



If you blink you'll miss it.

I do hope that all of you have enjoyed the first 10 or so days of the Easter holiday and that you had a fantastic time over the weekend. Although it is the same every year, it still amazes me just how quickly we get to this point. Before you know it some of the men in the house will be getting their heads down to the first exam of the summer, and then just like that it will feel that they're lifting it up from their final one. Time will fly and those sitting exams just need to make sure that they don't waste a minute. I am sure that as you read this you're son is probably upstairs right now with his head in his books trying to get his head around the odd equation or two. For those not sitting exams, I'm sure that they might be upstairs too; although we might need to swap a pen for an Xbox or PS4 controller.

We are all still learning about the way in which children and teenagers socialize these days, and I do think it is fair to say that they certainly spend more time socialising through the medium of screens and headsets than we did when we grew up. As I put this newsletter together it was great to be reminded of some of the old fashioned socialising that has gone on during the course of the year; regardless of whether it was on the sports field or around the school on a musical or dramatic platform. Please enjoy a snippet of what has gone on in Craig over the last term.



(Above) Craig do the double: The senior and junior football teams that conquered all during inter-house matches .

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Clockwise from top left; Leon Wood keeping a close eye on the ball, Jack Solterman about to deliver a corner, Joe Pocklington makes a break and the senior team get ready for their first game.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

This year we have had a number of men from the house who decided that they wanted to follow the Duke of Edinburgh award, and have spend countless hours giving up their time for a variety of worthwhile causes over the last year. Congratulations to William Meikle, Tom Stewart–Blacker, Ollie Ashdown, Charlie Milner and Jaynish Patel for achieving the silver awards during the Lent term.

Headmaster's Commendations

During the course of the year the Headmaster commends pupils who he feels have exceeded expectations in a particular realm of school life. This term the Headmaster has given commendations to:

George Pool for his superb performance in their GCSE mock examinations.

Adam Howard for his excellent organisation of the Charity Revue for Lunch-bowl Network Adam sought very little advice and support liaising independently with pupils and staff to persuade an exciting and varied line-up of talent to perform.

Euan McGreevy for his work for the Charity Revue in aid of the Chapel Charity, Lunchbowl Network. Euan has a keen eye for detail and was on hand to provide essential support to Adam Howard during the planning stages and was particularly useful in finalising the design and production of promotional posters and the programme for the night.



House get together/ charity event...

On **Friday May 25 from 5.30pm** we will have a mixed family 20/20 match on College Field. The game is initially for the young men of the house and their fathers. If there is any room left over for others to join in too then people are more than welcome to play. There will be a bbq and refreshments for family and friends of the house, for which donations will go to a house charity.



Eastbourne Half Marathon

Congratulations to Jaynish Patel who took part in the Eastbourne Half Marathon. Jaynish did spend a significant amount of time training for the event and he should be rightly proud of his ac-



Support: James Allan, Charlie Edwards, Ollie Ashdown, Harvey Warren and Rahul Radia all turned up to cheer Jaynish on his half marathon debut.

Show HSMs

Over that last few terms I been developing an in house competition that rewards pupils for working well in class and developing their organisational abilities. The current Show HSM competition not only rewards pupils for producing excellent pieces of work but also keeps tabs on their ability to turn up to lessons on time, and as such encourages them to be organised. The main competition is cross year group and organised through their tutor teams. This term saw Mr Bunce's tutor group win the overall prize, however, the following pupils picked up a prize for coming top of their own year group;

Y9–Daniel Jeffrey, Y10–Joe Lewis, Y11–Harrison Tagg, Y12 Tom Stewart–Blacker, Y13–Charlie Milner.

Academics

The boys have been burrowing away hard in the house and at home on their academic work and there are some notable achievements. Ollie Ashdown received a commendation for his efforts in the biology Olympiad, Euan McGreevy gained a bonze award in the UK Linguistics Olympiad and Will Harris has been invited to the final stages of the national Arkwright Scholarship Award.

In the Hobbes Society Scott Williams was part of a team that won the inaugural innovation and creativity competition for creating an idea on how to rejuvenate under-used outdoor spaces at the College.

To round of an excellent term Euan McGreevy was given an offer of a place at St John's, Cambridge to study Linguistics.

House Hockey

The house hockey tournament, held on Beresford asto at the end of the term saw the Craig men throw down their College allegiances for the house cause. The competition sees a number of year group combine to form a junior and a senior side where the teams end up playing all of the other houses in a round robin format. Both teams battled well through the course of the afternoon and I thank the men who took part for the efforts that they put in during the afternoon, with the senior side finishing second and the junior team finishing third.



(Above) Teddy Groves continues the house manager and umbrella 'look' for the 2017/18 year by supporting the junior house hockey. (Right) George Pool on his way to 2nd place in the Sussex Schools Cross—Country championship .



Representative Sport

Many boys within the house have gone above and beyond their school commitment to sport and spend a significant amount of time outside of the College practicing their skills and getting themselves ready to play at that next level. Congratulations to those below for performing at Sussex level or above:

Charlie Edwards (Hockey), **Harvey Warren** (Rugby) **Joe Pocklington** (Cricket), **Harrison Tagg** (Cricket), **Oliver Carter** (Cricket), **Scott Williams** (Rugby), **George Pool** (Cross—Country), **Josh Veitch** (Rugby), **Ethan Hackett** (Rugby), **Kieran McGreevy** (Rugby). **William Chambers** (Rugby), **Jack Solterman** (Rugby).



Music

Congratulations to Rory Boulter, Adam Howard and Ben Scanlan who all passed ABRSM exams this term. Rory gained his grade 3 in Saxophone, Adam his grade 6 Viola and Ben his piano grade 7. A special mention also goes to Joseph Shouksmith who reached the final of his section in the Young Musician of the Year Competition.

College Colours

A number of boys have played an integral part in the life of the College over the last few years and have been awarded full or half colours for their added value, effort and commitment to the College's cause:

Drama:

Charlie Milner (Full), Roman Salnikov (Half),

Art:

James Allan (Full)

Music:

Adam Howard (Full)

Hockey:

Joe Pocklington (Half), Charlie Edwards (Full)

Swimming:

Euan McGreevy (Full)

C.H.A.P.S

Next term will see the return of C.H.A.P.S (Craig House Amateur Performance Society). It is a pupil led performance that offers a platform to those who wish to showcase musical and theatrical talent. Each yeargroup also has a opportunity to bond together and to perform something on stage. As you can imagine, some are more keen than others; however, the evening does give an opportunity to the men of the house to develop leadership, communication skills, self—discipline and character. Unfortunately with the explosion of weekend events taking place this year there was not a Saturday night available in the first two terms. For that reason C.H.A.P.S will take place on Wednesday the 25th of April in Big School from 7pm. While I do appreciate that midweek might be a tough time for many of you to get there, I hope as many of you as possible will be able to make it.

Study Leave

As we move into the summer term the exam season draws ever closer and a matter very close to the boy's hearts comes in to focus; study leave. This is obviously a hugely important time for the boys and their ability to optimize their chances of getting the best possible grades in the summer. It is possible however for some to get it wrong from time to time. So in order to just align the boys and the school expectations I've put together some key bits of information below.

- When a pupil, who is not on study leave, has a morning exam, they are expected to attend afternoon lessons that day following the exam.
- When a pupil, who is not on study leave, has an afternoon exam they are expected to attend lessons prior to break; however, they may take lessons after break off in order to prepare for the exam.
- During study leave (Dates below) formal teaching has finished and revision sessions are laid on for pupils by departments. Pupils are encouraged to attend these, however, pupils may revise at home where parents feel that this may be more effective.
- Regardless of study leave being in operation, all pupils are required to fulfil all other school commitments.
- No study leave period granted for L6th. Those sitting examinations this year are to follow the above guidance

For the 2018 diary...

April 16 – term starts (house open on April 17)

April 25 – C.H.A.P.S; Big School, 7pm

May 14 – Year 11 study leave from 0800

May 25 – Craig family cricket and bbq from 5.30pm

May 25 – Half term begins

June 4 – U6th study leave from 0800

June 29 – Year 11 and U6th return from study leave at 0930

June 30 – Speech day & Cornflower Ball

Reminders:

- House Registration
 - Monday 0820
 - Rest of the week 0825
- Year 9 boys must continue to hand in mobile phones.
- Please can those parents of boys travelling in on buses make sure boys are in uniform.
- Saturday afternoon sporting commitments are compulsory. Please could parents contact Mr Torri at least a week in advance with any requests for absence.
- Those in the U6th, who have consent to drive, may use their cars to drive into school and to return home in the evening. Pupils must not use the car during the day for any other purpose.

Craig Gallery

