



INTRODUCTION



As another academic year draws to a close there have been many successes and achievements to celebrate, all of which have been highlighted at both the Preparatory and Senior School Prize Giving events. This year has not been without its challenges as I am sure you are all aware, however, I do believe we have come through them as a stronger and more united school community.

Inevitably, some staff will be leaving at the end of this term and I would like to thank them all for their contribution to the life of the school and wish them every success for

their future. We wish Mr March, Miss Reid, Mr Joy, Mrs Walsh, Mr Roberts, Mrs Evison and Miss Stephens well in their new positions and Mrs Wilson and Mrs Comfort a happy retirement.

As you will know, Mr Bromley is retiring and I would particularly like to thank him for 16 years of dedicated service to the School. He has held several posts during his time, Head of Geography, Head of Sixth Form, Director of Studies, Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead. He will certainly leave a large hole in the School community and we wish him a well-deserved retirement.

Very sadly, Mr Durnford-Smith our former Chair of Governors, after a battle with cancer, recently passed away. I would like to acknowledge all that he has done for the School. He will certainly be missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

I would like to thank Mr Tucker for stepping into the role of Chairman, Mrs Moran for taking on the Vice-Chair role and to all the Governors for their time and support for the School. We are also pleased to welcome two new Governors Mr

Griffith and Mr Shawyer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teaching and support staff along with the PSFA for their huge amount of hard work and commitment this year. I would also like to thank this year's Senior School Head Boy Michael Slavin and Head Girl Rheanna Cottam, and in the Preparatory School Head Boy Chibby Nwoko and Head Girl Darcy Kennedy, for all their hard work and dedication to the task throughout the year. Well done and thank you.

There have been many great achievements over the year and we hope to build on these and the outstanding pastoral care, to continue to raise expectations as we move into the new prospects of the next academic year. I would like to remind the Sixth Form that A Level results are available on the Thursday 17th August and GCSE results for Year 11, on Thursday 24th August 2017.

I wish everyone in the Ewell Castle School community a very safe and restful summer break.

Mr P Harris, Principal

FAREWELL MR BROMLEY

The School is saying farewell to Mr Bromley, Deputy Head of the Senior School, a much loved member of staff who has served Ewell Castle School for sixteen years. We thank you for everything you have done for the School, the countless pupils you have taught and encouraged over the years and the many colleagues you have supported and helped. Farewell but hopefully not goodbye.



2017 OLD EWELLIAN GOLF DAY

What a fabulous Golf Event it was this year at Kingswood Golf Club, both in terms of the weather and also the number of participants, 29 golfers as well as a few others who came along either just for the lunch or the supper in the evening. A very big thank you to Mr Iain Carter, the BBC's Golf Correspondent, who was our

guest speaker. He provided many insightful and entertaining stories from the golfing world including his personal experience of covering all the main world golf competitions for the BBC over many years including The US Open, The US Masters, The British Open and the Ryder Cup. This was the third Old Ewellians Golf

Day and the first that included a team of current Ewell Castle School pupils who all met the minimum golf handicap required to play on the course. The pupils (Brandon H, Oliver C, Oliver N and Joshua P) turned out to be rather good, so good in fact that one of them, Brandon H won the overall competition!



LAMDA EXAMINATIONS

Pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 successfully completed their LAMDA examinations on 8th May. All pupils staged a solo performance achieving the following fantastic results:

Emir Ahmed Charles Holroyd Zaeem Navid	LAMDA Level 1 (Grade 1) – Pass with Merit
Talya Tuncer	LAMDA Level 1 (Grade 2) – Pass with Merit
Ruairi O'Rourke	LAMDA Level 1 (Grade 2) – Pass with Distinction
Harsh Raguraj	LAMDA Level 2 (Grade 4) – Pass with Merit

Well done to all for their efforts in achieving this high level of performance.

Miss P Butterworth

DRAMA TRIP TO WOYZECK

On Monday 15th May, the Year 12 and 13 drama students went to see a new version of Woyzeck by Georg Buchner, starring John Boyega at the Old Vic, London.

The multi-award-winning Jack Thorne who wrote Harry Potter and the Cursed Child created a new version set in 1980s Berlin. The Cold War rages and the world sits at a crossroads between Capitalism and Communism. On the border between East and West,

a young soldier and the love of his life were desperately trying to build a better future for their child. However, the cost of escaping poverty was too high in one of the first working-class tragedies ever written.

The scenic design of the play was very creative installing a nightmare ambience to the surrealistic play and many of the actors created interesting interpretations of their parts. Whilst not perhaps the best directed play, there were moments

of high drama and comedy, which was appreciated by our students.

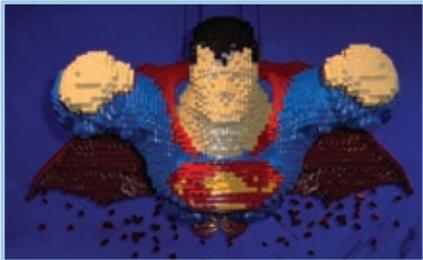
Mr L Bader-Clynes



ART TRIP TO LEGO EXHIBITION



On Tuesday 6th June Year 7 art students enjoyed a trip to the 'DC Superheroes' exhibition of Lego sculptures on the South Bank.



Ex lawyer, Nathan Sawaya, has combined his interest in Lego construction and his love of art to create a stunning collection of Lego sculptures on the theme of Superheroes. After a brief introduction to his art form we made our way around a fantastic exhibition and our students were clearly enthralled with his work, took lots of inspiring photographs and couldn't wait to progress to the interactive zone where they could create and display their own Lego constructions.

We then travelled on to the National Portrait Gallery for a brief look at the exhibits followed by a fascinating lecture on Self Portraiture which the students took a very keen interest in. The artist educator who gave the lecture described the students as "very articulate and an absolute delight".

Well done to all the Year 7 students who participated so enthusiastically and made the day such a success. Many thanks to Mrs Walsh, Mrs Bailey, Mr Bernardo and Mr Oscoz for coming on the trip.

The exhibition runs until 3rd September <http://www.aotbdc.co.uk/>

Mrs E Shepherd

ENVIRONMENTAL DAY WORKSHOP

On Friday 9th June Year 7 participated in an environmental workshop, where we learned the importance of recycling. A man names Philp Hutton talked to us about how recycled products are so useful. He represented this by helping us create a small upcycled notepad out of recycled products. He also explained about the bad effects things can have on our environment and how to decrease these and do our part to help save the world. I really enjoyed this and I am looking forward to using this in future.

E Lambert



OLD EWELLIANS SUMMER REUNION

We welcomed back a number of former pupils and members of staff to the annual Old Ewellians Summer Reunion, which took place the afternoon of Sunday 11th June. Tours of the Castle and the Music Pavilion proved popular as were the wonderful classic cars that some of our alumni brought with them. The cars included a 1971 Triumph Stag, a 1967 MG, a Jaguar XJ120 and a 1937 Morris Eight Tourer. Thanks to the Sixth Form students who were on hand to give the tours and help run the event.



YEAR 8 SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP

On 7th June Year 8 went to the Science Museum in Kensington. The Science Museum made a new place called Wonder Lab. It didn't look very big, but when we went inside we were wrong. It was fantastic and there was lots to do. There were mysterious mirrors, slides on different materials and activities to question your mind.

I think that every year should have a chance to visit the museum. I hope we can go again as this trip was one of the best science trips I have ever been on.

Zaeem N

The Science trip was truly fascinating. This trip opened my horizon and broadened my mind. The Science Museum was filled with fun filled facts and excitement.

Firstly, my group visited 'the fly zone' which included aeroplanes from different eras. It was fascinating to see all of the planes towering over us. The Wonder Lab was a place like no other. There were so many objects that intrigued me. This included a slide, teaching about different friction and a weight chair; pulling yourself toward the ceiling, demonstrating transfer of energy.

Harvey S



‘THE BIG SNOOZE’

The Lower School play this year was a pastiche on the Bogart and Bacall film noir classic ‘The Big Sleep’. Tom W took the lead role of Justin Thyme, a hard boiled detective investigating the untimely death of small time criminal Humpty Dumpty. The suspects that Thyme encountered on his soufflé of a journey include the chanteuse Rapunzel (Oliver S), directionally challenged policeman MacDougal (Ben C), local gangster BB Wolf (Sophia S), the munchkin Big Jack Johnson (Ethan W) and the femme fatale of this omelette of a production Veronica Virago memorably played by Harshanth R. Sleeping Beauty



was snoozily portrayed by Keanna R and Jonathan P channelled his inner Miss Money Penny to portray ‘Effie’, Justin Thyme’s adorable secretary. Taewon K pulled off a memorable Prince Charming. Justin Thyme’s love interest was ably shepherded by Lewis K and the scene changes were managed by Anthony P, Taewon K and Ethan W. The performance was well received and the look on the actors faces when they got lots



of laughs was priceless. Patrick A, Dhilan J, Kalem C and Luca S from the Drama Technical Club cracked the back stage support.

YEAR 10 TRIP TO ROMEO AND JULIET



GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

After a 7 hour and 40 minute drive to our accommodation in Bangor, North Wales we had dinner then straight to lessons where we were put into our working groups for the week to go through the activities. After breakfast on Tuesday we got into the coach for our first visit to Denorwig Power Station and the National Slate Museum. Denorwig was a fascinating place where we went inside a mountain to look at how electricity is created using the power of water. It was very loud near the turbines so many of us used earplugs which completed our outfits of hard hats and waterproofs. The National Slate Museum showed us how industry shaped the lives and settlement of North Wales for over a century. The most interesting part was looking at how the workers' cottages changed over the years and the many exhibitions on how slate was cut and transported. The afternoon saw us investigating the change in the Afon Nant Peris: a river which runs down the Llanberis Valley. Each group had a different set of data to collect which meant many of them getting into the river. After a long (and hot) walk along the river, it wasn't surprising that many of us went for a paddle before getting back into the coach.

Wednesday was the hottest day of the week, not the best climate to be climbing up Mount Snowdon



but we persevered anyway. Our group was split into two; one taking the Miners Track and the other the Pyg Trail which has a steeper climb to it. We looked at how tourism has affected these two locations and how the National Park managed these impacts. After all our data was collected we had our picnic lunch beside a beautiful lake. In the afternoon we went to the Nant Ffrancon Valley to look at glaciated landforms. Walking along Llyn Idwal we found many different pieces of evidence to show that the landscape was glaciated and once again, after a long, hot walk we couldn't resist a paddle in the lake.

Thursday morning we looked at how a local entrepreneur has used old slate mines and quarries to

regenerate the local area and economy by creating a series of different adventure sports. We could not resist trying them and a group went to Bounce Below: a multi-layered, giant trampoline maze with nets, walkways and slides, all suspended or fixed to the inner walls of a giant cavern excavated for slate. We were very fortunate to have the whole place to ourselves and took full advantage of playing on everything. In the afternoon we went to Betws-y-Coed to look at why that area has seen an increase in its population. Once again the groups completed different activities to establish what made this area so popular.

Friday we packed and started our long journey back. The coach was very quiet as most of us took the opportunity to catch up on some sleep. The group had an amazing time and worked extremely hard and I'd like to thank all Year 10 geographers for making the trip such a great success. I would also like to thank Mrs Bailey, Mr Joy and Mr Bromley who came on the trip. Without them, we would not have had the chance to show the students such wonderful parts of the country.

Mrs R Owen



SPORTS DAY 2017

Ewell Castle School held its annual sports day at the Harrier Centre on a gloriously sunny Thursday 15th June. The competition pitted the three houses, Castlemaine, Essex and Raleigh against each other in the traditional athletics events.

The day started with the Year 9 and Year 10 pupils on the track competing in A and B string 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500m whilst the Year 7 and Year 8 pupils competed in the field events, high, long and triple jump, as well as the shot, discus and javelin. In the afternoon the year groups switched over from the track to the field before the day ended with the relays.

Notable individual performances on the day that all broke school records were achieved by:

Joe B Y7 1500m

Gus H Y7 Triple Jump

Jack D Y8 Triple Jump

Brindhon R Y8 Javelin

Matty G Y9 1500m

Lewis M Y9 Triple Jump

Andrew T Y10 100m and 200m

Wes M Y10 Triple Jump

The Year 12 pupils were also involved for the first time in a separate Victor and Victrix Loduram pentathlon event which was open to all who wanted to compete. This event saw each pupil battle it out against the rest in the

200m, 800m, long jump, high jump and the javelin. The winners of this event were Robert G and Eloise B.

The house event was won by the formidable Castlemaine house led by Mr Nugaturen who selected a fine team which simply blew the other two houses away as they seemed to win every event including the relays and then finally the teachers relay as well.

The day was well supported by the pupils who had a greater participation than in previous years as more athletes were entered into each event, the parents who came along to support and all the teaching staff who helped to ensure the day ran smoothly.

Mr N Turk



SPORTS & TEAMS OVERVIEW 2016/17

The below results overview covers both the Preparatory and Senior School. For more detailed information please visit the SOCS website.

Basketball - Boys

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
2	2	1	0	1	50%

Cricket - Boys

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
15	40	23	0	17	57%

There were notable performances in cricket this season with an undefeated U13 team and individual performances from Jaimin P who scored 103 not out and Fraser T who set a new school record with 145 not out.

Cricket - Girls

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
1	4	0	0	4	0%

Football - Boys

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
6	45	18	6	21	40%

Hockey - Girls

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
6	16	14	1	1	87%

Netball - Girls

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
3	27	7	1	19	25%

Rounders - Girls

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
7	19	11	0	8	57%

Rugby Union - Boys

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
13	29	11	0	18	37%

Swimming - Mixed

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
2	2	1	0	1	50%

Tennis - Boys

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
2	7	5	0	2	71%



YEAR 7 SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP

In the Science Museum we encountered many incredible experiences.

We decided to start at the top and work down so we went to the aerospace section, filled with planes and models that you've only ever seen in steampunk.

We then headed to a section on climate change and pollution. It had all sorts of visual resources to watch and interact with.

After we had finished with that, we headed down to the design section. This was by far our favourite section; the thing, however, we liked the most was the rugged rover section, where you design and race rovers.

We quickly had lunch and headed to a rocket show. This show taught us about the laws of physics and how they were at play during take-off, flight and landing.

We then went to the Wonder Lab. The Wonder Lab had experiments that covered biology, physics and chemistry. They had a lot on light, refraction and reflection. The Wonder Lab had all sorts of answers and explanations to everyday activities such as blowing smoke rings and walking over a bridge.

Overall it was an amazing experience and answered many of my questions.

Zac F

TRIP TO WINTERSHALL



Year 9 went into the heart of the Surrey Countryside to Wintershall for the day to experience the life of Christ. This is an annual event that portrays the life of Christ in promenade theatre, over three acts in the day.

Jesus is born in a barn and then, soon after the visit from the magi, horsemen ride across the field in the slaughter of the innocents. The action continues throughout the day and culminates in a very realistic crucifixion and resurrection.

One of the Year 9 students said about the trip:

“On 22nd June 2017, Year 9 went to Wintershall to witness ‘The Life of Christ’. I truly experienced Jesus’ life on that day. We explored aspects of his life that certainly a lot of people in the year group were naive towards. I was never aware of the torturous ordeal Jesus was put through on his walk through Golgotha later leading to the tragedy of his crucifixion. I shall certainly recommend this phenomenal performance to anyone.”

Patrick A

OLD EWELLIANS VS SCHOOL 1ST IX CRICKET MATCH

The Old Ewellians vs Ewell Castle School 1st IX Cricket Match took place at Ewell Cricket Club, Ruxley Lane on Wednesday 21st June 2017. Despite temperatures over 30 degrees, good spirits and sportsmanship were a plenty and it was an enjoyable afternoon for spectators and players alike. Thank you to those Old Ewellians who braved the temperatures and came out to watch. The Old Ewellian team secured 196 runs and won by 7 runs against the School 1st IX team.



LONDON METAL EXCHANGE TRIP

As part of the Year 12 Economics syllabus, we visited the London Metal Exchange (LME). This was a great opportunity for the students to see supply and demand in action and the impact this has on price levels. The students were joined by our new governor Colin Griffith whom had recently retired from working at LME. The students found the trip really entertaining with a number considering careers in the LME.

Mr M Houlahan



HOUSE MUSIC

The chosen theme for House Music 2017 was the Indie Rock band, The Kaiser Chiefs. With the usual madness, mayhem and energy which seems to permeate this event, the houses were given a 'Top 3' of the band's songs; 'Ruby', 'Every Day I Love You Less and Less', and 'I predict a Riot'. With Raleigh exchanging the word 'Ruby' for 'Raleigh' they had the makings of a successful performance from the off. All three houses had put their best lyricists on to the case and had created some

hilarious alternative lyrics to perform as part of their entries. Our adjudicator Jon Arden, who is currently the Stage Manager of the Apollo Victoria, the home of Wicked - the musical, made specific reference to the great use of inter-house 'smack talk', which kept him very amused. As a proud member of Essex House, coming 3rd was not what I had hoped for, but congratulations must go to Castlemaine for their show-stopping performance.

Mr B Essenhigh



SINGERS AND SCHOLARS CONCERT

As one of the more formal events of the Music calendar, the Singers and Scholars concert on 15th May provided an opportunity for the friends and family of our choristers, soloists and classical chamber ensembles to come together for a drinks and canapes reception followed by an evening of musical theatre, sacred and western classical music. With solo performers ranging from Year 5 to Year 13, there was a wealth of talent on show and it was particularly enjoyable to have the Chapel Choir face their audience and perform A Capella with Stainer's 'God So Loved the World'. Charlie Sumeray delighted guests with his piano performance as they enjoyed their bubbles and canapes and maiden solo performances from Mr Edward's growing crop of singing pupils made for a perfect evening, with the added benefit of the beautiful acoustic provided by our generous hosts, St. Mary's Church, Ewell.

Mr B Essenhigh

ARTS WEEK PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners of the Arts Week Photography Competition!

Overall winner: ALEX CABY

Year 7: Winner: Rakkan Zawawi

Highly Commended: Max Smethurst

Year 8: Winner: Alessandro Chinasamy

Highly Commended: Ben Riddleston

Year 9: Winner: Ben Dunkley

Highly Commended: Victor Songui

Camera Club: Winner: Caleb Poulson

Highly Commended: Alex Caby

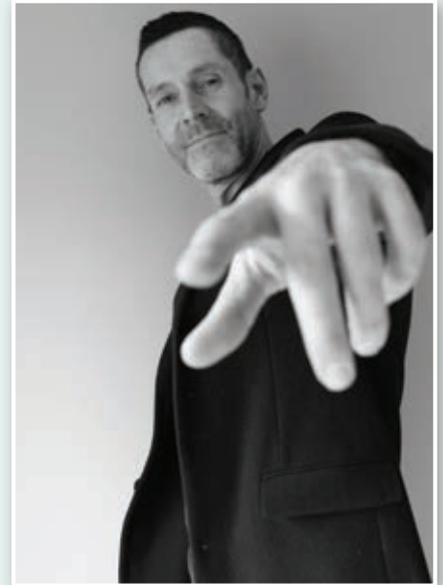
Staff: Winner: Mrs Richards

Highly Commended: Mr Watkinson

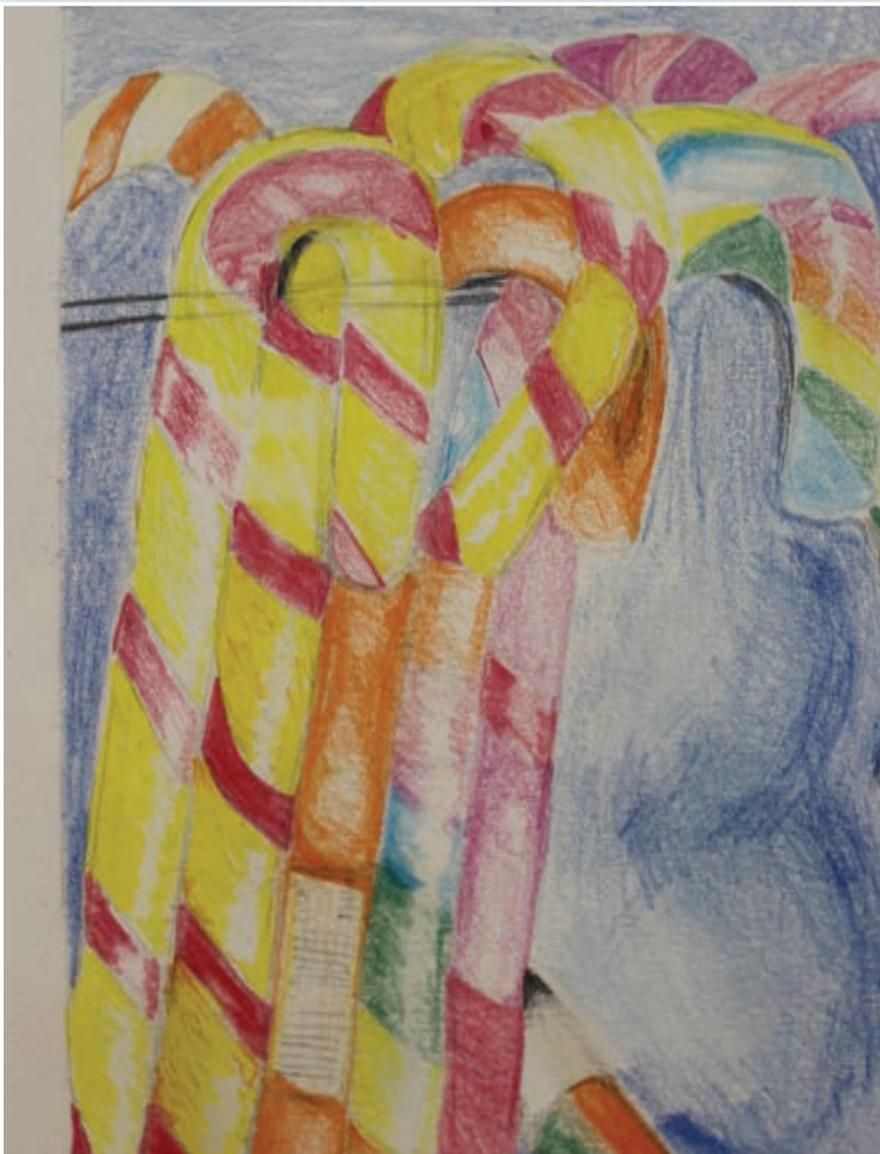
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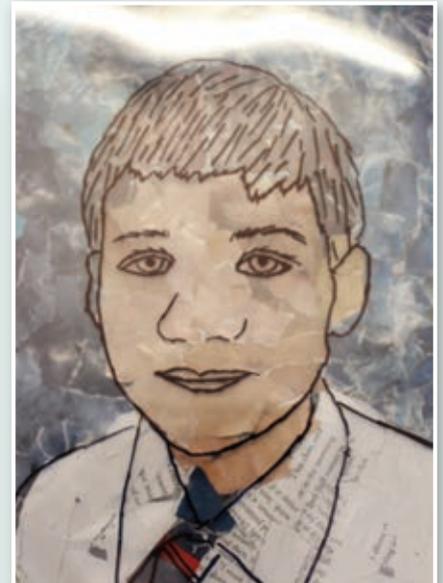
Abi Gunson - Year 9



Tom Buller - Year 6



Kieran Baynes - Year 10



Charlie Holroyd - Year 7



Jonny Palmer - Year 8

SHINE AWARDS

This year, the Sixth Form, under the guidance of Michael S, increased their team to twelve members and managed to produce a stunning magazine entry for the National 'Shine' Awards for emerging journalists. For the second year running, we were shortlisted for one of the categories.

I took four of the editing team up to Stationer's Hall near St Pauls for workshops and the presentation ceremony: Michael S, Margot H, Jack S and Mitchell J. Although very hot and very tense, waiting to see if we had won an award was also very exciting. The Daily Telegraph journalist, Simon Heffer, was presenting the awards and we were not surprised that Michael S was nominated for Most Outstanding Student for the second year in a row. Yet again, he came second but it has made us more determined than ever to try and win a category next year.

It was a wonderful day out and the achievement of this team is not to be underestimated. I want to say a big 'Congratulations' to the whole team and particularly to Michael who

leaves us this year to study English at university. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy in 'The Rook.'

Mrs E McManus



SUMMER FESTIVAL

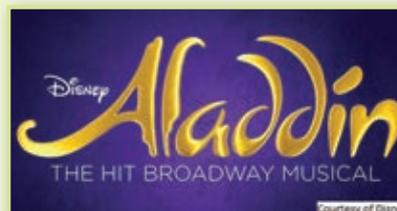
As the Music Department was not on tour this Summer, we invested our time and energies into the Summer Festival on 28th June. Whilst its creation was the brainchild of Mr Bromley, it took support from all of the Heads of Year and the Tutors to get the event scaled-up to the size it became. With a variety of games and stalls in the basin; a main stage with performances throughout the evening from school ensemble, pupil bands and the House Music and Drama groups; a fantastic BBQ provided by Accent Catering; and the PSFA Prosecco tent, it was an evening filled with fun. No event like this is actually successful unless there is someone there to enjoy it and with over 400 guests, there were certainly enough people to make it a proper festival.

Mr B Essenhig

ALADDIN THEATRE TRIP

In June 2017, the Drama Department arranged for pupils in Years 7 and 8 to see Disney's Aladdin at the Prince Edward Theatre. The show is set in the fabled city of Agrabah, which we're told has "more glitz and glamour than any other fictional city in the world", and Bob Crowley's glittering designs live up to that description!

The show was fantastic and did not disappoint; the costumes were beautiful, colourful and twinkled right to the back of the Theatre. Imagine a Christmas panto minus the dame, with a budget of millions and you get some idea of this production. The children particularly enjoyed the "illusion design" that creates a magic carpet that floats through the air with no strings attached. Not



visibly, anyway.

It must also be mentioned that during the trip, two separate members of the public commented on the exceptional behaviour of the Ewell Castle pupils in attendance, well done. An enjoyable afternoon was had by pupils and staff alike; with several pupils still applauding the performance all the way home!

A fantastic way to conclude the academic year, thank you to all involved!

Ms L Jones

SIXTH FORM LEAVERS BALL

*Photo right:
Former and New
Head Boy and Girl*



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

With virtually every pupil in Year 9 signed up for the Bronze Award, the training was always going to be intensive. We spent four days training in the Surrey Hills culminating in a testing two-day expedition. Standards of map reading were high and doubtless everyone will do well in the Final Bronze expedition next term. We are also preparing four Silver groups for their expedition in the New Forest and have signed up the first candidates for the Gold Award in the Sixth Form.

Mr J C Blencowe



PSFA SUMMER BALL

Thank you to everyone who supported the PSFA Summer Ball on Saturday, the views as the sun set from the Derby suite from Epsom race course were absolutely amazing – the Prosecco and wine was flowing, the dance floor was full and the photo booth was buzzing!

Thank you to everyone that donated prizes to our raffle and to everyone who bought a ticket - an amazing £1,000 was raised. Our grand prize was won by Mr and Mrs Speight!

A massive and special thanks goes to Tracy Dale, Jessica Gunson and Katrina Hartman - without their support such an amazing event would not be possible.



A very special thank you also goes to Sue Bide who, after many many years of being on the PSFA committee, leaves Ewell Castle to pastures new - we wish you and your family all the very best - you will be missed!

As another academic year ends, we all hope you have a relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you all at the fireworks event in October!

Emma Mitchell, PSFA Chair

YEAR 8 TRIP TO SPAIN

On Sunday 2nd July most pupils in Year 8 set off for a 4 day cultural experience in Spain. Upon arrival at Malaga airport we were greeted by blue skies and a beautiful sun up in the sky, and the adventure began. On our way to Puerto de Santa Maria we stopped at Ronda, a town built right on the edge of a steep canyon, the 2 sides of which are linked by a truly impressive 18th century stone bridge that rises 120 metres above the canyon floor. After that we continued on to El Puerto the Santa María, and once all settled, we enjoyed a roof-top barbecue and played beach football until the night fell. Monday involved some exploration of the local area, including a guided tour of the bull-ring. We were amazed at how the Moorish and European cultures overlapped and blended in together in buildings such as San Marcos castle, the halls of which preserved big parts of the

mosque it once was. Later on we went to the Sancti-Petri lagoon, where we kayaked, dune-surfed and swam in the beautiful waters of the Bay of Cádiz, surrounded by breathtaking unspoilt nature. On Tuesday we ferried across the bay to Cadiz. We had a typical Spanish breakfast and, from within a room on top of a medieval Watchtower, we had a 360 degree view of the outside world and were even able to zoom in on whatever caught our attention. We then spent an afternoon of water sports, pigeon-chasing and general fun on the beach. Wednesday morning we set off for Seville, where we experienced first-hand the fascinating blend of cultures evident in so many buildings, including the cathedral, where Christopher Columbus is buried. We also went to the top of La Giralda, once a minaret, now the cathedral's bell tower, and we discovered the old Moorish palace known as the Alcázar. This

was truly a great experience for all of us, and we came back with our bags full of memories, wondering what other treasures there are in Spain, just waiting to be discovered.

Mr J March



YEAR 7 TRIP TO PARIS

