingram, Natalie McNeil, Emily Meese, Sienna Ward

Junior Full Colours: Daniel Duffy, Harry Helmore, Sebastian Langton, Archie Lea, Jacko Pritchard, Darcy Sutton, Eva Thorpe, Daisy Whitehouse

Junior Half Colours: Lucas Ashurst, Evie Beckley, Merryn Bird, Isaac Chinnadurai, William Francis, Isabel Gibson, Gabbi Kavanagh, Shristi Rai, Hollie Walker, Oliver Whitehouse, Bella Wright

Best Batsman: Alfie Higgins (senior) and Jacko Pritchard (junior)

Best Bowler: Logan Ingram (senior) and Harry Helmore (junior)

Best Fielder: Seth Benjamin (senior) and Daniel Duffy (junior)

Best All-Rounder: Henry Greaves (senior) and Sebastian Langton (junior)

The Most Valuable Girls' Cricket Player: Madison Falconer (senior) and Darcy Sutton (junior)

The Most Improved Girls' Cricket Player: Sophia Moberley (senior) and Tiffany Tuladhar-Cardosa (junior)

### Senior School

Minor Colours: Jenny Fallows, Oliver Holden, Lucas Ingram, Owais Iqbal, Nathan Jukes, Alistair Ritchie, Seth Rogerson, Tom Astle

Major Colours: Will Udy

School Cap: James Bayliss, Tom Cosh, Oliver Davidson, Freddie Fallows, Elliot Small

### Cross-Country

#### Prep School

Senior Full Colours: William Hapgood  
Senior Half Colours: Freddie Giles, Henry Greaves, Wilf Gilbert, Charlie Adcock, Malakhi Bailey  
Junior Full Colours: Lucas Ashurst, Harry Helmore

Junior Half Colours: Toby Kippax, Louis Albutt, George Cutter, Jyanas Gurung

Most Outstanding Runner: William Hapgood (senior) and Lucas Ashurst (junior)

Most Improved Runner: Malaki Bailey (senior) and Jyanas Gurung (junior)

### Senior School

Minor Colours: Emily Dyer, Lucy Hatfield, Emilia Redecker

Major Colours: Daniel Goodwin, Iris Tang

The Halstead Cup for the most improved cross-country runner: Emily Dyer

### Drama

#### Prep School

Senior Colours: Freya Bradley, Bertie Chandler, Harriet Cutter, Rosa Doyle, Emily Jones, Morgan Kirkden-Smith, Anna Ludwig, Lucy Porter, Sammy Riley, Emily Wiggins, Andile Zulu

### Senior School

Minor Colours: Joseph Boardman, Gabriel Brown, Bowen Cheung, Olivia Garrett, George Hastings, Lola Hill, Amelia Rowe, Poppy-Grace Schutt, Fiona Singh, Jensen York

Major Colours: Isabelle Benson, Charlotte Holden, Jan Morozov, Tiana Tsui, Ioana Voicu

School Caps: Ian Chan, Polly Dakin, Adisa-Maria Manole, Brooke-Lily York

## Honours Awards 2021/22

### Fencing

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Kamila Kartashkina

### Football

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Isaac Chan, Mark Florov, Lucas Ingram, Owais Iqbal, Ventsi Katrandziev, Freya Lawton, Adryan Man, Seth Rogerson, Anna Rombach, Charlie Wasley

Major Colours: Sam Amos, Joelle Booth, Oliver Bulleid, Daniil Dulko, Harry Farnell, Nadine Hassoun, Elisabeth Rieger, Louise Steenbergen, Ugo Whoba

School Cap: Seb Adams, James Bayliss, Luke Bond

The Football 1st XI Player of the Year is awarded to a player who has led by example in both effort and performance. This year's award goes to Daniil Dulko

### Golf

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Thomas Griffiths, Lili-Rose Hunt, Prin Waeruanatorn

Major Colours: James Bayliss, Louie Bould, Megan Langford, James Thomas

### Hockey

#### Prep School

Senior Full Colours: Seth Benjamin, Henry Foster, Henry Greaves, Alfie Higgins, Jennifer Kerton, Emily Whitehouse, Farah Croce, Chloe Chan, Madison Falconer, Tristan Shaylor

Senior Half Colours: Neave Colley, Monty Cooke, Ruby Broadhurst, Rumer Evans, Amelia Fox, George Hall, Beau Langford, Emily Meese, Gina Obrey, Sammy Riley

Junior Full Colours: Lucas Ashurst, Merryn Bird, Isaac Chinnadurai, Ella Cunningham, George Cutter, Daniel Duffy, Amber Edwards, Isabel Gibson, William Jones, Gabrielle Kavanagh, Toby Kippax, Jacko Pritchard, Shristi Rai, Darcy Sutton, Hollie Walker, Daisy Whitehouse

Junior Half Colours: Elliot Hill, Fraser McDougall, Daisy Slater, Arthur Thompson, Eva Thorpe  
Most Valuable Senior Player: Jennifer Kerton and Alfie Higgins

Most Valuable Junior Player: Daisy Whitehouse and Isaac Chinnadurai

Most Improved Senior Player: Lily Costello and Nicholas Harding

Most Improved Junior Player: Lily-May Mullan and Jyanas Gurung

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Robbie Bayliss, Isaac Bridge, Oscar Bridgewater, Jenny Fallows, Henry Goldstraw, Charlotte Jones, Toby Lewis, Oscar Jinks, Ella Kenward, Freya Lawton, Joe McLoughlin, Sophia Mills, Emilia Moberley, Hattie Owen, Amy Pinfield, Josie Ward

Major Colours: James Doohan-Smith, Maxim Edger, Freddie Fallows, Moritz Goebels, Toby Hill, Bella Howdle, Lucy McLoughlin, Oliver Tucker, George Vaughan

School Cap: Ellen Ashton, Charlie Bridgewater, Tom Cosh, Izzy Jones, Kian Lau, Beth Lawson, Natasha Malam, Elisabeth Rieger, Stuart Shannon, Gabby Walker, Elliott Willetts

The John Downey Cup is awarded to a player who has contributed fully during his time at Bromsgrove. This year's award goes to Kian Lau

The Girls' Hockey Player of the Year Award is presented to Natasha Malam

### ICT

#### Prep School

Grumball Cup for ICT: Ethan Ford

### Music

#### Prep School

Senior Colours: Lucy Porter

Junior Colours: Elly Hall, Roni Bansal

Davis Cup (Strings): Henry Foster

Page Cup (Woodwind): Flora Blower

Egremont Cup (Singing): Shreya Parsotam

Parnell Cup (Piano): Spike Bloxham

Norton Cup (Brass): Isabel Kingston

Hall-Mancey Cup (Most Improved Musician): Jarry Xing

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Amy-Rose Arrowsmith, Joseph Boardman, Gabriel Brown, Bowen Cheung, Lydia Flynn, Olivia Garrett, Katie Harding, George Hastings, Nicholas Hunt, Amy Pinfield, Anna Rombach, Edward Thompson, Bob Tse

Major Colours: Cally Buxton, Ian Chan, Esme Elwell-Thomas, Charlotte Holden, Zoe Law, Elisabeth Rieger, Keira Sehdeva, Arsenii Steshenko, George Vaughan

School Caps: Tristan Chan, Seb Harrison, Owen Price

### Netball

#### Prep School

Senior Full Colours: Ruby Broadhurst, Neave Colley, Farah Croce, Holly Dunnaker, Rumer Evans, Xanthe Matthews, Gina Obrey, Samantha Riley, Emily Whitehouse

Junior Full Colours: Isabel Gibson, Maya Tindal, Daisy Whitehouse  
Junior Half Colours: Amber Edwards, Sophia Neale, Darcy Sutton, Eva Thorpe

Most Valuable Player: Ruby Broadhurst (U13) and Isabel Gibson (U11)

Most Improved Player: Emily Whitehouse (U13) and Shristi Rai (U11)

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Charlie Atkinson, Nancy Broadhurst, Emma Dunnaker, Charlotte Jones, Ella Kenward, Milly Moberley, Libby Rolph  
Major Colours: Ellen Ashton, Holly Kenward, Esther Lamidi

School Cap: Isabelle Eaton, Emily Langford, Madeleine McLeod, Katie Rolph

The Netball Player of the Year Award goes to someone who has real impact when on court and always gives 100% in both training and matches. This year's award goes to Madeleine McLeod

### Rugby

#### Prep School

Senior Full Colours: Seth Benjamin, Henry Foster, Alfie Higgins, Henry Greaves

Senior Half Colours: Oliver Cattell, James Hackett, Lester Ng, Raphael Perry

Junior Full Colours: Lucas Ashurst, William Francis, Elliot Hill, Harry Helmore, Jack Pritchard

Junior Half Colours: Isaac Chinnadurai, Daniel Duffy, Archie Lea

Most Outstanding Player: Henry Foster and Seth Benjamin (senior) and Lucas Ashurst (junior)

Most Improved Player: Yuvraj Sehmi (senior) and Max Bateman (junior)

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Charlie Abraham, Fin Dinnen, Mark Florov, George Hastings, Henry Hoare, Oliver Holden, Max Jehan, Toby Lewis, Manibal Limbu, Harrison Osborne, Kingsley Reid, Alistair Ritchie, Marcus Townsend-Ford, Ollie Wilkins, Hanli Yang

Major Colours: Louie Bould, Alex Collin, Sam Freeman, Toby Hill

School Cap: Oliver Bulleid, Hamish Cross, Freddie Draycott, Jack Hodgson

The Perrey Thompson Trophy is awarded to a player who has made the most significant contribution to rugby during their time at Bromsgrove. This year's award is presented to Jack Hodgson

The 1st XV Player of the Year award goes to someone who has played with great commitment and skill all season. This year's player of the season is Oliver Bulleid

### Squash

#### Senior School

Player of the Year: William Hobbs  
Most Improved Player: Jacob Moore

### Swimming

#### Prep School

Senior Full Colours: Sophia Bhardwaj, Oliver Cattell, Edward Coote, Henry Foster, James Hackett, Eve Hetherington, Caitlin Pridden

Senior Half Colours: Monty Cooke, Belle Davies, Holly Dunnaker, Mackenzie Jones, Aiden McGarry, Sheldon Mou, Gina Obrey, Megan Price, Andrei Titov

Junior Full Colours: Louis Albutt, Evie Beckley, Ella Cunningham, Amber Edwards, Leo Fuller, Jyanas Gurung, Harry Helmore, Gabriella Kavanagh, Daisy Whitehouse, Oliver Whitehouse

Junior Half Colours: Isla Adams, George Cutter, Isabel Gibson, Elliot Hill, William Jones, Darcy Sutton

Most Outstanding Senior Swimmers: Oliver Cattell, Henry Foster and Eve Hetherington

Most Outstanding Junior Swimmers: Ella Cunningham and Harry Helmore

Most Improved Senior Swimmers: Edward Coote and Megan Price

Most Improved Junior Swimmers: Evie Beckley and Oliver Whitehouse

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Martha Cross, Lucy Hatfield, George Hastings, Nikolay Kovalinkhin, Bob Tse

Swimming Challenge Shields for commitment to swimming throughout the year:  
U14: Amelia Wise and Krystof Wood  
U16: Maya Wingfield and Nikolay Kovalikhin  
U18: Serena Cai and Julian Lui

The Hong Kong Salver (winner of the Senior Boys' 50 metre Backstroke) is awarded to Krystof Wood

### Table Tennis

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Anna Rombach  
Major Colours: Tristan Chan  
School Cap: Darren Hui

Player of the Year: Darren Hui (boys' team) and Karis Cheng (girls' team)

Most Improved Player: Cherry Tang

### Tennis

#### Prep School

Senior Half Colours: Madison Falconer, Sophia Moberley, Uliana Pavlova, Lucy Porter, Emily Wiggins

Senior Full Colours: Farah Croce, Holly Dunnaker, Avneesh Mahal, Gina Obrey, Emily Sirett, Emily Whitehouse

Junior Full Colours: Isabelle Ballard, Isabel Gibson, Gabrielle Kavanagh, Edith Stones

Junior Half Colours: Amber Edwards, Sofia Neale, Hollie Walker, Daisy Whitehouse

Most Valuable Tennis Player: Gina Obrey (senior) and Isabelle Ballard (junior)

Most Improved Tennis Player: Uliana Pavlova (senior) and Elly Hall (junior)

#### Senior School

Minor Colours: Damon Cheng, Freya Lawton, Emilia Moberley, Hatty Owen, Anna Rombach, Caro Roos, Josie Ward

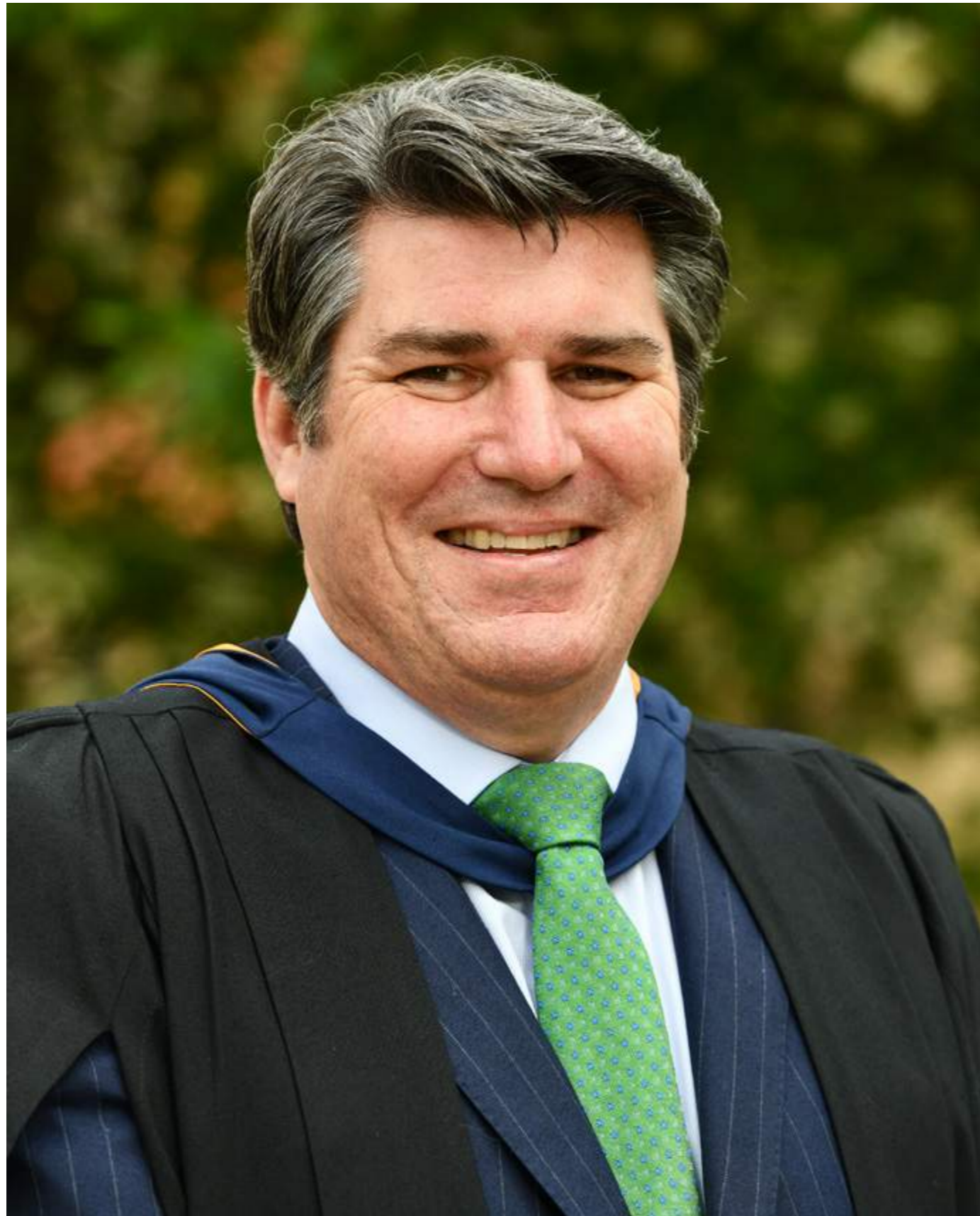
Major Colours: George Vaughan

School Cap: Lilli Boersch, Latesha Grant, Stuart Shannon

### Young Enterprise

#### Senior School

The Young Enterprise Award goes to Gordon Lam, an incredibly hard-working, dependable and unassuming student with a calm and positive attitude. He has single-handedly manufactured all of the products, which were sold at various trade fairs during the academic year.



## Senior Staff Leavers

### Peter Clague (Headmaster 2014-2022)

Peter Clague - Kiwi, man mountain, geographer, bushman, orator, scribe, wood turner, natural philosopher, wine buff, and all round good egg, who sadly leaves these shores after eight years for 'living in the life down under' at St Leonard's School, Melbourne.

What can I say about Peter? Well, I could start appropriately enough with a Maori proverb - *waiho ma te tangata e mihi* - let someone else praise your virtues - a proverb based on a fundamental principle of Maori leadership - *whakaiti* - humility. For Peter is, above all, a humble man so I will have to praise his virtues for him.

I would like to start in perhaps a strange place for one virtue for sure is his wisdom in his choice of wife. For in Sarndra, Peter has picked someone very special who not only keeps him strong and sane and buoys him up but who is also very generous in her support for his role and commitments at the School, and very kindly lends him to us for long periods of time. We thank you!

The mark of any great man is how they react in adversity. And keeping together the culture and spirit and values of a School, fractured by the explosion of COVID-19 and then fitting all the pieces back together as strong and bright as before, needed someone special. This Peter did, with positivity, with grit, with belief, with understanding, and with patience.

Although it came at personal cost and self-sacrifice, as he was separated from his loving family for a considerable time, his sense of duty kept him at School. For a while we even heard he had moved into Housman Hall and cooked for the boarders.

For a man born to be a flanker, Peter's surprising passion is for the Arts, evidenced by his re-energising of and investment in the performing arts and music at Bromsgrove. To his vision, we owe the new Cobham Theatre and the Routh Concert Hall and Music School - and combining his love of both woodwork and theatre, he spend many a secret hour in there knocking together bits of scenery. To these, we can add many other projects such as the new Otilie Hild House and the regeneration of the Dining Hall, and Webber - all from a humble man.

To his sense of community and of unity, we can thank Peter for his clever design in physically linking the Senior School to the Preparatory School and for his emotional commitment to integrating the international boarders and the day pupils into one cohesive pupil body. Behind the scenes, Peter is passionate too about the aims of the Foundation and works tirelessly to increase its ability to raise funds to pay for life-changing bursaries to deserving candidates.

Peter was largely responsible for overseeing the digitalisation of the School for both pupils and staff - not only increasing the efficiency of both but, as it turned out, prescient and vital to the School's survival during the pandemic. And I think even Peter, despite his humility, might just proudly claim one thing as his own, namely our Heritage Centre (with Nikki our archivist) about which he is completely passionate and into which, without thinking, he is about to become an exhibit.

There is a man who talks about leadership called John Amaechi. John is also a man mountain - 6ft 10in - and the first British man to play professional basketball in the US NBA. John talks about a leader's shadow, that unwitting penumbra of impact and influence that a leader has on those around him or her. Well, if I may say so, Peter's shadow is long. For whilst we may celebrate the grand buildings and the strategic visions, it is in the myriad of tiny everyday interactions - with people, not things - that we see the leader that Peter is - in his enthusiastic encouragement, in a kind comment, in shared concern, in his generosity of time or support, and for many of us, in the warmth of his friendship. Peter cares about others, not himself.

*Floreat Bromsgrovia.*

*M Luckman*  
(Chairman of Governors)

## Claire Turner (1989-2022)

When Claire started at Bromsgrove in 1989, Kate Bush was in the charts, Top Gun was one of the most popular films and inflation was getting close to 10%. One might be forgiven for thinking that little has changed. Yet Claire's journey through Bromsgrove School has seen changes that can only be described as seismic. The Geography department has been nomadic, over the years migrating from Kyteless to the Nissan huts and then eventually to the wonderful Humanities building. The Nissan huts were a teaching experience in themselves, they bought Geography to life: we could experience extreme weather conditions and when the gardeners mowed, we were able to simulate our own earthquakes. Yet, despite our location, Claire has always set ambitious standards for herself and those around her.

In 1996, three Geographers joined the department as NQTs, and she was a superb mentor to us all. Her sage advice, combined with a 'swan like' presence was just the ticket for that demanding year. Claire is a modest and unassuming character, her guiding star has always been the wellbeing and success of the children and staff in her care. In the thirty-three years she has been at Bromsgrove, she has given so freely of her time. Whether it is supporting fieldwork, explaining statistics or guiding a tutee, Claire's generosity of spirit has supported so many pupils over the years.

Field trips are where Claire really comes into her own, not only the amazing organisation of the children, but also the staff. Her years as a top-level swimmer meant she was great at getting up early in the morning, and this proved very useful for the rest of us, who struggled to get to breakfast without her early morning calls.

Claire's love of wildlife and her knowledge of the natural world is vast. Many of us in both Biology and Geography will have benefitted from her encyclopaedic knowledge, when before the advent of apps, you had to be able to identify plants on the sand dunes and salt marshes yourself. Claire could always tell the difference between the fescue and the lady's bedstraw. Then, there are the amazing diagrams of physical Landforms. Claire's diagrams were worthy of a textbook of their own.

Claire is also an outstanding sportswoman, representing her country in swimming and water polo. Her commitment to both School and National level sport has been phenomenal. Coaching and umpiring all levels of hockey including taking hockey teams to both outdoor and indoor National Finals. Under her leadership, we were National Champions five times. Yet, she was also a versatile games teacher, teaching and officiating at netball, cross-country, rounders and cricket matches.

It is, however, in swimming that she has excelled. She has helped at virtually all our home swimming galas, providing us with a wealth of knowledge, and as President of the International School Sports Federation for Swimming and the English Schools Swimming Association.

An amazing Geography teacher, an outstanding sportswoman and the rock that has provided stability in the Geography department for all these years. She has been our compass and has guided us through every storm. We wish her the happiest of retirements.

*J Holden*





## Tony Johns (1997-2022)

Having undertaken a Short Service Commission patrolling the North Atlantic and Baltic aboard HMS Edinburgh, Tony went into the world of academia gaining a PhD from Glasgow University. Having exhausted the possibilities of researching the 'sulphide metabolism in burrowing marine crustacean', the move into independent education was obviously a natural progression.

Tony devoted his whole teaching career to Bromsgrove. He was quickly appointed to Lyttelton before moving to Wendron-Gordon. After a decade serving as a Houseparent, he was appointed as Head of Sixth Form and held this role for another decade before taking on the role of Head of Biology.

As a Houseparent, Head of Sixth Form and Head of Department, he has 'done' a pretty full set of jobs. Tony is also an ISI inspector, an effective union representative and a full contributor to the CCF and on the sports field. Not one of these roles is exceptional in itself.

However, Tony has undoubtedly been an exceptional colleague – Bromsgrove's Boarding Houses are large and leading them is in itself a significant burden. As Head of Sixth Form, in charge of monitoring and tutoring, and as Head of Year with a cohort of 400+ students, Bromsgrovians gained the strongest value added of those from any school in the region. All schools claim strong value added, but under his oversight, outcomes in our Sixth Form were genuinely unmatched.

As Head of Biology, the number of Sixth Formers opting into the subject sky-rocketed, making the Department one of the very largest of any Biology Departments nationally; the Biology Department grew massively and Sixth Form results across the board were exceptional.

But Tony's career should be remembered for the unexceptional rather than the exceptional. He held a multitude of roles often at the same time – he had a breadth which matches that of the School's culture. He remained a strong, popular and thorough classroom teacher. On the Academic Leadership Team he never shot from the hip, but was a wise calm counsel. Every summer he reviewed GCSE and A Level results with individuals. Students were emotional, their aspirations and ambitions in a moment were not what they had been hoping for. Tony only ever sought what was thought to be genuinely best for the students' long run interests. It was never about settling for an easy life now or allocating blame. Every year, at the end of August, we reflected on why advice given to one student varied to another and were reassured that without exception the advice given had been bespoke, personalised, fair and compassionately given.

In his many roles he has worked hard, engaged and spoken with kindness, honesty and integrity.

We wish him all the very best.

*P Ruben*



## Dave Fallows (2010-2022)

Dave joined Bromsgrove from Sedbergh School for the Summer Term 2010. He made an immediate impact, portraying his love and passion for the game of cricket and exacting the highest of standards for all those involved. The cricket programme under Dave's stewardship is unrecognisable from when he took over. We now have one of the toughest fixture lists in the country regularly playing, and beating, schools traditionally regarded as the best in the country. The Bromsgrove School teams have enjoyed many cup successes from winning County tournaments and the Chesterton Cup on numerous occasions to the undoubted highlight of being crowned National U17 champions in 2021. Dave has coached and mentored many individuals to play County cricket and it is extremely pleasing to see a number of Old Bromsgrovians playing professional County cricket and, indeed, international cricket. The School cricket season is only ten weeks long but he has always managed to extend this period by organising pre-season tours, cricket weeks and a variety of very successful overseas trips.

Dave thrived in his role as Housemaster of Elmshurst House, which very much became a family affair, organising many social functions and cultivating very good relationships with the House Parents' Association. The boys of Elmshurst grew to be men of Elmshurst under Dave's leadership. The eight years in boarding was a highlight of the family time at Bromsgrove, a fantastic, if somewhat, all-consuming environment at times. Louise and Dave will cherish those memories of the boys spending five years of their life with them and having the chance to shape their future. Many of the boys still keep in touch and send birthday wishes to both without fail. They will also remember the House events and House ethos that many of the Elmshurst OBs talk about when they return.

We wish Dave all the very best when he returns up north to Cumbria and in his new role as Lead Coach for the Elite Male Players Pathway in Cumbria Cricket. This is for 11-18 year olds, which includes the Head Coach of the Men's Minor County Team. He is very pleased and excited at this new opportunity and challenge, it is full circle for Dave as he started off working for the ECB as the Cumbria Cricket Development Officer way back thirty years ago as a pilot scheme.

*P Mullan*



## Rachael Whitbread (2014-2022)

How to replace the irreplaceable – impossible, there is only one Dr Whitbread, and she will be a huge loss to Bromsgrove School after eight years of outstanding service. I choose the word 'service' with care, as few can match her willingness to support those pupils under her care, those she teaches, as well as colleagues within the History department. Rachael arrived in 2014 from university academia, whilst, in a circle of life irony, she leaves to write her first solo History book, after receiving a commission from her publishers.

Rachael joined the department initially on a one-year contract, almost laughably as a 'History trainee' given her academic pedigree, and she sailed through her University of Buckingham PGCE. Being given a full-time contract was never in doubt: her pupil interactions were immediately professional and confident as she is by nature a people-person; whilst her historical knowledge was beyond reproach, irrespective of the period. Rachael would never be that teacher who used the phrase "it's not my period" when faced with a challenging question. Although favouring the medieval period, as evidenced by having Boucicaut's Agincourt battle helmet on her desk as a talking point, she also has a passion for the French Revolution; just ask any IB student. As joint Head of EPQ (September 2017), she has guided many students to the top grade.

Her background as postdoctoral tutor at University of York ensured she spoke with utmost authority on research skills.

Rachael demonstrated her excellent multi-tasking skills by juggling an existing resident boarding role in Oakley, with the promotion to Houseparent of Hazeldene in January 2018. This was an inspired choice; the girls loved her warmth and caring nature, but also as a professional role-model to all ages. No surprise that Hazeldene has had numerous School Monitors under her leadership. She is held in the highest esteem by tutors and hugely appreciated by the girls. Rachael was the House PA Committee for several years and ensured that the annual Ball was such a charitable success. Beyond the House and class, she has led the Debating Team to the Oxford National Finals twice and won the Sajid Javid Competition. Add to that MUN plus a Saturday History club to re-enact war-gaming battles, and eat cake, she has been a tireless contributor to the life of Bromsgrove School.

As she leaves to write about her academic passion 'Duel: Single Combat in Medieval England', it is obvious that as a School Mistress, School Teacher, Houseparent or colleague, Rachael is the ultimate professional who leaves Bromsgrove a better place due to her engagement, humour, humanity and incredible intellect.

*S Matthews*





## Richard Vernon (2016-2022)

Richard is an inspirational teacher of Politics and has certainly had a profound influence on the education of our pupil body. I was fortunate to be involved with his PGCE teacher training and had the privilege to observe him on several occasions. He is highly passionate about his subject, and this permeates the classroom. It was very evident that the pupils in the classroom admired him and respected his views. His ability to break ideas down and scaffold the learning of individuals so that they could achieve success makes Richard a great practitioner.

When Richard made his decision to move into teaching from finance, he wanted to be a School Master. He was keen to ensure that he could have a positive influence on all pupils, across all facets of School life. He threw himself into boarding in Elmshurst House and was soon appointed a Resident within Webber. Many of the School's community have benefited from his pastoral care and wisdom. He understands that it is the subtle conversations and taking the time to check in with others that can really make the difference.

Richard helps to run sports teams across all three terms and it has been one of the aspects which he has enjoyed the most. He truly believes that to be a complete educator, you need to have a holistic approach and that ultimately, it's the relationships on the sports fields and within the Boarding Houses that provide unique opportunities for staff and pupils to connect, in ways which the classroom alone cannot. It can also have a profound effect on how pupils then engage with their teachers within the classroom.

Richard has a strong moral compass, and it is this which drives his commitment to help others, especially in his role as Union Representative. It is not an easy position to perform successfully, as it requires a steadfast approach and the ability to put the needs and reputation of others before oneself. Richard cares about, and takes an interest in, others.

Richard Vernon; Financial Trader, Teacher, Entrepreneur, and friend. We wish you the best of luck with your future endeavours. You will be missed.

*S Noble*



## Rob Higgins (2020-2022)

Rob joined us two years ago from Brentwood School in Essex. He's a passionate teacher who genuinely cares about his students, and his warm approachable manner quickly made him a student and colleague favourite. When asking other members of staff for additions for this farewell, I was met time and time again with, "What a lovely man". This sums Rob up. His calm, considered approach to School life puts those around him at ease, and his sense of humour provides a tonic to hectic School days.

He has made a big impression in the English Department, and in both Elmshurst and Otilie Hild through his tutoring responsibilities. Those boys and girls were lucky to have a teacher who would leave no stone unturned when it came to getting the best for their tutees. His infectious sense of enthusiasm for literature is obvious through his teaching, and his ability to make even the driest subject matter seem interesting is testament to the thought and time he puts into his lessons.

It is Rob's unsung volunteering work that sums him up. Every Monday night is volunteering night for Rob, and the late night/early morning has no impact on his Tuesday morning temperament. In he'll come, full of life, almost as if with renewed vigour for the day ahead.



## Jane Fraser (2020-2022)

He's brave too. Some members of the English department were surprised to find an imposter's script within the most recent Fifth Form mock exams. Only later did they discover that Rob had, under a pseudonym of course, sat the exams with his class.

We wish him well as he travels up the road to take on his new position at King Edward VI High School for Girls.

*E Jones*

"I have recruited well; I am really pleased that Jane will be joining us." stated Tony in an assured manner. It has turned out to be an excellent appointment, she has complemented the Biology department well. However, Jane arrived in the September 2020 with a slightly different narrative. "I am so lucky they did not see me teach. Give them time and they will find me out!" I heard her say. True to her word she was found out - Jane has shown herself to be an excellent teacher and a fantastic colleague. She is extremely knowledgeable, passionate about her subject and cares for those she works with and the students she teaches. Jane has become a central figure in our department, not that she wants centre stage. Jane works very much in the background, supporting all members of the team and dropping into the prep room to help during the busy times. Jane is also responsible for the department's increased awareness in type 2 diabetes with the daily supply of M&S nibbles.

The impact Jane has made on Biology is epitomised by the fact one of our colleagues, who had forgotten Jane was leaving over the Easter break, was mortified on hearing the news for a second time. Fast forward two years and it not only us that have found out, but Malvern have too! Jane has accepted the post of head of ToK on the IB diploma, which she is very passionate about. She will be taking her self-deprecating style of teaching there this September, where she will enthuse a whole new department and fresh cohort of IB students. Jane, I know this is not the first time this has been said, but it is so apt "They are so lucky to get you."

*K Morris*



## Christopher Harrison (2021-2022)

Chris joined the Chemistry Department in September of this year from the Royal Latin School, Buckinghamshire. He rapidly integrated into the pace and devoted nature of serving on campus, being popular in the laboratory with many of his students due to the frequency with which he shared his industrial experience during lessons. Chris' expertise when teaching practical work enabled his students to develop a respect for handling glassware, and consequent precise working practices invariably leading to valid data collection.

Chris brought a candid, equitable and humorous element to the Department, keen to lead the development of the students in his care, whilst also reading into new developments within Chemistry, setting the strongest example to those who look up to him. Chris threw himself into CCF and rugby, relishing in the fuller relationships formed with students outside of class. Chris very much enjoyed his time in Elmshurst, designing sapid activities during tutor time and when on duty in House, as an example of his personal touch to his role here.

*B Vice*



## Roberta Keys (2021-2022)

We were very fortunate to have Roberta return to Bromsgrove on a maternity cover. Her no nonsense approach to teaching Economics coupled with her extensive examining expertise has ensured the highest calibre of preparation for both A Level and IB exams. Her students have enjoyed her innate passion for the subject, especially transport economics, and benefitted from her ability to break down technically complex concepts to ensure they are accessible for all. Roberta instantly became a valued colleague, renowned for her creation and sharing of resources and ensuring the smooth running of the department as acting Head of Department. Her teaching style complements that already established in the department and she has also enhanced it with fresh ideas and approach. It feels like she has been here far longer than the eight short months that she has.

Beyond the classroom, Roberta has helped out with the CCF as well as tutored in Oakley where she brought her energy, positivity and an attitude of getting stuck in. As she arrived back at School, she slotted back into CCF like she had never been away. She is a strong character and is always willing to turn her hand to anything. She loved working with the Cadets, but more importantly the Cadets and the staff loved working with her.

We will be sad to see Roberta go, as it feels like we have only just scratched the surface of her wisdom, guidance and life experience. Maybe she will come back for a third time, and if she does, she will always be welcome. We wish her well as she takes up her next post at Wolverhampton Girls' Grammar School.

*F Linfield*



## Amy Knight (2022)

Amy has been a very welcome addition to the Chemistry Department since Easter of this year. She quickly found her feet on our busy campus, sharing her time between the Department, Hazeldene and her activities. Her friendly and enthusiastic persona blended well with Common Room; one of her favourite memories was celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with the School, waving flags to the National Anthem whilst assembled in the outline of the royal cypher.

Having taken responsibility for her Fourth Form and Lower Sixth groups as they prepared for their end-of-year examinations, Amy has cherished nurturing a love of Chemistry in her students in the laboratories, especially guiding and building their practical skills. She also confides that one of her highlights is meeting with her Upper Fourth tutees, listening to how their weeks have gone, and sharing in their sporting successes.

As she leaves Bromsgrove, Amy is looking forward to getting back into the demanding world of industrial chemistry. However, she will first use her well-deserved summer break to attend family weddings, holiday in the Mediterranean, and even skydive, fulfilling a long-held ambition. It was a privilege to host her in the Department, and we wish her all the very best.

*B Vice*



## Calum McDonald (2021-2022)

Despite only serving the School for a year, Calum has made positive long-lasting impressions on many. Bringing not only a wealth of international, IB and management experience to teach Business Studies, he has run his own businesses, stories of which students have found helpful and interesting.

Joining Bromsgrove School can be intimidating, but nothing phased Calum who got stuck in from day one without any problem. A strong addition to the Business Studies department, he inspired budding entrepreneurs and financiers and outside of the classroom, pupils had the privilege of his extensive rugby and cricket skills.

As an Upper Fourth Tutor, Calum was an instant hit with the boys in Elmshurst, striking a perfect balance between friendliness and professionalism. Many will be annoyed that he is leaving before they have managed to beat him at FIFA, and others will miss the Business Studies support when he was on duty. Not just popular with pupils, Calum has been a helpful and supportive colleague to all, and the Elmshurst office has never had so many enquiries about 'who is that new tall handsome tutor' from admiring staff (anonymity will be respected).

A new job at a busy School, moving house, having a baby are all big life events on their own, and Calum has coped admirably with all of them in a single year. With competence, unfaltering calmness, common sense, and a great sense of humour, Calum did an excellent job teaching in Business Studies and Tutoring in Elmshurst. We are all sad to see him leave but grateful for the time he has spent here. We wish him all the best in his new home and job in Pershore.

*M Giles*



## Gill Scutt (2021-2022)

Gill stepped in part-time to teach a range of classes this academic year. Having only very recently retired from leading the Chemistry department of our friends at Bromsgrove South, she brought a veritable wealth of knowledge and passion to her students at Bromsgrove School. Swift to form personal relationships with her students, Gill's superlative efforts to learn about and professionally address all learning needs led to securing development beyond simply the academic.

Gill took to our Digital Strategy with ardour, improving the accessibility of her resources for students, aiding their organisation and fortifying consistency of the learning experience across all subjects. Gill's transparent, considerate and witty character was very much appreciated by colleagues within the Chemistry Department, as were her generous and regular baking successes.

Gill is very much looking forward to continue pursuing her favourite pastimes during her (second) retirement, and we wish her health and happiness for the future.

*B Vice*



## Elle Shaw (2021-2022)

Elle has thoroughly enjoyed being part of Bromsgrove School and has gained a great deal from her short time here. A conscientious teacher of Geography, it is clear that she is passionate about developing the minds and attributes of young people. Her knowledge of the subject is evident, as pupils would often seek her out for assistance, especially within the boarding community.

Elle has made the most of her time in Housman Hall and it was immediately evident that she has a strong instinct towards pastoral care. A stickler for rules, she held her charges to high expectations but was instrumental in helping the new Lower Sixth pupils settle into the routines of boarding life. Her nurturing side has also had a large influence on the community, where she pays attention to the little nuances which can highlight when someone is not quite feeling themselves. She has then been able to take initiative to soothe or guide our young adults with compassion, giving them the support and direction they need. From a personal perspective, I have really enjoyed working with Elle. She has thrown herself into her role and has always been willing to help out. She was fantastic at coaching our novice House Netball Team achieve success, despite having a squad of international girls who had never played before. I am pleased to know that she will continue to have an involvement in boarding at her new school, as she has a real strength in pupil wellbeing and development.

A School such as Bromsgrove affords its staff body a wealth of opportunities for professional development as an Early Career Teacher, and Elle has certainly made the most of them. Her involvement with sport, trips and boarding, as well as her competence in Geography, stand her in good stead as she departs for Rugby School.

*S Noble*



## Edward Smith (2021-2022)

Edward joined us to teach French and Spanish following a successful career at Stowe school. Although he was with us for only a brief time, he made an immediate impact on the pupils he taught. A confident presence in the classroom, pupils appreciated his energy and his skill as a practitioner.

Pupils were impressed not only by Edward's excellent linguistic talents but also by the stories he could relate of his first-hand experiences of working and travelling abroad. Embodying all that pupils could hope to achieve through language learning, he was an aspirational role-model for any pupil with linguistic ambitions.

A pragmatic presence, Edward was able to quickly recognise his tutees personalities and what each of them required individually; to help support and hone them. He left us in February to pursue his passion for travel and we wish him every success with his future endeavours.

*G Tyrrell*

## Prep Staff Leavers

### Alison Scheppel (2000-2022)

Replacing the irreplaceable. Can it be done? When Alison informed me of her decision to retire, I have to admit that my heart sank. Life just wouldn't be the same. Alison left the Prep School in 2022 after twenty-two years of service for a truly well-earned retirement after a dedicated and distinguished career.

She fulfilled the roles of Form Tutor, Page House Tutor, History specialist and Head of Department. Other words that spring to mind when I reflect upon Alison's time with us include mentor, counsellor and friend. She embodied the very essence of Bromsgrove Preparatory School and will, I sincerely hope, be reflecting on a career filled with highs and triumphs. Her History trips made the subject come to life for the thousands of pupils that passed through her classes. Year 5 visited the Roman Baths and Selly Manor, Year 6 went to Hartlebury Castle, Year 7 visited Berkeley Castle and Belmont Abbey and Year 8 went to The Commandery. Her enthusiasm for all that is History was indeed boundless. Other qualities included her ability to stay calm in the middle of a storm and her experience also made Alison the "go to" person for help and guidance.

When Alison began working at Bromsgrove in the year 2000, petrol was 76 pence a litre, Tony Blair was Prime Minister, Big Brother made its debut on TV and the Nokia 3310 was the mobile phone of choice. Thinking about it, that doesn't seem that long ago. She had been teaching in Germany and was immediately overawed by the size, grandeur and pristine grounds of Bromsgrove School. One of the main highlights of Alison's time at Bromsgrove was when she was asked to dress up as the Easter bunny to lead the Easter egg hunt for boarding - apparently something that she had always wanted to do.

I am extremely proud to be able to call Alison my friend and colleague. I have learned a great deal from her in terms of classroom and pupil management and enthusiasm for all that is History. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement in the company of her husband, John. I know that whatever the next chapter brings her, she can reflect proudly on the positive footprints she has left behind.

*R Shone*





## Liz Lally (2013-2022)

Nine years ago, Liz Lally joined Bromsgrove Preparatory School and since then, we have had the privilege of her teaching, friendship and leadership. Originally joining as a Year 4 teacher, Liz later became a vital member of the English Department and took on the role of Head of English in September 2017. During her time at the School, she has also been a beloved Key Stage 2 tutor.

The English department has gone through many changes since Liz took over the department. She has revolutionised the Key Stage Two Curriculum and created cross-curricular links across the School. Always striving to keep abreast of educational developments, Liz has sought to improve the department every year, implementing new texts, new writing styles and new initiatives.

All of the pupils in her care have adored Liz and her passionate teaching style. Her colourful, interactive classroom encouraged a love of literacy and learning in every child who entered it and inspired in all a true appreciation of English. Liz, unfalteringly fun yet firm and fair, has never failed to put the children first and ensured that they made the best possible progress each year.

Outside of the classroom, Liz has been an inspiration to many of her colleagues. She has always been willing to give her time to help guide, train and advise others and her unceasingly blunt yet humorous and kind manner has led many through both personal and professional highs and lows. The news of her retirement caused many a tear to be shed across the School. Liz Lally is an inspiration and she will be greatly missed by all.

*C Goodall*



## Sue Keynes (2014-2022)

Since the day Sue Keynes started at Bromsgrove in January 2014, she has been a brilliant addition to the School. Her work in the Maths department has been exemplary and the children of the Preparatory School have benefitted massively from her knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject. She engages and inspires the children, fostering a will to never give up and try out different methods to find a solution to any problem both inside and outside the classroom.

Sue's organisational skills have been invaluable to members of the Maths department, where she has ensured that all members are cared for and looked after; be that working collaboratively on activities for the pupils or thoughtfully producing quality resources.

In her Head of Year role, Sue has been incredible and will never hesitate to put the pupils in Year 5 first. She cares for the pupils deeply and will always be there for them if, and when, they have needed her. Her tutor team have nothing but praise when speaking of Sue.

Sue has been a stalwart member of the common room, with a kind word and compassion shown to all of her colleagues and maybe a joke or two thrown in for good measure.

Sue Keynes will be deeply missed by both staff and pupils of Bromsgrove Preparatory School and we wish her all the best as she enjoys the chance to discover the world on her travels.

*C Roskell*

# Senior School: Pre-Prep Survivors



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