



INTRODUCTION



My last term as Principal of Ewell Castle School has flown by, indeed I cannot believe where the past 5 years have gone. It has been a very exciting and rewarding time with many developments and much progress made, not least the extension of co-education throughout the School and the building of the new Music Pavilion. I will take many happy memories and experiences with me and look forward to observing the next chapter of the School's life under the direction of the new Principal, Mr Edmonds, who will start in January.

Like all terms, this autumn has been extremely busy and I would like to share some highlights.

The Sports Department have continued to extend the fixture list with matches nearly every week for both boys and girls and with some 'B', 'C' and 'D' team matches for several year groups as well. We also had our first netball tour for Years 7, 8 and 9 to East Sussex. Some excellent trips have run including the various team building events in the Senior School and activity days in the Prep School, a number of theatre trips, the Year 9 battlefields trip to the Somme, the Year 11 and

13 Geography field trip to Swanage and both the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. We also visited Kew Gardens, a V & A workshop and Fishbourne Roman Palace.

Languages Day took place in September with a number of events including the excellent Spanish Tapas café in the Prep School. We competed in the Maths Challenge competition with the Senior School coming third out of twenty teams. This is the highest score that we have achieved in this competition and is a superb result. Chessington Lodge hosted an enjoyable Grandparents' Coffee Morning.

The Performing Arts Department has been very active with a range of fantastic events including the Royal British Legion Concert in Bourne Hall, the 'We'll Meet Again' wartime concert commemorating 100 years since the end of World War I, Shakespeare in Hollywood and the Christmas Cabaret. We continue to be entertained by a range of different performances at 'Lunchtime Live' every Thursday. We look forward to the 'Little Shop of Horrors' musical at the Epsom Playhouse on 27th and 28th February 2019. Tickets are available directly from Epsom Playhouse or via their website.

The Prep School celebrated their Harvest Service in St Mary's Church in October and we came together as a whole school in the same venue for a very moving Remembrance Service. We enjoyed the delightful Early Years Nativity Play and the Prep and Senior School Carol Services.

Inevitably there will be a small

number of staff changes. Mr Hungsraz is leaving at the end of term to move to a school in Singapore and Mrs Narayanan will be the new Head of Science from January. Mr Coupland will return to Ewell Castle School to be our temporary teacher of Physics for the remainder of the academic year. In the New Year, Mrs Fullbrook will be commencing maternity leave and Miss Lloyd will be taking on her responsibilities and Year 3 class. Mrs McGrath has recently taken over the role of Marketing and Admissions Assistant and Mrs Bogie will be the new School Administrator. We will also be welcoming Mr Milowicki and Mr Payne who are joining the Site Team.

I would like to thank the PSFA for their continued support for the School and in particular the spectacular Firework Night in October which continues to grow each year and had even more stalls. They also hosted the Christmas Shopping event and the superb Christmas Fair. We are very grateful for the new School minibus that has been supported by the PSFA and is already in regular use. Following the success of the Curry and Comedy Night last year, and in response to the informal show of hands at the various information evenings earlier in the term, this will return in March (exact date to be confirmed). Please do come as individuals, or arrange a table, and book early through ParentPay to be assured of a ticket.

I am sure that you are all keen to meet Mr Edmonds and we have planned some 'Meet the New Principal' events in January in addition to the Principal's Breakfast, which is on Thursday 24th January

2019 in the Budgell Hall at the Senior School. Please see additional letter from Mr Leigh or Ms Bradshaw with further details.

In the unfortunate event that we experience severe weather conditions next term, we will still aim to keep the School open where possible and will communicate any information to you via Twitter, the

website and email. Work will be available for Senior School pupils on Show My Homework.

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 3rd January 2019.

I have had a very happy and fulfilling time as Principal of Ewell Castle School and would like to thank you all for your support as parents, pupils and staff. I wish everyone a very enjoyable Christmas break and a successful future beyond.

Mr P Harris, Principal

Y7 TEAMBUILDING TRIP TO WILDWOOD AND LASER QUEST

On Friday 14th of September Year 7 went on a teambuilding trip.

We took the coach from School, in the morning, to wildwood. It didn't take long and the journey was smooth. When we arrived there, we got coloured wristbands showing what time we were going up. We had much fun climbing around with newly made friends. Even the teachers joined in! There were two courses, both very fun, one slightly harder than the other. Chatting and laughing with new people really bonded us which we think is very important, that's how all of us made friends. Afterwards we had lunch in the picnic area.

Once we had finished, we set off again on the coach to laser quest in The Big Apple. We were in random teams which was a good idea to make us more exposed to people other than ready made friends. We all played two games and since there were too many of us the two forms not playing at the time got the chance to play in the arcade. We loved shooting, hiding and winning!

Overall we thoroughly enjoyed the experience and making so many new friends. It was really fun and we look forward to the Year 8 trip.

Niki Hartman and Alisa Borisova



YEAR 9 BUSHCRAFT TRIP

As we returned to Castle life in September, Year 9 headed out into the forest of the Hatfield Estate on the annual Bushcraft trip. This was a Bear Grylls style outdoor experience, with the students learning how to light and maintain fires; use knives safely; whittle their own wooden tent pegs and the principles behind camouflage. The whole year group attended, sleeping either in yurt-style tents or in shelters they built themselves using materials from the surrounding forest.

We cooked over campfires, made our own pizzas in stone pizza ovens, played spooky night-time games of 'Hunter' and even developed a forest band with a very unique sound! This was a great start to the year and a wonderful way to welcome our new Year 9 students into the Castle family. Thank you to the staff who attended, sat around the fire and ate a lot of food, as well as to the fabulous Bushcraft Company staff who ran such fun activities. Year 8 you're in for a treat when you get to go next September!

Miss P Butterworth



SIXTH FORM TEAM BUILDING DAY

On September 13th our new Sixth Formers joined the Year 13s for a team building day at sunny Blackland Farm (Sussex). Small groups of Year 12s and 13s worked together to complete physical and mental challenges; and were pushed out of their comfort zone with tasks such as abseiling and high ropes. The resulting atmosphere on the coach home was one of unity, cohesion (and tiredness). A great day with equally great results within the new Sixth Form Year Group.

Mr S Getty



DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITIONS

In the first month of term there were two assessed expeditions.

The Silver candidates travelled by train to the New Forest for a challenging three days. The weather closed in and the first night was very wet. This tested their administration, resolve and cheerfulness. It took all the efforts of the leaders to motivate their groups and get everyone going in the morning. It was these adverse conditions that brought out the qualities of leadership and determination that we are looking for. The weather perked up at midday and the groups got into their stride. They camped in drier conditions on the second night. The third day was well handled and all the groups finished in good order. Well done everyone.

Not to be outdone, the Bronze candidates went to the Surrey Hills on the following weekend. Every pupil in Year 10 was registered for the award - a remarkable achievement for a voluntary scheme. They were fully prepared with a weeks' training in the summer. Doubtless many had learnt from their map reading errors. On a day to day basis the Bronze is tougher than the Silver - the daily distances are longer and the New Forest is flatter than the Surrey Hills. The weather was much kinder as the groups powered on making remarkably few map reading errors. All the groups finished showing commendable



determination and teamwork. The longest distance walked was a shade under 32 miles. It was great to see nearly everyone in School on Monday morning even if a couple did doze off in my Classics lesson.

We are in the close season for expeditions and candidates are encouraged to get on with their other activities and ensure their assessors reports are written. I will shortly be announcing the date of a presentation for Year 9 students and parents to launch the next Bronze intake. I look forward to seeing people there.

Mr J C W Blencowe



SIXTH FORM TRIP TO SWANAGE

After a longer than usual journey down to Swanage, we all welcomed the opportunity to stretch our legs and walk up the headland. From there we used our sketching skills to identify key features of the Swanage coast linking it to the topics Year 13 and 11 had studied in the previous year.

That evening students used their time to gather information ready for investigating the effects and management of coastal erosion along the Dorset coast.

Tuesday was the day where the Year 13s had to collect their data for their NEA and were ably assisted by Year 11; they crossed over sand dunes, sampled soils and tested PH values as well as measuring sand accumulation along groynes and sea walls, all ready to put into graphs on their return to School. The following day, we headed down to the River Piddle where Year 13 then assisted Year 11 in collecting data to see how a river changes as it moves down





stream. Everyone enjoyed that day as they got a chance to wade in and have fun in the water.

Our penultimate day was spent looking at coastal features such as Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door where students got to see first-hand how the power of the waves can change a landscape.

Sadly our final day came and we spent the morning at Putlake Farm talking to the farmer about how he has diversified the old dairy farm into an Adventure Farm. We then had some free time to look at all the animals and play on the soft play equipment!

All in all a very action packed week in which many student had light blub moments, the favourite being 'I finally get how coastal erosion works!'. I would like to thank all the students who worked so hard all week and a particular mention to Miss Maskell and Mr Galletly to help support the students on the trip.

Mrs R Owen

KARL JENKINS CONCERT, BERLIN

Following the huge success of Ewell Castle's performance of *The Armed Man*, composed by Sir Karl Jenkins, three Sixth Formers from the Chapel Choir were invited to participate in 'A Concert for Peace' in the German capital, Berlin. This was a large-scale, multimedia event in the Mercedes-Benz Arena to celebrate the First World War Centenary, with a performing force of 2000 choristers from 27 different countries, accompanied by the World Orchestra for Peace. Not only were we asked to be a part of this prestigious event, but we were also selected to be part of a smaller semi-chorus to sing one of Jenkins' newer compositions.

Given that the event was due to take place in our half term holiday, we decided to organise the trip ourselves. Travel arrangements were made, accommodation was booked, and we rapidly found ourselves in a hostel room by the Berlin Wall in the early morning. We were left in the culturally rich city of Berlin to discover large cathedrals and various landmarks such as the Berlin Wall, but surprisingly also spending a large amount of our afternoon in a local barren church, mainly due to a sudden outpour of rain.

The following days quickly became a series of lengthy rehearsals, as we became routine to many German customs, such as the excessive and unnecessary use of clapping; one particular instance being when our 2000 large choir decided to clap after being informed as to where the toilets were. This though, was all made worthwhile as we entered the arena during performance night to be part of a once in a lifetime experience. Our teachers have consistently supported us through our musical endeavours and it was incredibly heartening to see that Mrs Edwards and Miss Butterworth both flew to Berlin and bought tickets to attend this event. Their presence during the concert was not missed as we turned to see them frantically waving and jumping in the audience in order to grab our attention. The concert was a huge success and following our journey home, it was an even greater entertainment watching ourselves singing on multiple TV channels and internet streaming websites. It was a great privilege to have been a part of this and it is something that I am sure we will never forget.

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YEAR 12 PREPARE FOR WORK, LIFE AND PLAY....

On 12 October, our Year 12 students spent their Enrichment afternoon at 'What Career, What University Live?' Exhibition, at Olympia. There were over 40 employer stands, from The Army to Warner Brothers showcasing apprenticeships, sponsored degrees and graduate training schemes. If meeting the employers inspired anyone to take a graduate route over an apprenticeship, then the neighbouring hall was home to over 50 stalls with UK and US universities on hand to talk through courses and campuses.

Things took a darker turn four weeks later when we took the same group to Dorking Halls to be part of the annual Safe Drive, Stay Alive, Surrey. Through a series of hard-hitting films and live speakers, the students were made aware of their duties as new drivers and as their passengers. Following dramatic reconstructions of tragic local road accidents, individuals from the emergency services took to the stage to talk through their experience of treating patients at the scene and how they were affected. Most moving of all were the volunteer members of the public; parents, siblings and young drivers; there to tell personal stories of life changing injury or tragic loss. The air was heavy with emotion as the students left the hall with an increased understanding of the deadly power of motor vehicles and the enormous responsibility that comes along with a passed driving test certificate.

Mrs E Lawrence,
Careers Adviser

YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP TO KEW GARDENS

On Thursday 18th October, the Geography Department took Year 8 to Kew Gardens. The fieldtrip helped to support their understanding of the 'Fantastic Places' topic, looking at the World's ecosystems, particularly Tropical Rainforests and Deserts. The pupils worked in groups during the day, exploring different parts of Kew Gardens through various



activities. The Glasshouse was a highlight for many of the pupils, where they were able to experience what it feels like to be in a Tropical Rainforest. Here, they also got the opportunity to use field equipment to collect data allowing them to compare the characteristics of Deciduous Woodlands and Tropical Rainforests. The groups then split their time between The Hive – an interactive beehive which converts the bees movements into light and sound, and the Tree Top Walk which enabled them to look at our native forest area from above.

Miss N Maskell

MUN & DEBATING

Upon whom should the responsibility lie to pay for border controls?

After a week of preparation on the participants' parts, the Model United Nations came together to discuss this motion. Under Ollie Carter as Chair, all sixteen countries took part in a fantastic structured debate, enriching knowledge about political and current affairs and viewpoints with which not many may agree. Highlights of the debate included the United Kingdom's vote of no confidence; amendments proposed by France and Syria and the eventual declaration of war on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Foreign diplomacy at its finest.

Joe Carter – President M.U.N.



YEARS 7-9 NETBALL WEEKEND TO EAST SUSSEX

We took 18 girls to PGL. The Girls had the opportunity to take part in different activities such as giant swing, rock climbing as well as playing lots of netball and much more. Our netball improved massively with one team coming 13th and the other 3rd in the competition.

Miss S Speed

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all those who competed in the Senior Maths Challenge on the 6th of November. We had 20 students taking part and of those 11 received certificates. Four pupils moved onto the next

round which will take place at the end of term, those same four will also be competing in the Senior Team Maths Challenge.

Mr R Nugteren



YEAR 9 TRIP TO THE SOMME

The whole of Year 9 travelled to the Somme for their World War One studies.

As ever this was an excellent trip. We studied Vimy Ridge looking at the memorial, the preserved trenches and the underground tunnels. Sadly Notre Dame de Lorette was closed due to President Macron choosing to

visit on the same day. However, I was able to take a pupil to visit the grave of a relative which was a nice personal tribute.

After an overnight stay in the Hotel Poppies we looked at the Somme battlefield looking at Beaumont Hamel, Ovillers, the Lochnagar Crater, Pozieres and Thiepval. It was a great trip and I think the pupils

really understood what we were trying to convey. The weather was beautiful throughout although it broke on the way back, with a choppy crossing and rain when we arrived at School. Thanks very much to my colleagues for making it all such a success.

Mr J C W Blencowe



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2018



At this year's Remembrance Service, which commemorated 100 years since the end of The First World War, students from years 5 to 13 performed a selection of readings and pieces of music at St Mary's Church: The Chapel Choir sung John Ireland's challenging work 'Greater Love, Hath No Man', featuring impressive solos from Zac Conibear

and Athena Droutis; The Festival Choir also performed the well-known 'Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace', and Dominic Hutton's performance of 'The Last Post' resonated through the church before the congregational hymn, 'Jerusalem', closed the service.

Mrs V Edwards

WE'LL MEET AGAIN

Directly following Remembrance Day, on the 13th November 2018 Ewell Castle School organised a night of music, poetry and drama to commemorate the fallen of the First World War. Senior School pupils marched along the halls of the castle in their uniformed personnel attire. The evening began with a moving rendition of We'll Gather Lilacs and Greater Love Hath No Man by John Ireland, performed by our School's Chapel Choir. This was followed by the Performing Arts Academy's chilling recital of Wilfred Owen's Dulce et Decorum Est, setting the atmosphere for the rest of the first half with performances of war time music and poetry. Notable performances include three Songs from George Butterworth's A Shropshire Lad, performed by Zac Conibear, Jago Banham and Josh Pasley. The first half was concluded by a moment of reflection as Zac Fox played The Last Post.

The second half instantly raised spirits as the Performing Arts Academy returned with a lively dance sketch

alongside Olivia Banfield, accompanied by Glen Miller's In The Mood. Festivities followed with a selection of old-time singalongs with the audience, such as Long Way to Tipperary and We'll Meet Again, led by Evie Dixon and Belle Shipkolye. Year 8 pupils performed a hilarious interpretation of 'Blackadder Goes Forth', as well as Patrick Alford and Tom Williams, performing Mitchell and Webb's 'Are we the Baddies'. The night ended with a final audience led old time singalong, before multiple thanks were made to Mrs Edwards, Mr Essenhigh, Mr Fairhead and Miss Jones for all their continuous support in making this a truly unique and enjoyable evening.

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YEARS 10 AND 11 ART TRIP TO THE V&A MUSEUM

The Year 10s and 11s enjoyed a trip out to the V&A Museum in South Kensington on November 26th where they enthusiastically took part in a workshop called “Experimental Drawing”, this was led by a member of staff from the museum. As part of their GCSE course work it is important to experiment with materials and processes so this was a perfect opportunity to try new drawing techniques.

This session used different materials

and processes to draw that some pupils might not have been familiar with, such as wire to draw precious objects in the Silver Gallery which they then projected onto paper and drew the shadows.

The last segment saw the pupils use coloured tapes to draw the gallery architecture on a large scale, collaborative piece in the Raphael Gallery.

After lunch the pupils were given some free time to explore the museum and were encouraged to discover art work



from different periods and genres including textiles, painting, sculpture and prints.

Ms D Carrick

HOUSE CHESS

This year saw House Chess (Years 7-10 and Seniors) take on a slightly different format in which each House put forward two players who played over consecutive lunchtimes against each player from the other Houses, at lunchtimes from Tuesday to Friday.

The senior competition was very competitive with three of the students winning two and losing two. The top performer was Lucas Coker (Paul Kim as replacement) with three wins and one loss. Castlemaine came out on top narrowly with 13 points, Essex on 12 and Raleigh on 10.

The Year 10 competition ended up being a two House race, with Castlemaine ending on 21 points, and Raleigh on 15 points. Essex failed to secure any wins and ended with 0. The top performers were Gregory Yu with four wins, Alessandro Chinasamy and Olly Dry both ended up with three wins and a loss.

The Year 9 competition saw Castlemaine finish on 19 points, Essex on 10 and Raleigh on 6. Max Smethurst was the top performer with four wins, followed by Charlie Gunson with two wins, one loss and one stalemate.

The Year 8 competition ended up being a clean sweep for Castlemaine (24 points), both

Harrison McLean and Adan Abdulla won all four of their games. Raleigh came second with 9 points and Essex third with 3 points.

The Year 7 competition was again another clean sweep by Castlemaine (24 points), Jack Garside and Tom Davis were both unbeaten. Raleigh came second with 10 points and Essex secured 1 point through a stalemate in the final match.

Overall Castlemaine ended with 5 victories, Raleigh had 3 second places and 2 thirds, and Essex had 2 second places and 3 thirds.

Mr R Nugteren



GREEN PLAN IT CHALLENGE YRS 8 AND 9

Our idea for the Green Plan It challenge is to have an outdoor classroom in an unused and neglected space in our School. We are going to have mostly plants that do not attract bees or wasps and are safe for people with hay fever. We are going to have a high tech garden that has moving hedges with benches attached. It is going to be easily accessible from multiple entrances and is going to have electronics for headphones, computers or I pads inside them. Our plants are going to enjoy shade as walls surround our garden. We are going to have a living wall in our garden behind a water feature at the back near a tree that will be our centrepiece. The tree will have a bench around it that, unlike the others, will not be able to move. We will have twelve separate benches/hedges that can be moved in any way to make any space you want, like one big circle or smaller separate booths. We are going to have a retractable sunshade that has a solar panel on it to power the I pads, headphones or computers.

We have six roles in our team:

Amy - Our wonderful mentor
Ms Hoddell - Team Leader
Mr Vijapura - Driver
Jay (13) - Project Manager

I have enjoyed working on the project. We had lots of lots of ideas and now I am making sure the team gets everything built in time. This is the hard bit of being the Project Manager, especially as 3 of the team are in the play and we lost one of our members early on. However, we are working hard. My favourite part is: telling people what to do!

Morgan (14) Photographer/plant researcher/living wall

I love taking photographs and am pleased I took the photos of the garden before it became a temporary building site! I have lots of plants at home and like succulents. Amy and I went around the garden area next to our proposed garden and looked at the ones that were already planted so we could plant some that were the same. There were lots of hydrangeas and agapanthus that should add colour. My

favourite part was choosing the colour schemes and plants that would suit our garden.

Sam (13)- Designer/water feature

We are using 2D Design to create the water feature. I like using DT to make and design things. We also used Sketch Up to design the garden in 3D. My favourite part of the project is: seeing the garden to get inspiration.

Olly (13)- Designer/moveable bench hedges

We are using 2D Design to create the water feature. I like using DT to make and design things. We also used google sketch up to design the garden in 3D to see what it will look like once we put it together. My favourite part of the project is: building the garden.

Andrea (13)- Plant researcher/designer of tree seat.

I wanted to design the tree seat and I am pleased with my idea of having a round seat. I didn't realise how long it would take to build the garden but I am happy with my tree. We are using 2D Design to create the water feature. I like using DT to make and design things. My favourite part of the project is: was building the garden.

All of the people involved in the project will have something to do and will not be idle at any time. We have been working extremely hard up to this point and we are not planning to stop anytime soon! We thought we would do a high tech garden right from the start day at RHS Wisely Gardens and we have progressed much further than we first anticipated. We also wanted our garden to be customisable. That is how we came to the idea of the moving benches that could make any shape that the teacher needed.

We asked different staff and students where we should put our garden and the majority vote went to the neglected Castle garden. There are photos of this on our board. Some members consulted the Student Council to enquire about the lack of places to sit at break time. We decided to do an outdoor area to help mental health to allow students somewhere quiet to sit

as ball games are always going on in the basin and the library is often full.

We thought of names for the tree and we came to either the friendship tree or the peace tree.

Our garden is aimed for students to use with the approval of adults. The teachers can book the outdoor classroom for certain lessons and it can be used by anybody at break time/lunchtime. Only adults may move the benches unless students are instructed to do so. Benches' wheels will be locked in place and on the brakes until a member of staff gives their fingerprint. The press of a button on the console can cancel the action.

Our garden will be very high tech and the benches/hedges will have lights and speakers in them to make everything more interactive. We will be using hedges made of laurel (easy to grow) and photinia (red robin). We liked photinia because of its changing colours.

The outdoor area can also be used for summer performances, concerts and shows. It could also be used as a refreshment or backstage area for performances inside the Castle Hall.

We are going to have a living wall at the back to bring liveliness to our garden and to make the walls at the sides and back not look too boring.

Our model is 1/20 scale so our model will be small but still have lots of detail. Our garden has the whole School as its audience from the Sixth form down to the Nursery at Chessington lodge. The garden is 11m by 13m so our model is 55cm by 65cm.

We had a choice of sites for the garden, being: the smaller basin behind the Japanese garden, the slope behind the music pavilion and the castle garden.

We will be using the laser cutter to make our different pieces of our model and are cutting them separately and the joining them together.

Exciting!

Jay

CHARITABLE WORKS COMMITTEE

Charitable Works Committee chose to raise money for schools in Malawi after I made contact with several schools whilst visiting the country in the summer of 2017.

What struck me the most was the lack of resources the schools had, what meager resources the teachers in those schools had to teach their classes of a hundred or more pupils each lesson.

I asked each Head Teacher I met, what resources he needed for his school? The response was obvious

in some respects - pens, pencils, paper - which the CWC has been raising money for to supply, but also any books on any subject - to help teach English, which we collected from different departments within the school last year. The more surprising request was for sanitary products, as many school age girls miss school every month due to a lack of sanitary products they can afford.

During one of its meetings, the CWC decided to raise money to send old text and reading books to Malawi (to

be distributed by an International School - BMIS - in Lilongwe) to buy and send sanitary products that would be unavailable in rural Malawi. When the planned school trip to Malawi travels to the country in the summer of 2019, it will also buy supplies for these schools in Malawi, thus supporting the Malawi economy in the process.

Mr P Watkinson

1ST VII NETBALL SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

ECS vs the Harrodian School – Away: 19/9/18

An energetic first fixture of the season which saw lots of goals and fast movement of the ball from end to end. 24 degrees outside and a lack of fitness played a part in the result but for the first match as a team, the girls gave a great account of themselves. L Body impressed as GK, putting into practise all her training to keep the Harrodian GS away from the post for much of the game. L Redmond was the players' player of the match as GS and L Wilson played her first Senior match as a GA and worked hard jumping and moving energetically throughout; both girls scoring a high percentage of the shots attempted.

ECS vs City of London Freeman's – Home: 07/11/18

The first match in over 6 weeks and the girls worked really hard. A lack of fitness of the Ewell Castle School team played a part in the final result with CLFS scoring most of their goals in the last quarter, but a valiant effort from the girls.

ECS vs St Cecelia's – Home: 28/11/18

What a cracking game! The girls' stepped up to play at a really high level today against a fast and well drilled opponent. We moved well and drove well into space. Defensively all the girls played their part. A wobbly second quarter saw us throw the ball away a few times on our turnovers but 8 goals in the first quarter to their 4 showed that we dominated the game. E Warren was voted player of the match and it was tough for us to select an MVP because all the girls played with energy and did their part well. L Snadden-Riddout has made excellent progress in her new role as WD and the defensive pairing of L Body and A Brooks are a tough team to break. L Redwood and E Warren moved so well in the D and K McGrory and O Blackburn are ultra-consistent and reliable as WA and C respectively, we're really proud of the way the girls played.

ECS vs Royal Alexander & Albert School – Home: 05/12/18

This was such a fast paced and competitive match, the level of positive aggression and determination from the opposition was a shock to our girls and it took a few minutes in the first quarter to adjust. It was a very well matched game, but it was one of those days when the number of our shots attempted, didn't convert to goals scored. 2-5 down in the first quarter doesn't reflect how well the team attacked, we missed 6 shots and struggled to regain a lead from this point on. They kicked up a gear in the second quarter and we were guilty of turning the ball over too many times. In the third quarter the aim was to play at our pace and look after the ball and that paid off, yet RA&A were 18-6 up by the end of the quarter and we still couldn't convert our shots to goals. We dominated the final quarter and defensively we were solid but the girls came to training, the sky really would be the limit for this team.

2018 RUGBY ROUND UP

The 2018 rugby season saw both boys and girls from Y7 to Y13 play in over 90 matches. The competition varied from local state schools in the Nat West Vase competition to historic friendly fixtures against fellow independent schools in the Surrey area. Rugby at Ewell Castle is a fantastic sport for children, bringing many physical and social benefits, including increased confidence, self-esteem and self-discipline, and enjoyable physical exercise as part of a team.

The most successful team by far was Mr Edwards U12 team who were excellent all season showing real promise and they are an exciting prospect for future years with many excellent athletes in the team. Many pupils showed real



skill in attack however stand out try scorers include, Dan Hudson, Kamran Seward, Spike Brits, Dom Spaul and the most prestigious try scorer was Will Sweet scoring over 25 tries in the season, an outstanding achievement for a Y7 pupil.

Overall it was another successful season with many excellent performances, this season has really showcased what rugby has to offer and allowed access to pupils of all ability regardless of size or confidence. Pupils have enjoyed the challenge of facing their fears and hopefully now feel better equipped to face future adversity, they have learned the use of self-control in

tricky situations and of course experienced wonderful moments of magic that will be remembered for a lifetime. These benefits would not be possible without the enthusiastic support of all the staff and parents who help run and manage fixtures. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for doing such a brilliant job of making the School Rugby provision what it is today. Special mention goes to Oliver Carter who has recently completed his Rugby Refereeing level two course and has done a brilliant job refereeing several of the year 7/8 games this season.

Mr G Coogan



TENNIS

Well done to the Ewell Castle / TA 15U Mixed Doubles win in the Surrey Shield Semi Finals vs St George's Hill LTC. They had to cope with an aggressive opposition but we were strong & eventually secured a 4-0 win. We're now through to the finals at the National Tennis Centre!

Mrs E McManus



SHAKESPEARE IN HOLLYWOOD PRODUCTION



ARTISTS OF THE TERM - AUTUMN



Kate Macallister - Year 7



Andrea Sterritt-Hernandez - Year 8



Jack Dempsey - Year 10



Max Bowen-West - Sixth Form



Millie Hunter - Year 9



Caleb Poulson - Year 11

PSFA (PARENTS STAFF FRIENDS ASSOCIATION)

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported us through the last academic year (2017/18). The PSFA raised a record breaking £12,000 last year and as a result, in the last 5 months we have been able to purchase over £24,000 of value-added items that will benefit all the pupils – this has included a new mini-bus, playground equipment, sports equipment, DT equipment and more is planned!

As always at the start of the academic year there were a couple of changes to the Committee – firstly a huge thank you to Tracy Dale and Lisa Salmon who have for many years supported the PSFA and have decided to step down from the Committee. In return we welcomed Aisha Ahmed, Natasha Droutis and Mike Michaelides. The Committee is now at full complement and we have representation across all three sites which is fantastic.

The Autumn Term was again a busy one for the PSFA with Fireworks Night, the Christmas Shopping Event and the Christmas Fair as well as supporting the Christmas activities at both Chessington Lodge and Glyn House.

The BBQ & Fireworks event was once again a sell out and Pyromania once again gave us an amazing display. We had a record number of entries for the pumpkin carving and fancy dress competition which meant Mr Harris and Mrs Fowler had a tough job picking the winners!

At the Christmas Shopping Event we had an amazing array of stalls and the prosecco was flowing – it was lovely seeing people taking the opportunity to buy some early Christmas presents.

The Christmas Fair was once again buzzing with an amazing array of stalls and activities for all ages which were sponsored by the multi-day held in October and organised by various members of the PSFA Committee. Special thanks go to the Senior School pupils, parents and



staff that helped with the prep, run all the stall and activities at the event – we would have been lost without them. Also, to the Festival Choir that entertained us and of course Father Christmas and his Elf.

This term alone from 3 events we have raised an amazing £6,300 – a huge thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff alike - who have supported us by either helping out or attending an attend. A very special thank you goes to the PSFA Committee who have dedicate their time to make it all happen often behind the scenes: Aisha Ahmed, Clare Alford, Clodagh Brown, Angela

Clift, Natasha Droutis, Jessica Gunson, Katrina Hartman and Mike Michaelides – true super stars!

A couple of dates for your diary – our AGM is on 24th January 2019 in conjunction with the Principal's Breakfast, we are planning a Comedy & Curry night in March, and the Summer Ball on 7th July 2019 will be on an Island! Please look out for more details in the New Year!

Thank you once again for all of your support and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Emma Mitchell, Chair PSFA



EWELL CASTLE SCHOOL
presents

**Christmas
Cabaret**

Monday 10th December 2018 - 7:00pm

A celebration of Christmas at Bourn Hall

Featuring festive musical favourites, comedy sketches and the ever-popular carol sing-off.
Mulled wine and mince pies included.

Tickets - £5
available through ParentPay

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PERFORMING
ARTS
ACADEMY**

CLASSICS TRIP

On Monday 3rd December the Classics students in Years 10 and 12 travelled to Fishbourne Roman Palace near Chichester. Fishbourne is the largest domestic Roman building yet discovered outside Italy. Opinions on its

ownership varied but it is thought to be the palace of Cogidubnus a Roman British King of the Regni tribe who cooperated with rather than resisted the Roman Invasion in 43AD. We looked at the mosaics and the layout of the building and

attended a workshop to learn about artefacts and the Roman Army.

Mr J C Blencowe



CAROL SERVICE



FAREWELL MR HARRIS

Thank you & farewell Peter Harris, Principal for the last 5 years. You led our amazing School on a wonderful journey.

Good luck for the future.

'The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high & we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it'. Michelangelo.

