



INTRODUCTION

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, it seems some time ago that we had long warm days as we are now certainly in the grip of winter. As I am sure that you are aware a huge amount has taken place this term, most of which you will see contained within these pages. I would, however, like to highlight a few areas.

Our Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) Compliance Inspection that took place just before half term acknowledged that we are compliant and gave us a clean bill of health. There are, nevertheless, always areas for further development which we are currently working on to raise our standards still further.

There has been a huge amount of sport this term with many victories to celebrate and an international rugby tour. With a larger number of girls in the school we have been fielding both hockey and netball teams both of which have also had victories - a first for Ewell Castle School.

In addition to this there have been a large number of trips and visits, both local and overseas, including Iceland and France.

The performing arts programme has provided us with some outstanding shows that would certainly challenge West End performances. These included 'Ewell Pop, The Ladykillers and the Wassail. We now look forward to Oliver! at the Epsom Playhouse towards the end of January 2016.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and enjoyable Christmas break.

Mr P Harris, Principal

MUN REPORT

A new academic year arrives and a new cohort of Year 12 have filled the Sixth Form Cafeteria and Common Room, ready to be inducted fully into Sixth Form life. As we all adjust to life after Summer, we thought it fitting that the new arrivals should be treated to the full Sixth Form experience by holding this year's first meeting of the Ewell Castle School Model United Nations. With the trials of October tests looming, both the Upper and Lower Sixth took an afternoon off from their busy study schedules to address the issue of the European Migrant Crisis and debate a proposal from the Slovak Republic.

The afternoon could have gotten off to a better start after a printing issue meant that we had to manage with only half the flags, an issue that will have been solved and improved upon by next time. But once the ball got rolling and the teams of two settled into the speeches the atmosphere perked up, as impassioned and informative speeches were given by many including the likes of Joseph Koppenhout (Russia) and Sebastian Monblat (Hungary). Prince Botchwey even improved upon his sign-folding speech from the last meeting and delivered a passionate rap on the affairs and views of the Czech Republic, which was met with confusion and eventual



adoration by the other delegates.

But ultimately there could be only one winner, an accolade which this time went to Fagan Aliyev and Joanna Hillman for their masterful speech, voluminous amendments and accurate portrayal of the German nation. Special mention should also go out to the winners as it was the first time that an all-Lower Sixth team has won.

All that remains for me is to thank everybody who took part, offer my congratulations to the winners and give my special thanks to the new team which is making every meeting of the MUN possible. Georgia Heggs as my new Vice-President and Joseph Koppenhout as the Lower Sixth Secretary. I must also apologise for the fact that, due to unforeseen circumstances, there will not be another meeting of the MUN until after Christmas. When it will return to warmer and more controversial waters.

Saša Vešović President of the Model United Nations

LANGUAGES WEEK

From Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October, all year groups took part in our very first 'Languages Week' House competition.

All year groups were invited to take part in different events:

- Year 7: Language teaching session and flags game.
- Year 8: Food taster and dancing competition judged by Mr Harris, Mr Bromley and Mr Leigh.

- Year 9: Three legged race competition with continent map puzzle to decipher.
- Year 10: Tug-of-war competition with clues to guess a country.
- Seniors: Quiz.

It was a very close call between the Houses but in the end, it was a win for Castlemaine!

Well done to all who took part.

Miss P Hernandez

YEAR 7 TEAM-BUILDING TRIP TO WILDWOOD ADVENTURES AND THE BIG APPLE LASER QUEST

On Friday 11th September, the whole of Year Seven went to Wildwood Adventures in Guildford and the Big Apple in Woking for a team building day. It was a great opportunity to meet all the new Year 7 pupils in different classes.

At Wildwood, the three forms were split into two groups (7MW with half of 7PB and 7JM with the other half of 7PB). The 7MW group went first at having a turn on the obstacles, then, a few minutes later, followed by the 7JM group. Wildwood's obstacles were challenging, but Year 7 co-operated and encouraged each other to keep going.

We experienced the thrill of rope bridges, wobbly crossings and zipping high up between the trees. All the time we were perfectly safe from falling as we were continuously connected to the safety wire. This activity lasted for around two hours.

After this tiring activity, we had our lunch break. This break enabled us

to get some energy to play at Laser Quest. Thirty minutes later; we got on the coach and made our way to The Big Apple, which is in Woking. It was only 15 minutes from Guildford.

We arrived at The Big Apple to do our next activity (Laser Quest). This time the 7JM group went first and were followed by 7MW. Then we had to come up with a name which everyone had to do. Next we went inside this dark gloomy room, where there were lots of packs and guns. We were

armed and ready with a hi-tech laser gun, and went hunting in our state of the art, multi-level, UV filled laser arena. Both groups had two games each. We had so much fun!

Finally we would like to thank Mr March, Mrs Walsh and Miss Hernandez for organising this trip and taking us for the trip. We hope that the teachers had fun as well.

P Scholes & R Thambithurai, Year 7



SIXTH FORM INDUCTION

To kick-off our Sixth Form experience, we were all taken to Sayers Croft. We were divided into groups and completed activities. These included raft-building (in which some people got extremely wet from being pushed in the water), a teamwork assault course, zip-wiring and a team challenge.

This included solving puzzles such as the human knot and having to balance nails on one another. It allowed the whole Sixth Form to bond and get to know each other before we started the academic year.

R Cottam, Year 12



DRAMA TRIP – HAMLET, NATIONAL THEATRE PRODUCTION

Benedict Cumberbatch triumphs as the Prince of Denmark in the National Theatre production of Hamlet at the Barbican Centre.



GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO SWANAGE

Our journey begins at devilish 06:15am as we wake up half asleep, half ready to commence our long and tiresome journey down to the South West coast of England. Attending our excursion were twelve students and two teachers. Arriving at School at around 08:00am we soon began to board the bus and head on our way.

At around lunch time we stopped before a long line of traffic with nothing but sea ahead. We were told that we were having to wait for a car boat to ferry us between two points of a spit which was the entrance to Poole Harbour.

Soon we stopped in a small carpark next to an old pub. We then began to walk down to a beach where we were told there would be some cool beach features to look at. South Beach was the name and we spent some time there observing and photographing the rocks and beach. We then proceeded to walk up the coastline to the famous Old Harry Rocks, which was truthfully quite a site! We took pictures and spent some time admiring its old, withered stacks and glistening white cliffs. Though the wind was mighty, we managed to get some great photos of the area

We walked back to the coach to head towards Durlston Head County Park, which has a castle built by a mad geographer, with a 40 tonne Portland stone globe looking south, out to sea. We walked around there for an hour or so before moving, finishing up our day at the accommodation.

We spent the rest of the evening at the accommodation settling down in our chosen rooms, having dinner then writing some notes on the day and finally having free time before going to bed at around 11:00am. It was a tiring day but worth it in the end!

Saturday was a 07.30am wakeup call from Mr Bromley. We ate our breakfast and headed out to South Beach again, this time to take what's called



a transect of the land. This is where you measure a long line across about 300m of land to see the different heights of the land. We also tested the pH and vegetation coverage on the transect line. From this we can create kite and other types of graphs to visualise our findings and test our hypotheses. We spent the morning out there in 37kph winds and rain, but in the end we got results which will help us in our exams. We spent the afternoon in Swanage looking at coastal management and features along the Swanage Bay area. The rest of the day was spent in the accommodation, relaxing and writing up notes.

The third and final day was spent looking at Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, which took up most of the morning. Having spent the morning walking around the Lulworth area, we got on the bus and headed home.

From the trip I have definitely learned a lot such as the geology, mass movement and even the topography of the Swanage area. The weather wasn't exactly perfect, but it was still all the more inspiring.

B Copsen, Year 12

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

In previous years the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award has been run in Year 10 finishing with the final expedition at the start of July. This year we have decided to offer the Award earlier, starting in Year 9. The then Year 9s had a highly successful week of training at the end of the Summer Term where they learnt map reading and camp-craft skills. They also took part in an overnight expedition. At the end of September they embarked on their final expedition finishing on Epsom racecourse. Fears that they might not prove as organised or robust as previous years (being a little younger) were completely unfounded. All the teams passed the walking challenge and the navigation was spot on. The now Year 10s are completing the full award by taking part in charity work, engaging in sport and learning new skills. The range of skills is certainly diverse, encompassing such activities as classics, clay pigeon shooting, Arabic, cooking, computing, music, drama and keeping fish. Those who have finished by March will be eligible to extend their challenge and take the Silver Award in the Summer.

Mr J C Blencowe

YEAR 7 HISTORY TRIP TO WEALD AND DOWNLAND OPEN AIR MUSEUM – SINGLETON, WEST SUSSEX

We all travelled down by coach on Tuesday 6th October. The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum is a country park set with historic buildings. These were all removed from the original settings, often because they were facing demolition. They were then rebuilt at the Museum. In addition, part of the site is run as a farm specialising in historic animals

and techniques. We saw a horse being shod and watched thatching. The highlight was the working watermill where they grind corn into flour for bread. It was a great trip and the first time we had done it. The boys returned back full of ideas for Medieval History.

Mr J C Blencowe



TRIP TO AUSCHWITZ

On 11th of November, Alex and I visited Auschwitz Berkenau. Initially we were expecting to see something out of a fictional horror-book. It was much worse than what any author could create. We were greeted by an eerie silence, a lifeless place, no birds or wildlife to sight.

What we saw was truly upsetting the conditions and the atmosphere make it hard to contemplate how something so sickening could have undergone there, the biggest crime in history, only 70 years ago where we were standing. There were multiple 'blocks' clearly not designed for comfort, rather something like dehumanizing chicken coop. Block 10 stuck out the most, knowing this was where medical experiments



conducted by Mengele took place.

The visit was far more powerful and we reacted differently to how we thought we would. Something that has been etched in to my mind particularly was the room of prosthetic legs and hair of real Auschwitz victims. It is weird to think that these people were murdered where we were standing, yet part

of them lives on, be it their shoes, suitcases or hair still at Auschwitz. It is hard to articulate the experience or feeling that visiting Auschwitz provokes but it is important to remember and to visit these places to ensure it never happens again.

J Malpas, Year 13

GRIM TALES

Congratulations to our thirty one Year 8-10 pupils whose "Grim Tales" have been published as part of a Young Writers competition.



SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Ten Sixth Form mathematicians participated in the Senior Individual Maths Challenge on Wednesday 4th November. They were extremely successful with eight pupils receiving certificates. Michael Slavin, Olin Robinson, Si Woo Song and Alex Streeter all received Bronze certificates. Whilst Silver certificates were awarded to Prince Botchwey, Siu Loon Lam and Sang Vin Kang. Best in School and the only Gold certificate went to Homin Park.

Ms E Walford

FRENCH PLAY

On 11th November pupils in Years 7-9 watched a French play, 'Les garçons', performed by a company called The Onatti Theatre Company. It was based around romance and some pupils got picked to say something in French to one of the two actors. The play was very joyful and had a lot of humour; I am sure everybody

has learnt a couple of words or now knows how to pronounce some words easier. I would like to thank The Onatti Theatre Company for coming in and performing such a wonderful play for everyone.

O Luker, Year 7



DON QUIJOTE - SPANISH PLAY

Don Quijote is a Spanish play that Ewell Castle School has had the privilege to watch. A lot of it included lots of volunteers from the audience. It was all about a man who was in his own world and how he fought windmills as he thought

they were giants and he did it all for one person. It was an amazing play and everybody enjoyed it thoroughly. We would rate it 5/5.

Z Navid, Year 7



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First World Problems with Harry Fahim

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Well, you can't argue, there is a lot being done to combat sexism these days, huh? David Cameron (among other politicians) has promised to tackle the wage gap, there's more freedom for women in so many places that were legally only allowed to be male, more and more people are pro-choice, and perhaps women will finally be free of the tyranny of misogynistic air-conditioning systems that oppress women by being too cold. I wish I made that up.

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A radical fix to the world's wage gap: why not just pay women more - and pay men less?

Above Picture: "I can't see any possible backlash from this at all!" Picture on the right: "I was going to congratulate you on your contribution to science, then your shirt reminded me that I hate my body."

I don't care if you landed a spacecraft on a comet, your shirt is sexist and ostracizing



Why You Should Fear This Tory Government

They claim to be competent, centre-ground, socially liberal moderates who are merely dealing with this dire, Labour Party created, deficit. They're doing it for the future of Britain, they tell us - because "we cannot spend our way out of a financial crisis". But what exactly are the Tories doing to Britain, how exactly are they affecting the lives of our neighbours, friends and family - and is it necessary? Or is the pain a manifestation of a morally corrupt ideology? Well, let me answer from my own, politically aware perspective: the Tories are not remotely moderate; indeed, they are hard line, ideologically driven zealots who are blinded by their own self-interest. Brain, lefty nutter I hear you yell! Be that as it may but the fact is, I have space in this publication. Continued on page 3



Editor's column

This issue is one that marks the end of my 'tyrannical Dictatorship type rule' over the Sixth Form Reviewer (and no I'm not giving up my position). From next week onwards, Harry Fahim shall be the one chasing you all up on articles (believe me you thought I was annoying you about it...) and Alex Hillman will be doing the same regarding Artwork with me focusing on the editing side of the Reviewer. This is my realisation that, in life, you sometimes have to accept the help of others, which may only be a simple question away. It is also time to say goodbye to our beloved format, as next issue will see an all new unique style. You will be getting more details on why in the upcoming weeks, but believe me it's an exciting time for the Reviewer.

Michael Slavin,
Senior Editor

Coming up...

November 11th - 1st XV Rugby vs Greyhound, Senior Girls Netball vs Harrodian

November 16th - We Need To Talk About Gender - The evening will feature short presentations from scholars and students from across SSP and Law, showcasing their work on gender and in doing so prompting discussion about why we need to talk about gender and how we talk about gender.

November 18th - Senior House Cross-Country

exceptionally well, especially taking the lack of practice and fitness into account. With more matches in the weeks to come and a practice uptake we will hopefully be able to win a few more games. Well done to everyone who played.

Rheanna Cottam

Despite this the Ewell girls played on with magnificent making some great saves. Claudia Legge coverage with Alex Hillman and Olivia Kingsbury producing some amazing blocks and Rheanna Cottam, Georgia Heags and Nora Axtal showing there fantastic dribbling skills.

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Harry Fahim

stereotyping, or fighting against women, might then, I think, be what discrimination is. No-one is going to go crazy about it, and the result of a sexist

they do, you can't blame society for their own problems. My overall point is that everybody who actively goes out to the world and blames society for their own problems isn't 'fighting for equality', they're more or less making people who just want equality (and realise that 50:50 in EVERY job isn't exactly equality) look like kitchen knife wielding maniacs.

ember marked a new chapter in the history of the first girls' football match between the girls of the High Sixth and the girls of the Low Sixth.

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Government

ing wage', the Tories are now worse than the scrapping of the minimum wage - more desperate banks. Being young, it is in your interest to despise and act against the Tory government - but having a conscious is of greater importance, so you should fear the Tories for the way in which they are treating the poorest, the most vulnerable. Witness the contrast between the goodness the rich receive and the mistreatment the poor have been met with and be angry, be very angry. Campaign, protest and vote Labour, Green or any other left wing party in all future elections. Because a country that spends billions on replacing nuclear weapons, ignoring tax avoidance among the richest and cutting taxes for the wealthy while simultaneously overhauling social cleaning and shocking increases in child poverty, food bank usage and homelessness need to be challenged, not passively accepted; indeed, austerity is a choice, not a necessity.

Seb Mounbat

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able assets for royal wedding

alone boosting London's economy by 107 million pounds through accommodation, travel and nightlife. The royal wedding was paid for by the two families and the only expense paid for by the taxpayer was security.

If we were to remove the monarchy nothing would change apart from losing £660 million and also having a rather boring new name, The United Republic of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

George Heading.

Disagree? Agree? Read next week in order to see the counter-argument presented by Archie Brooks-Watson. Source: <http://www.cggre.com/blog/the-true-cost-of-the-royal-family-explained.html>



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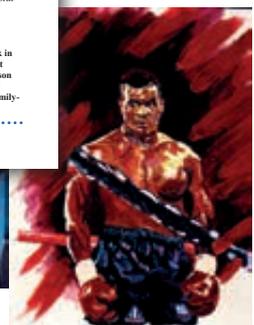
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Artists featured, anticlockwise from top left artwork: George Heading, Maddy Mayer, Ollie Bolton



BIARRITZ RUGBY TOUR OCTOBER 2015

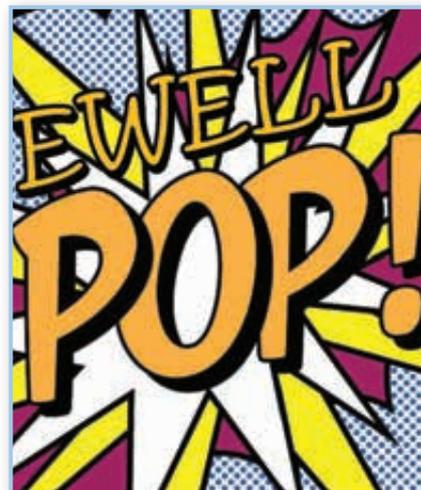
During the October half term break, Mr Grindrod and Mr Essenhigh took the Under 16 Rugby Squad on a 5 day rugby tour to Biarritz. A mid season tour was used to test how the squad had progressed over the season and to gauge ability against some clubs on the continent.

The boys two fixtures were against Stade Hendaye of the Spanish Basque area, and Hernani, a club based just outside of Biarritz. Both matches were played on the same day. The first match started well with Chauncey Taylor opening the score but the home side came back into contention winning a very close contest 8-7. The second match against Hernani was another tough match with the opponents taking an early lead. However a clever kick forward by fly half George Whalley was gladly scooped up by winger Daniel Elcox to cross over for the try. A second half Lachlan John try wasn't enough as Ewell went down 22-10.

Although the rugby on the field was disappointing for the boys, the trip was a mixture of taking in some local sights, as well as watching Olympic Biarritz in action in a night match, as well as train by the stadium.

An enjoyable trip was had by all and a great chance to see how the boys could fair against some passionate Basque clubs.

Mr J Grindrod



EWELL POP!

The evening kicked off with the Year 7 Choir performance of 'Only You'. This performance gracefully transitioned into the Show Choir's 'Stand By Me'. As the youthful sea of soprano and alto voices parted, the Show Choir moved forward, gradually harmonising with the previous song through Tenor and Bass accompaniment. Joe Davies, performed 'Demons', by Imagine Dragons, took to the stage and gave a dynamic display on electric guitar. This was followed by Josh Pasley's energetic 'Get Lucky'. These acts were followed by Year 10 Band 'Lean On'; Castle Chorus 'Monday Monday'; then a dramatic piece inspired by the film: 'Whiplash'. The Wind Group, led by Mr. Chimes, danced onto the stage with a passionate 'When I'm 64', and this enthusiastic atmosphere was further enlivened with Nayaab Ali and Dyka Sudaryanto's blend of 'Wonderwall of Broken Dreams', joined by the other members of Guitar Ensemble, dazzling all with the audience-participated 'I Gotta Feeling'. We enjoyed 'Oye Como Va' performed by the Concert Band and Homin Park's entirely original improvisation 'I've got it sussed', featuring an added #11th, was nothing less than captivating. Another incredible performance of the night was Georgia Heggs's vocal performance of 'Hallelujah'. My own band, Ironic Smile, wrapped up the evening with our debut performances, 'Suck It And See' by Arctic Monkeys, and 'Last Nite' by The Strokes.

J Segel, Year 13

A LEVEL BIOLOGY LECTURES: PROFESSOR LORD WINSTON & DR ADAM RUTHERFORD

The Camden Centre, London, hosted a day of A-Level Biology lectures on 24th November. The topics included: Genetics, Foundations in Biology, and Variations and Relationships between Organisms. The students enjoyed the day and came away inspired by what they had heard.

Mr S Manley



SENIOR GIRLS GAMES WINTER UPDATE

1ST XI HOCKEY

Played 2 Lost 2.

Sutton High Vs Ewell Castle 6-0

KCS Wimbledon vs Ewell Castle 5-0

Despite two losses early in the season, the girls have worked really hard to play as a cohesive team. The debut match versus Sutton High was a high energy, end to end game with notable midfield -performances from Rheanna Cottam and Georgia

Heggs. KCS Wimbledon vs Ewell Castle was 1-0 at half time and with a bit more experience as a team, the final result could have been very different. Alex Hillman has been a revelation as Goal Keeper and the scores don't reflect the number of excellent saves she has had to make.

Miss J Jones



NETBALL

'B' Team: Played 1 Lost 1

KCS vs Ewell Castle 17-10

'A' Team: Played 2 Won 1 Lost 1

KCS vs Ewell 15-11

Harrodian vs Ewell 15-24

Two teams boldly represented Ewell Castle for our first netball matches of the season against KCS Wimbledon. They were very close games. Iman Drogba, Lily Webb and Lauren Body all stepped up (and played really well) against girls 3 4 years up; and

this was the girls' first matches as a team. The 'A' team maintained a two shot deficit for most of the match and just lost out in the final quarter.

Against Harrodian, we looked dangerous from the first whistle. Livy Kingsbury and Joey Hillman both scoring well and Rheanna Cottam with an exceptional 20 goals scored in the game coupled with outstanding defence from Joanna Wilshire and Nora Attal and

an all-round great team effort meant a wonderful first win for the girls.

Miss J Jones



RUGBY TRAINING AT EWELL CASTLE SCHOOL

The rugby season kicked off with an intensive four week programme held at Ewell Castle School every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for the first weeks of the Summer holiday. The sessions ran for 1 ½ hours and all players from Years 10-13 were invited. The physical demands of rugby vary depending on the control of play, the athlete's position and environmental conditions. Therefore, taking a methodical and scientific approach to conditioning is vital. The emphasis of the sessions for the forwards was increasing strength in the torso and spine stability. While the backs concentrated on handling ability, passing techniques and SAQ.

Mr G Coogan



U15 RUGBY

The U15 rugby team has had two half-century wins against local rivals Glyn and RGS, offset with some difficult fixtures and two gruelling National Cup games. A very close game against Claremont still saw the team buoyant and eager to play. The squad has shown some excellent sportsmanship; players attending matches, even when injured,

to support their team-mates. Captained this season by Eoin Nestor, who has shown excellent leadership and work-rate, the U15s have shown some moments of brilliance with their backs play and power in the forwards. Notable line-breaks by Harry Andre and Giles Barton tore RGS apart, while the free-flowing rugby shown by centre

pairing Tom Gill and George McMullen found many gaps in the defences of opponents. Unfortunately the half-back pairing of Ollie Carter and Ollie Noon was broken with a season-ending injury to the latter, but we look forward to welcoming him back for the next season. If this playing trend continues, there is a lot for this squad to look forward to.

Mr B Essenhigh

U14 RUGBY

The commitment and will to succeed has been superb from the squad of players all term but the fruits of the boy's labour has begun to materialise in the last few weeks. Steady improvement individually and collectively despite some heavy defeats has been the main reason that for two successive weekends the U14 Squad have managed huge victories. The first of these victories was away at Glyn, where the boys won 44-0. The second victory was even more convincing against RAA who brought a training squad over to Banstead Road to play Ewell Castle in awful conditions. However the team rallied against the cold and the gale force winds to record a fantastic 61-5 victory. This has been a complete turnaround in fortunes and we are hopeful that this trend continues.

Individual praise must go to four boys who have been selected to play up an age group at times this half term and despite an age difference have still been some of the stand out players in the squad. So, well played; Joe Forrester, Dilan Jayasena, Jonah Lea and Andrew Thomas.

Mr N Turk

U12 RUGBY

The Under 12 rugby team have had a successful term on the field. With a mixture of players who for some have played for at least 3 years, and others it was their first taste of competitive rugby.

The term began with some pre-season training to get the boys up to speed on the basics and prepare for the fixture list ahead. The team's first match was a home fixture against Gordon's School. A positive start as Ewell Castle won 28-7. The win was swiftly followed by another as the boys beat Cedars 31-14. The boys were on a high as they went into their next match against Richard Challoner. A disappointing first half saw the home side lead 5-0 but Ewell came back into the match with a try of their own levelling up the score 5-5. As the match progressed however, Richard Challoner extended their lead further with 2 more trys taking the win 15-5.

A week later, the side reverted back to winning ways with a 29-5 win against Claremont Fan Court and following a two week half term, a further convincing win against Glyn 35-0. The boys took their positive form into the Surrey Under 12



Rugby Festival. Some difficult mini matches against Whitgift, Howard of Effingham and Trinity then saw the boys gain some victories against Farnham, Sudbury and Rydens.

As the term drew to a close, the boys gained a great win (17-12) in terrible conditions away to Royal Alexander & Albert school. With a match vs Dunnotar School on Saturday and Licensed Vituallers Ascot the week after, the squad are hoping for a positive end to a successful season which only saw the team lose 1 fully competitive match.

Well done to all the boys who took part in what was a thoroughly enjoyable term of rugby. I know the boys have learned a great deal and I wish them all the very best for their futures on the rugby field.

Mr J Grindrod



HOCKEY

We had a strong and competitive match against Claremont Fan Court School at Surbiton Hockey Club. The chance to play on a premier league ground was not one to be missed and many boys across Years 8, 9 and 10 were selected to represent the school. The hockey played was of good standard and despite a close match Ewell Castle lost 0-2. However with two pupils in the County system and others joining clubs in the local area, we are hopeful of more matches and victories in the future.

Mr N Turk

AUTUMN TERM OPTION XI SOCCER 2015

Three matches to date. All close encounters including a victory by 2-0 against Kingston GS 2nd XI. Goal scorers in this match were Sam Wilton and Harry Parkes. Trocon Barchue's goal against Boxhill School was a strike of the highest order with Michael Slavin scoring the second.

Ewell created goal scoring opportunities in this fixture but did not convert them. Defeat by the margin of 4 – 2 did not fully reflect the balance of play in the second half; the game being more evenly contested than the final score might suggest. Two further fixtures are scheduled before the end of term.

Mr K Peto

BASKETBALL

This term our Ewell Castle Senior Basketball team played a fixture against Epsom College. The match was extremely competitive and our boys served the School proud by playing with great passion and spirit. It started off on equal footing. The game was very close and our boys demonstrated good team work. Our defence was solid with new players

Nayaab Ali and Connor Munro helping out in the key. We had many opportunities in offence with Noah McInness-Clark and Milan Andesilic finding the hoop. In the end we lost out to Epsom by 38-28 but our boys walked away proud with the way they played.

Mr J Bernardo

PAT CASH COACHES EWELL CASTLE SCHOOL PUPIL

One of our pupils attended the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at the O2. He was lucky enough to be coached by Pat Cash and also watched Rafa Nadal play.



HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



The House Cross Country this year was a battle of the elements as well as the well beaten course at Nonsuch Park. House t-shirts were on as were pairs of muddy trainers as each year group competed in their Houses to see who had the stamina of body and mind!

In Year 7 and 8 the top spot went to Essex House with Raleigh second and Castlemaine third. In Year 9, the overall winners were Essex again, Raleigh second and Castlemaine third and in Year 10 first place went

to Castlemaine, second Raleigh and third Essex House.

The Senior event was won in the boys competition by Castlemaine, second spot went to Raleigh and third Essex. For the first time, there was a ladies event with Raleigh finishing first overall, Essex second and Castlemaine third.

Well done to everyone who took part and in particular to the individual winners listed below.

Mr J Grindrod

Name	Year	House
Elyes Ben-Driaa	7	Essex
Lewis McLellan	8	Raleigh
Tom Krzystyniak	9	Raleigh
Harry Aboud	10	Castlemaine
Louisa Mills	Senior Girls	Raleigh
Alexander Coker	Senior Boys	Castlemaine

TABLE TENNIS

The first table tennis match of the year was held against Southborough School on Wednesday 25 November. The Senior match was a close run competition with Ewell Castle just losing on the last match. The Juniors played well, but were beaten by a stronger team.

Mr D Vijapura



ARTISTS OF THE TERM



George Heading Year 13



Jamie Campbell Year 9



Sang Vin Kang Year 13



Juhwi Kim Year 11

TRIP TO ICELAND

During the October Half Term two members of staff and eighteen students departed for a four day trip to Iceland. We visited the capital Reykjavik and toured the spectacular South Shore where students visited the site of the infamous Eyjafjallajokull volcano, which led to the closing of airspace when it erupted in 2010. Here, they saw the stunning black sand beaches and roaring waves from the North Atlantic Ocean. Students also visited some stunning waterfalls and took advantage of the photographic opportunities. The highlight of the trip for many students was

witnessing a Geyser; a spring that ejects hot water intermittently, the awe inspiring Gullfoss Waterfall was also a sight. This was then followed by a trip to the Thingvellir National Park, the rift valley formed at the parting of the North American and Eurasian Plates. The trip ended with a visit to the Blue Lagoon, a geothermally heated outdoor pool where staff and students were treated to mineral enriched mud masks and the purifying water. The trip was enjoyed by all and our students were a credit to Ewell Castle. Thanks to Mr Joy and the students for an unforgettable trip.

Mrs R Din



YEAR NINE HISTORY TRIP TO THE SOMME

On 12 November the whole of Year 9 departed early for the annual coach trip to the Somme. We visited Vimy Ridge and saw the preserved trenches and went down into a tunnel complex below the battlefield where troops and supplies could be brought forward in comparative safety.

We stayed overnight in Albert and then focused on the First Battle of the Somme from July to November 1916. We visited Beaumont Hamel, the Ulster Tower and the Lochnager crater. We were able to appreciate the difficulties and errors that contributed to the disasters of the first day. Pressures on the French at Verdun meant that an inexperienced British Army had to attempt a task way beyond its capabilities. In the afternoon we went to Pozieres where

we visited the cemetery. We were able to appreciate that the British Army learnt from its mistakes, mastered the new technology and emerged a far more formidable fighting force by the end of the battle. This steep learning curve set the tone for the Allied victory two years later. A visit to the impressive Thiepval Memorial to the missing concluded the trip.

Mr J Blencowe



REMEMBRANCE DAY



YEAR 13 VISIT TO NEW UNIVERSITY AT WEMBLEY

The Sixth Form visited UCFB the new university based at Wembley Stadium offering sport related degrees with great internships.



ENGLISH TRIP – AN INSPECTOR CALLS

An Inspector Calls is a play written by English dramatist J. B. Priestley, first performed in 1945 in the Soviet Union and in 1946 in the UK. It is considered to be one of the classics of mid-20th century English theatre. The play's success and reputation has been boosted in recent years by a successful revival by English director Stephen Daldry for the National Theatre in 1992, and subsequent tours of the UK.



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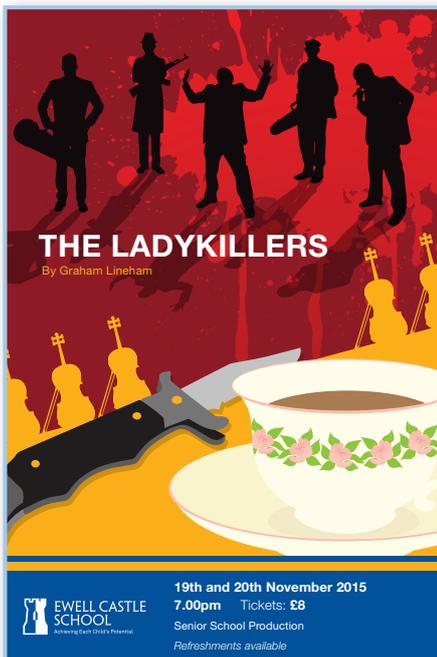
THE LADYKILLERS

Well what an end to the year!

We have had a wonderful Wassail with fantastic acts from pupils throughout the School and also we have celebrated another great production, 'The Ladykillers'. All cast and crew were congratulated for another professional performance. We were also very happy to have our first Year 9 girl pupil playing one of the lead roles and look forward to next year's play, in which we hope that the cast will be even more mixed.

On behalf of both Miss Jones and myself, we would like to wish you all a happy and healthy break over the holiday season and look forward to welcoming you back to further drama performances in the new year.

Mr L Bader-Clynes



OLD EWELLIAN WINTER REUNION

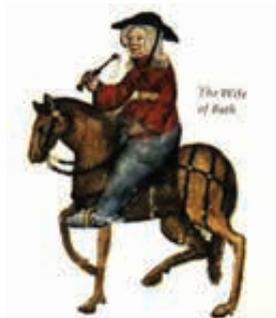
Another joyful Old Ewellian Alumni Reunion took place at Jamies Bar, The Minories, London, on Friday 13th November. The majority of those in attendance had attended other recent alumni events and the majority of those who joined us either worked in the City or travelled up from various locations in Surrey.

Red wine, beer and delicious bar snacks aided the relaxed atmosphere and reminiscences of a youth spent at the Castle. It was a lovely surprise when by chance, someone drinking at the bar, casually walked over to our merry little group and announced that he, too, had studied at Ewell Castle School but hadn't known about the

Reunion and he just happened to be there with some work colleagues. We offered him a beer and quickly noted down his email address with the promise to invite him to future Old Ewellian events.

Ms C Hernandez

TRIP LECTURES ON SHAKESPEARE'S TEMPEST & CHAUCER'S THE WIFE OF BATH



CHEMISTRY IN ACTION LECTURES

Sixth Form chemistry students attended a day of chemistry themed lectures at Logan Hall, UCL, London. There were lectures on the following

topics: 'Carbon', 'Science behind diamonds', 'Study techniques', 'The chemistry of food' and 'Fun chemistry'.



CHARITABLE WORKS COMMITTEE

As the new school year started there have been many charity events run by the Charitable Works Committee. These different events have included the bi-weekly cake sales that each form in Years 7-11 participate in. So far we have had cake sales from 11GC raising £74.88, 11JB raising £55.05, 11GC raising £47.36 and finally 11RO raising £62.48. All money raised has gone to The Children's Trust Tadworth. As well as the cake sales we have also had a Sixth Form

Dinner held at The Walton Heath Tandoori raising over £500.00, also for The Children's Trust. At this dinner we were fortunate to welcome Mr Dalton Leong, the CEO of The Children's Trust, where we could present him a cheque for the charity for £2,500 which the School had previously raised. The School also sold poppies to mark Remembrance Day and all of the proceeds from the poppies went to the Royal British Legion. The Year 9 historians also raised money for the Royal British Legion

by holding a cake sale which raised over £100.00. This has been a very busy term for the CWC but we look forward to more fundraising events next term as well as monitoring the new House charity competition!

J Miller, Charitable Works Committee



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As always, the Fireworks event was a huge success - we raised just over £1,200 and, equally importantly, everyone had a brilliant evening. The Clothes Recycling raised £120 and it certainly felt good to have a clear out of old clothes at home - we will aim to do the collection again at a later date, as many people seemed to feel the same! At the time of writing, the Christmas Fair is yet to happen but with an array of stallholders, a special visit from Santa, carols from

the Festival Choir and the return of the popular Children's Gift Stall, all signs are that we will have a repeat of the success of last year. Looking ahead, we have the Quiz Evening on Saturday 6th February 2016 and the Summer Ball on Saturday 2nd July 2016 - details will be confirmed nearer the time.

In terms of where the money goes - we have recently agreed fundraising targets. We will be contributing

towards a cricket bowling machine for use at The Castle and a variety of items for Glyn House and Chessington Lodge, including - a Bird nesting box, complete with camera; a small cycle shed for the Nursery bikes; funding for visiting theatre companies; extended reading books and art work. Thank you for all of your support and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

V Craig, PSFA Chair