



## INTRODUCTION



Well, we are reaching the end of the longest school term and the warm sunny summer days seem to be only a distant memory. It has been a very busy term with many events and highlights to report on.

The new Music Pavilion was officially opened at the end of November by Sampha Sisay, an Old Ewellian and former Captain of Music, who was this year's recipient of the Mercury Music Award. It was delightful to welcome him back to Ewell Castle School and whilst he was with us he even popped into Sixth Form Enrichment to answer questions and sang one of his songs!

A huge amount of sport has been played this term with a record number of fixtures including many 'B' team matches for the younger year groups. The U10/U11 netball team has had a very successful season and next term teams are being entered into the Independent Association of Prep Schools' qualifiers for both netball and swimming. Another key highlight of the term was the 1st XV rugby tour to Gloucestershire.

We have had a variety of trips including several Team Building excursions, a residential to the Battlefields of Northern France and

a trip to the West Coast of America. Chessington Lodge hosted a popular Grandparents' Coffee Morning and we also had a very successful Language's Week across the whole School.

The Performing Arts programme has provided us with some outstanding shows that would certainly challenge West End performances. These included Shakespeare Schools Festival performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing' at Leatherhead Theatre, 'Cocktails and Crooners' Jazz evening, 'Bl Bluebeard' and the 'Christmas Cabaret' as well as the various Carol Concerts/Services and the Early Years Nativity. We now look forward to the musical 'Guys and Dolls' at the Epsom Playhouse during the week beginning 19th March 2018. Tickets are available directly from the Epsom Playhouse box office or via their website.

Inevitably there will be some staff changes at the end of this term. We say goodbye to Mr Williams and Mr Houlahan, thank them both for their contribution to the School and wish them every success for the future. We have welcomed Ms Sarmiento back from maternity leave and thank Miss Tekeste for providing excellent cover. Mr Newton is retiring after 5 years of dedicated support for the DT Department and numerous other aspects of School life, from making props and scenery to assisting the Site Team. We will miss him but wish him a happy and restful retirement. We also say goodbye to Mr Holland who has been the School Bursar for the past 17 years. He is a highly valued member of the Senior Management Team who has kept a steady hand on the finances. We thank him for his many years of outstanding service to the School and wish him a well-deserved

retirement.

We welcome some new staff to the team in January: Mr Galletly as our new Senior Teacher of Physics and Ms Abraham as our new Bursar. A new Head of Economics and Business Studies and DT Technician have also been appointed and details will be announced shortly. Mr D'Souza has decided to step down as joint Head of Sixth Form from the end of this academic year. I'd like to thank him for his hard work and commitment to the Sixth Form over many years and we will be looking to appoint internally for this post in the New Year.

After the huge success of the 2017 Winter Ball we are repeating the event again in the New Year and we still have a few tickets remaining. The Ball will take place on Saturday 13th January 2018 at Glenmore House in Surbiton. Please do book your tickets via ParentPay as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

I would like to thank the PSFA for their continued support for the School and in particular the spectacular Firework Night with the Halloween twist and the superb Christmas Fair which raised a very impressive £3,138. We look forward to a new addition to the programme next term with the introduction of a Curry and Comedy Night on Saturday 3rd March 2018. Please do come as individuals, or arrange a table, and book early to be assured of a ticket. You are also invited to the next Principal's Breakfasts, which are on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 and Wednesday 7th March 2018, to speak to myself, other staff or to meet up with parents.

I hope that you found the Parents Information Evenings that we held at the beginning of the term useful

in giving you more of an insight into the particular issues facing your son or daughter this year. We are keen to build on this and plan to offer parenting courses over the next two terms with further details to follow in the New Year.

Paul Goldstein, an internationally renowned wildlife photographer, will be giving a very entertaining talk illustrated by many of his photographs, on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7pm in the Budgell Hall. He will also be judging a photography competition for pupils and further details are available on the School website.

In the unfortunate event that we experience severe weather conditions next term, we will aim to keep the School open whenever possible. Please check for updates on the situation via Twitter (@EwellCastleUK) or the School website (www.ewellcastle.co.uk).

I would really appreciate your support in avoiding driving up Church Street if at all possible during drop off and pick up times as it has become very congested again. Instead, please drop your son or daughter in one of the car parks in the Village. If it is absolutely necessary to drive into Church Street, please do keep to the voluntary one-way system (i.e. from the Village High Street towards London Road).

I hope all students in Years 11 and 13 will plan their time carefully over the holidays to ensure that they are fully prepared for the mock examinations which commence on the first day of the Spring Term, Thursday 4th January 2018. Next term is also an important time for our Year 9 pupils as they start the GCSE options process; with the Options Evening on Wednesday 10th January 2018. Please also be aware that due to Senior School Activities Week now running from 11th to 15th June 2018, we have moved the Year 10 Parents Evening to Tuesday 19th June 2018.

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

**Mr P Harris, Principal**

## YEAR 7 TEAM BUILDING DAY



## YEAR 9 TEAM BUILDING TRIP



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITIONS

It has been a busy Autumn for Duke of Edinburgh. The Silver candidates travelled to the New Forest where they took part in a three day expedition with wild camping. All the groups passed by a wide margin and there were no noticeable errors in map reading, camp-craft or general organisation. Clearly we are training them well and they are getting it right.

Not to be outdone, the Bronze expedition, which took place on the following weekend in the Surrey Hills, was also a resounding success. The route is actually tougher and longer per day than Silver, although it only

lasts two days. The fastest group broke the course record on both days despite the hilly terrain. Leith Hill, Ranmore and finally Boxhill is quite a challenge with a pack. Plenty of grit was shown, and those whose map reading was found wanting dug deep and found the extra determination needed to complete the course.

We are currently planning the first Ewell Castle Gold expedition for next year. As ever all candidates are encouraged to get their skills, service and physical units finished.

**Mr J C Blencowe**



## DT TRIP TO THE LONDON DESIGN FESTIVAL

The annual London Design Festival is held to “celebrate and promote London as a design capital of the world and as the gateway to the international creative community”, and with the V&A Museum acting as the ‘festival hub’ this year, there was an excellent opportunity to provide the Year 12 & Year 13 Product Designers with real and tangible links to ‘real world’ industrial design. Alongside stimulus for their A Level Controlled Assessments, the students were fortunate to take in the fantastic ‘Plywood: Material of the Modern World’ exhibition, of which has been featured on BBC Radio 4, The Guardian, The Architects’ Journal, CNN International amongst others. In parallel to the London Design Festival, the V&A offered students inspiration on architecture, materials and form & function associated with various design movements. A stimulating day!

**Mr S Getty**

## SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 8th November, Senior School pupils from Years 10,11 and the 6th Form took part in the national Shakespeare Schools Festival. The 14-strong cast of Senior pupils performed a 30 minute version of the Bard’s comedy, Much Ado About Nothing at the Leatherhead Theatre, to rave reviews. Charlie S and Lily W took on the leading roles of Beatrice and Benedick, providing a quick exchange of wits as the backdrop for betrayal, love, confusion and villainy. The festival’s director praised our actors for their ‘mastery’ of the Shakespearean dialogue, as well as their



commitment to the characters and impeccable comic timing. A truly impressive production was created in just four weeks, supported by impeccable sound and lighting effects run by our Sixth Formers from the theatre’s professional technical desks. Well done to all involved, this was an entertaining and polished production.

**Ms P Butterworth**



## Y8 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO KEW GARDENS



On Thursday 5th October, the Geography Department took Year 8 to Kew Gardens. The purpose was to support the topic they were studying at the time 'Fantastic Places' which looked at the World's ecosystems. The year was split into two different groups who visited locations around the Gardens at different times. The highlight was the Glasshouse where students got to experience what it feels like to be in a Tropical Rainforest. They looked at the soil and walked underneath the canopy looking at all the different plants which grow in the Rainforest as well as climbing up to the top of the Glasshouse to look at the Rainforest from above. Finally, some of the Year went to The Hive – an interactive beehive which converts the bees movements into light and sound, the other group went on the Tree Top Walk which enabled them to look at our native forest area from above.

**Mrs R Owen**

### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council met in October to discuss the first 6 weeks of the new academic year. Positive suggestions and feedback surrounding the School's clubs, catering, maintenance, amongst other topics, were all discussed by students across all year groups. Minutes from the meeting can be found on the Student Council noticeboard.

**Mr S Getty**

## WEALD AND DOWNLAND MUSEUM TRIP

The Year 7s visited the Weald and Downland Museum for a very pleasant day studying buildings and life in the past. Especially interesting was the working water mill - a superb example of technology.

**Mr J C Blencowe**



## Y13 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO DORSET

From Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th October the Year 13 Geographers accompanied by Mrs Owen and Mr Nugteren went to Dorset to conduct their compulsory fieldwork element of the course. After a rainy drive down to the South Coast, the weather thankfully cleared up so that we could walk along the River Piddle to test the speed and depth at different points along it. Most students loved being able to put on waders and walk in the river using various pieces of equipment. Thursday was a full day where we tested the effects of coastal

erosion in Swanage as well as how the local council manages this to help support tourism. In the afternoon, we went to Studland to look at how different people use the sand dunes and beaches there. On Friday morning, before our journey home we went to a local farm which has diversified into an adventure farm; we got to see all the different activities that the farm had to offer as well as having a talk from the farmer about his plans to develop his business. After all the hard work, the group got a chance to use some of the farm's facilities.

**Mrs R Owen**



## YEAR 12 TRIP TO THE LIGHTBOX GALLERY

On Thursday 19th October the Year 12 A Level Art and Photography students travelled to Woking Lightbox Gallery to view the exhibitions "Face to Face" by Sean Henry and "Photographic Open."

On the way to the gallery we followed the sculpture trail of Woking born artist Henry who creates figurative human sculptures of varying scales with a focus on vulnerability. He creates sculptures of people doing the simple things in life; looking, thinking and sleeping and his artwork is displayed all over the world.

The photographers were then able to practise the techniques they had learnt within an urban environment whilst the artists sketched in the gallery. We also saw the various sculptures about HG Wells and the relationship between Woking and his book "War of the Worlds."

Thank you to Miss Donoghue and the students for their enthusiasm and engagement.

**Mrs E Shepherd**



## GIRLS RUGBY MASTERCLASS

Great afternoon on the 19th October as Saracens Women and England Rugby player Poppy Cleall

passed on plenty of tips to our budding Year 7 and Year 8 girls rugby players.



## WEST COAST OF AMERICA TRIP

The West Coast of America trip began on a Friday at 2:00am, at least for me. We were to meet up at 3:30am for a 6:30am flight. Having been waiting for this magnificent experience for nigh on 10 months, we were all excited and ready. Our flight was on KLM, the Royal Dutch airline. We had a short flight, to our stopover in Amsterdam and after a few hours we were off to San Francisco Airport.

We landed in San Francisco airport in the afternoon and took the coach to our first hotel, the Comfort Inn by the Bay. On our way there we glimpsed some of the attractions of SF city including the Golden Gate Bridge. After we had settled into our hotel and unpacked, we were taken to the Fishermans Wharf by the water. We were allowed to roam the area and get food. We then visited Pier 39 and the sea lions that dwelled there. Our first night was over.

We woke up at 7:30am the next morning to eat breakfast at the hotel. We then started our journey towards Alcatraz. We began walking, or rather climbing the very steep hills that present themselves in San Francisco. We had the opportunity to visit the crooked road on Lombard Road before Alcatraz. We then walked to the Alcatraz Landing at Pier 33

for a 10:30am ferry. We had a great opportunity for photos on the ferry as we saw the Golden Gate Bridge and a view of San Francisco. Alcatraz itself was a great experience of a place with a great history, going from a Civil War Fort to a maximum security prison to a National Park. We then had lunch on Pier 39 and began the start of our long coach trip. We travelled to The Comfort Inn at Bishop, Yosemite area and ate Taco Bell there after checking in.

In the morning we travelled to the Yosemite Visitors Centre after eating breakfast. Yosemite National Park is a massive place, we spent about an hour just navigating through the idyllic scenery of woods of Yosemite before reaching the Visitors Centre. On the way there we stopped at a view point, there we all stopped and took in the beauty of the park. We saw the rock faces and formations in beautiful light which was mind blowing for us. After our amazement faltered we returned to the coach to see more of Yosemite. At the centre we took a shuttle towards Mirror Lake and began our trek to visit the lake. It was about a mile to the lake, where anytime we gazed up we were greeted by the cliffs at the top such as El Capitan. We reached Mirror Lake, which unfortunately due to the *(continued...)*

droughts that have plagued California, had little water. Nonetheless, we saw some of the Lake in its beauty and some members of our party dipped into the water while the rest of us grazed in the sand. We relaxed in that beautiful area for about an hour before returning back to our shuttle stop. We then ate at the centre and started on our next journey to the Vagabond Inn in the Death Valley area. We had a meal from Denny's before retiring for the evening.

In the morning we had breakfast at the hotel before embarking on our busiest day of the trip. We visited Death Valley National Park, the hottest place in America with temperatures soaring higher than 100°F. There we visited the desert stretch within and disembarked our coach to frolic on the sand dunes. The next stop on this busy day was Las Vegas. There we spent our evening traversing the strip. We saw some of the best parts of Las Vegas including New York New York, Caesars Palace, the water show outside the Bellagio and a rollercoaster with a stunning view of the city. We spent the night at the Mardi Gras Inn and Casino, the casino consisted of a few dimly lit coin operated machines where Mr Manley won the jackpot of \$0.05.

The next day began with a very long journey to Tusayan, Grand Canyon area. After checking in at the hotel we visited the Southern rim of the Grand Canyon for a sunset view. The view was breathtaking. We returned to Tusayan for a meal, with some taking the opportunity of a starter meal of authentic rattlesnake at a nearby steakhouse.

The next day about half of the group went for an optional helicopter tour over the Grand Canyon. The helicopter took off from the small

airport nearby and lasted for 30 minutes. The helicopter presented a great view of the area while flying from the southern rim of the Canyon to the Northern part. During this experience the remaining members of the group were afforded a lie in at the hotel. Later in the day the whole group reconvened and toured the southern rim of the Canyon before departing for a journey to Phoenix, Arizona for the night.

The next day we departed Phoenix, very willingly as Phoenix is the hottest city in America, for some of the participants' favourite part of the trip, the Desert Hills Outlet Mall in Palm Springs. We spent 3 hours there in which we toured the massive outdoor outlets in groups making mostly unneeded purchases. Some bought clothes, some bought speakers or headphones, some, like me, purchased two massive stuffed animals which surprisingly fit in my suitcases for my siblings. The outlet malls were a great experience in the trip as it delved into evidence of America's consumerism and their infatuation with cheaper items. After a nice afternoon of shopping we embarked on the last major coach ride of the trip and said bye to our coach driver Alex, who had been with us since the 2nd day of the trip. He took us to the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel in Los Angeles before leaving, there we spent the night.

The next day we visited the Universal Studios in Hollywood and we all had an amazing time. We experienced many new things there such as shows performed in water and shows that highlighted the performances of special effects in movies. I, and many others, went out of our comfort zones by visiting rides such as The Mummy and Jurassic Park which were high

speed and had devastating drops. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and we had the opportunity to go on a studio tour of Universal Studios where we relived history such as the lake from Jaws and Wisteria Lane from Desperate Housewives. All in all this day was very good and was made better by us all visiting the pool and accompanying hot tub later on. We again stayed at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel, which was the only time we spent more than one night in the same hotel.

The last day was a sad one for us as we knew our tour of Los Angeles city would end in us being whisked off to the airport. In the morning after breakfast we met our tour guide for the day, James, who was also a British person. He showed us the Griffith Observatory with a view of the Hollywood sign. After that we visited the iconic Hollywood Boulevard and had the opportunity to visit Grouman's Chinese Theatre. This was where Sid Grouman started his tradition of film stars immortalising their hand and foot prints in concrete in front of his theatre. We also saw Disney's El Capitan Theatre, Jimmy Kimmel's studio, the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Muhammad Ali's star. After we did this we saw Beverley Hills and then the Santa Monica Pier. Sadly this was the end of our LA tour and our trip. We were then taken to LAX airport where we boarded a trip to Amsterdam. After this long flight we were given a stopover in Amsterdam before carrying on to the UK and formally ending our West Coast USA trip.

During this trip we experienced amazing places, which most of us had not seen before. I was very lucky to have attended this trip and to see all that I have seen. My personal favourite of the trip was Yosemite National Park, specifically the first view point we saw. I am very grateful to the staff involved with the trip and would love to attend any trips in the future with a similar setting.

**Zakaria D**



## AUTUMN TERM SPORT RESULTS

### Rugby Union - Boys

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
17	63	24	2	37	38%

### Rugby Union - Girls

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
2	7	3	1	3	42%

### Match Reports

#### Ewell Castle School Boys-U15A vs Richard Challoner School

**On: Monday, 09 Oct 17**

**Venue: at Home**

A more focussed warm-up and drills session pre-match meant that the U15 team were both physically and mentally prepared for the challenge of Richard Challoner in the first round of the National Bowl. The team conceded two tries in the first ten minutes, as they struggled to cope with the big strike runners of the Challoner pack, but soon found their feet with a Dodson try, in the corner, following some excellent phases of passing. Scrappy play in the midfield gave rise to a turnover which was pounced upon by Mofidi for a try, cleanly converted by Trimmings, close to the half. The opening of the second half saw no score for ten minutes as the Challoner pack were held-up at the try line, with excellent

defensive commitment by the U15 keeping them out. Eventually the onslaught realised a try but had tired the Challoner pack in the process. As any coach would love to see, the response was immediate and a fine chase from the kick-off forced an error which resulted in a Trimmings try in the corner. The U15s were on a roll and another try soon followed from a Dodson breakaway, including a disciplined run to under the posts, making the conversion easier for Trimmings. A final try for the U15s was scored by Park following another Challoner error and was, again, converted by Trimmings. A final try of the game went to Challoner, who certainly deserved it, following a raft of penalties due to poor discipline by the U15's defensive line. Although unmentioned as yet, Man of the Match went to Theo B, following two one-on-one try-saving tackles, on the wing, which would have given Challoner the game.

Thanks must go to Oliver C, who refereed the match brilliantly, allowing fluid play to continue as much as possible.

**Mr B Essenhigh**

#### Ewell Castle School 1st XV vs King's College School (KCS), Wimbledon Boys-U18C

**On: Wednesday, 04 Oct 17**

**Venue: Away**

A much improved start to the match saw an enthused Ewell team take an early lead. Marked improvements in our defensive line speed as well as commitment to the breakdown allowed Ewell to dominate the contact area. After taking a 17-0 lead Ewell started to tire and Wimbledon started to capitalise on lazy defending on the blind side. After ½ time Ewell showed great resilience to hold off multiple attacks and finish the game in complete control.

**Mr G Coogan**

#### Ewell Castle School Girls-U13A vs Sutton and Epsom RFC

**On: Wednesday, 20 Sep 17**

**Venue: Away**

Wednesday evening was a fantastic night of rugby for the U13 girls Rugby Squad. Sutton and Epsom RFC U13 girls' team hosted Ewell Castle, putting on a fantastic evening of Rugby. The session was attended by 19 Ewell Castle girls who thoroughly enjoyed the session. We look forward to playing a full fixture against Sutton and Epsom this Saturday.

**Mrs J Jones**



## Hockey - Girls

Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage Win
1	5	4	0	1	80%

### Match Reports

#### Ewell Castle School 1st XI vs Reed's School Girls-U18B

**On: Wednesday, 20 Sep 17**

**Venue: Away**

On Wednesday the 20th September the senior girls hockey team travelled away to play Reeds 2nd team in their first game of the season. The team were certainly apprehensive going into the game but once the whistle went they played well together and got off to a very promising start. Though

Reeds applied a lot of pressure going into half time Ewell's defence stood firm and showed a solid and passionate fight to keep the game to 0.0. In the last couple of minutes of the first half, Eloise Ballard drove hard down the base line and slid the ball into the bottom corner, making the score 1-0 to Ewell. Though Reeds created a number of chances in the second half Ewell matched their opposition, earning two short corners and forcing their goalkeeper into a number of saves.

With phenomenal effort and work rate from all the girls Ewell won the game 1.0, a brilliant way to start the season. Woman of the match went to Beverly N who worked tirelessly throughout the entire game, showing endless enthusiasm. Very well done to all the girls who took part. On the 27th September, the team take on St Theresa's and Freemans in a triangular tournament.

**Ms L Wilkinson**



#### Ewell Castle School 1st XI vs St Teresa's Effingham

**On: Wednesday, 27 Sep 17**

**Venue: Away**

On Wednesday the 27th of September Ewell Castle 1st hockey team competed in a hockey tournament at St Teresa's School. The tournament consisted of 3 games against the hosts and two CLFS teams. We got the contest underway with a 1 all draw against Freeman's 3rd team, after going one nil down early on, Ewell produced a spirited fight back, which produced an equaliser. Unfortunately, we were unable to find a winner. In the second game against St Teresa's we showed the same fighting spirit, which resulted in a comfortable 3-1 win, which included a lovely goal by Margot H. Unfortunately, in the 3rd game due to lack of fitness levels at the start of the hockey season and perhaps a lack of concentration, Ewell were unable to keep up their momentum and went down 2-0. Player of the tournament went to Eloise W, who stepped up well to play as a forward when she is usually a defender. Overall the team performed to a good standard for the second week of fixtures and hopefully can continue to improve throughout the season.

**Ms L Wilkinson**



## RUGBY TOUR TO RENDCOMB



After a shaky start to the tour, we arrived at Rendcomb College at around 13.30 for a Captain's Run Out in preparation for the Tournament on the following day. We then retired back to the Hotel, for a Hydro Session, followed by some pre-game-day nutritional loading.

The following morning, despite some bolshie attempts to have breakfast beyond our leaving time, we arrived in good time at Rendomb for some strong preparation for the Tournament.

The first game was quite a surprise as they were only 10 minutes long, and Ewell Castle didn't start too strongly, not seeing much of the ball for a large portion of the game.

The second game saw some much needed improvement and better defensive line, resulting in no points

for the opposition. However, Ewell Castle still didn't see much of the ball and also failed to score giving us 1 point after 2 games. The final game was the best game that we played, taking 8 points during the 10 minutes and retaining possession for a large portion of the match, resulting in a comfortable 8-0 win.

Other results went in our favour and we progressed into the top half of the knockout competition. Unfortunately, the morning seemed to have stretched the team too far and the performances deteriorated during these final games, resulting in a 4th place finish out of 8. It was frustrating to not compete at the level which Ewell Castle have shown they are capable of in the past. Overall, a successful, competitive and enjoyable tour for Ewell Castle School.

**Mr P Edwards**



## TRIP TO THE SOMME

The Year 9 travelled on a two day trip to the Somme to study the battlefields of the First World War. This was a fantastic trip made even more memorable by the thoughtful insight shown by the boys as they grappled with this difficult emotive topic.

**Mr J C Blencowe**



## SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS

### Merit Senior Kangaroo

Will Hadley

### Silver Award

Will Hadley

Jaehong Nam

Margot Hiza

Matthew Smith

Faaris Sheikh

Alex Rose

Nathan Simmons

Luca Battista

Jason Liu

### Bronze Award

Leo Gamble

Ali Springer

Fateh Khan

Thomas Gerlach

Charlie Sumeray

Hyechan Jung

Arantxa Flores-Gonzaga

Toby Wright

Alex Fahim

Olivia Snadden-Ridout

## HISTORY TRIP TO A- LEVEL CONFERENCE

The Year 13 Historians travelled to Central London for a series of well presented lectures on the early Tudor period. This will be invaluable in their preparation for the summer exams.

**Mr J C Blencowe**

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Remembrance, as always, was an event that gathered the whole School together to reflect and be grateful for the peace we so often take for granted. Both Mealor's Wherever You Are and Whitacre's Seal Lullaby as reflective items from

our choirs and poems and readings from pupils from Year 6 to Year 13 allowed us a valuable chance to pause amidst the busyness of the second half of the Winter Term.

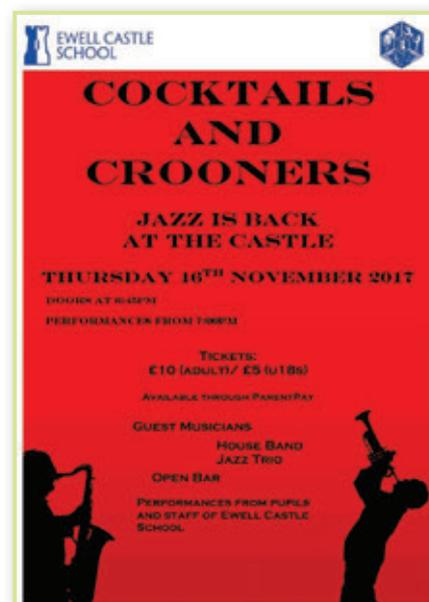
**Mr T Fairhead**



## COCKTAILS AND CROONERS

On 16th November 2017, the "Cocktails and Crooners" Jazz concert echoed through the Castle as students and teachers donned their brogues and sequin dresses to bring back the age of Swing. Items included Jazz classics from Fly Me To The Moon, sung by Jago B, and Somewhere Over The Rainbow, by Belle S, to comedic-driven performances such as Makin' Whoopie, by Mrs C Hoddell, and Putting On The Ritz, performed by Naym A. There was even a dance routine from Chicago from the Performing Arts Academy students! We had a fantastic live band, comprising Mr Edwards (our vocal teacher) on the piano, Mr Essenhigh on drums and our new Deputy Head Mr Hepworth on the double bass. Joining them, Edward S showed skill on the trumpet and Finch B performed with great confidence on the trombone.

The camaraderie shown by the students and teachers alike gave the night's atmosphere a very welcoming and relaxed environment, which complemented the ecstatic energy of the musicians and performers on-



stage. The audience were fixated on the show in front of them.

With such talent on display it was no wonder the evening was such a success, leaving the audience wanting more. Luckily, they should be able to buy a CD with all the different performances by March 2018! Hopefully this isn't the last Jazz night we see from the Music Department...

**Alex W**

## PSFA

WOW! – it has been an amazing Autumn Term for the PSFA! A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has organised, volunteered and supported our many events during this very busy term. The fireworks in October were absolutely spectacular, one of the best displays yet and once again the event sold out a week beforehand. There was a great community buzz to our inaugural Christmas Shopping Event in November – the prosecco was flowing and both shoppers and stall holders alike enjoyed the evening which was open to all – definitely one to be added to the calendar going forward! More recently on Friday 1st December we held our Christmas Fair, where we set a new record with running over 25 stalls and activities for the children, this however was only possible by the dedication of the pre-prep / prep school parents, teachers and the fantastic 50 volunteers from all years of the Senior School.

We also took the opportunity to canvas Years 7 and 8 pupils to see what events they would be interested in and we are very pleased to announce that on the evening of Friday 19th January we will be having our first Years 7 and 8 School Disco! A professional DJ has been secured and there will be a tuckshop, soft drinks and popcorn available.

We are always keen to strike the balance between organising community events for all as well as raising money for those special things – thanks to everyone's generosity and support we have raised a record breaking £6,360 this term alone! We will be spending some of this money on the Senior School; the School's Council has asked for two additional table tennis tables as they have proven so popular with all years, and in the last week of term both the Pre-Prep and Prep schools each enjoyed an Entertainer who amazed them with lots of Christmas magic. We are also shaping the requirements with Ms Bradshaw and Mr Harris for an outdoor learning space at Glyn House.

A special thanks goes to our PSFA



Committee – a great team - for their dedication and support throughout the term – Clare Alford, Clodagh Brown, Tracy Dale, Jessica Gunson, Katrina Hartman, Esther McLenaghan and Lisa Salmon who work tirelessly, volunteering their time to organise events, to ensure everything runs perfectly. I would also like to personally thank Mrs Moran and Mrs Jayasena who over the past 5+ years have organised the 'New to you' clothing sales – with their children in Year 11 it is now time to hand the baton over – thank you both!

Finally, we would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

As we look forward to 2018, a couple of forthcoming dates for your diary:

19th January – Years 7 and 8 School Disco, friends welcome, tickets available NOW on ParentPay

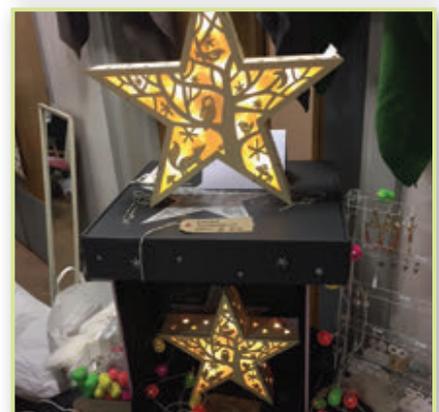
19th January – registration closes for the PSFA 100, tickets still available on ParentPay

3rd March - Comedy and Curry Night, all welcome

March – Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

1st July – Summer Ball in the Castle grounds

**Emma Mitchell, PSFA Chair**



## ARTISTS OF THE TERM



James Hennings - Year 7



Daniel Turner - Year 9



Connor Chappell - Year 9



Mohammad Masood - Year 7



Maya Boneva - Year 8



William Smith - Year 12

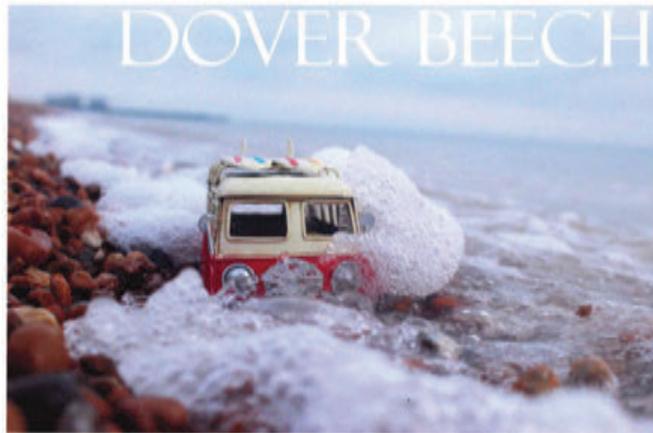
## ARTISTS OF THE TERM



Jack Dempsey - Year 9



Axyl Hawksley - Year 8



Toby Doyle - Year 13



Caleb Poulson - Year 10



Max Everest - Year 11



James Bullen - Year 12



Gabriella Ebbs - Year 13

## BL BL BLUEBEARD - A COMIC GOTHIC HORROR FAIRY STORY! – YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

Having disposed of wife number five Bluebeard decides that Boulotte, the local May Queen will be his next wife, little knowing what he has let himself in for! Presenting his new wife at the court of King Bobeche and Queen Hortensia he spies their daughter Princess Marie and immediately decides that she shall be wife number seven.

Eventually everything is neatly resolved in a way that shatters the Bluebeard myth in its entirety.



**BL BL Bluebeard**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
 7.00pm Castle Hall Tickets: £8  
 Lower School Production

## CHARITABLE WORKS

This has been a very busy term for the Charitable Works Committee by raising funds for The Sunnybank Trust. We started a new way of doing Cake Sales by different stages of competition. Heat one saw 11RMO and 11KEH battle it out to see who made the most. 11RMO took an impressive £85.60 whilst 11KEH sadly lost that heat by raising £47.50. As well as this we collected at the Christmas Cabaret, raising phenomenal amounts which were donated directly to the Shelter charity, this is something that was done last Christmas and was greatly appreciated by everyone at Shelter.

We were invited to The Children's Trust in November for their School's Recognition Day to thank us for the work we have done; providing a number of free tickets for our School musical at Epsom Playhouse, raising money, collecting Easter Eggs for their annual Easter Egg Hunt and performing at The Surrey Schools Concert.



Two years ago Lauren Chan in the Sixth Form started a brand new initiative at Ewell Castle, this year it returned. This idea was to partner us with the local Epsom and Ewell Foodbank. The aim is to support the local community by giving donations at least once every term; this started again on Wednesday 13th December where we had a Mufti Day where we gave food donations instead of a monetary donation. This is a great way for us to appreciate the local community and give something back. It has also been great to see so many new faces from all different years at

the Charitable Works Committee meetings this term, from which some fantastic ideas have been raised for next term including toilet twinning with Zimbabwe. Watch this space for further information.

We would like to thank you for all your generous support and donations this term and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Patrick A – Senior Member of The Charitable Works Committee**

## FISHBOURNE ROMAN VILLA

The Years 10 and 11 went to Fishbourne Roman Villa near Chichester where they looked at artefacts from Roman times and also did some work on the Roman Army.

**Mr J C Blencowe**



## MAKING BREAD AT COOKERY CLUB



## SAMPHA OFFICIALLY OPENS THE EWELL CASTLE SCHOOL MUSIC PAVILION

On Friday 24th November 2017, former pupil and musician Sampha Sisay returned to Ewell Castle School ten years after leaving, to officially open the Music Pavilion.

Sampha who has worked with Drake, Jesse Ware and Solange to name but a few had already achieved critical acclaim. With the release of his debut album 'Process' earlier this year, he finally received national media recognition and commercial success when he was awarded the 2017 Mercury Music Prize, beating Ed Sheeran and Stormzy.

From the moment Sampha arrived for the official ceremony, he was surrounded by pupils who wanted the opportunity to meet and talk to him as well as to ask him for his autograph. Sampha was polite, gracious and friendly, just the same as he had been when he was a pupil here and after conducting his official duties to formally open the Music Pavilion which included cutting a

'ceremonial' ribbon and making a short speech, he was shown around the facilities, taking a particularly keen interest in the state-of-the-art recording studio.

Before departing, he popped into Sixth Form Enrichment, speaking

to the entire Sixth Form body, answering many of their questions about how he had started out in the music industry and what tips he had for anyone wanting a career in music and the performing arts. His advice was to 'work hard' and to 'never give up on your dream.'



Wednesday 6th December 2017 - 7:00pm

A celebration of Christmas at Bourne Hall