

CRAIG HOUSE CHRONICLE



LENT TERM
REVIEW



THE LENT TERM FLEW BY AND THIS NEWSLETTER AIMS TO CATCH ALL OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS. LOOK OUT FOR KEY DATES, ACADEMIC, SPORTS, SERVICES, DRAMA, MUSIC AND HOUSE FUN. THE HOLGATES HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY EASTER BREAK.

INTRODUCTION AND KEY DATES

The cold air of the crisp and dark January mornings are well behind us now as we finished the term in warmer weather and good spirits. The house sang their hearts out at the end of term service and it was a pleasure to be a part of. The Lent term is always the most packed due to its short length and busy nature. New in this term was the chess competition and we also had the a Capella competition which was moved from the Michaelmas term. Starting with Year 11 mocks, they were given the experience of what the summer exams will be like, albeit crammed into two weeks. A few of them will relish the extra freedom of being able to study at home in the summer. They are welcome here of course, but must respect that others want quiet times. The Year 13s were also tested under exam conditions in a brutal week of mocks. On the whole, the boys were successful in these and some were given a much needed wake-up call. This term also saw sporting competitions in the form of house football, hockey, squash and swimming. Saturday sports ranged from those above and fives.

KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2019

NB: THERE ARE NO EXEATS

TUESDAY 23 APRIL

CRAIG HOUSE OPEN 8.00AM - 8.00PM

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

NORMAL SCHOOL DAY 8.20AM ROLL CALL

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

FIRST STAUARDAY FIXTURES (EVERY SATURDAY)

MONDAY 6 MAY

BANK HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED

MONDAY 13 MAY

Y11 STUDY LEAVE STARTS

MONDAY 20 MAY

Y13 STUDY LEAVE STARTS

FRIDAY 24 MAY

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Y9 INTRO TO CCF / OPTIONS EVENING

CRAIG HOUSE FAMILY CRICKET AND BBQ

MONDAY 3 JUNE

A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY TRIP

MONDAY 10 JUNE

INTERNAL EXAMS WEEK Y9,10,12

MONDAY 24 JUNE

Y10 CCF CAMP STARTS

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

SPORTS DAY (PARENTS WELCOME)

SATURDAY 29 JUNE

SPEECH DAY

CORNFLOWER BALL (Y13 AND PARENTS)

The boys helping the school Shop to unload the van. All in a day's work.



Help. He's been talking for two hours

Mr Bunce choosing a rather odd place for his latest tutor meeting. This is the quiet room.



THE ACADEMIC REPORT

The term began in examination mode with Year 11 tackling their GCSE mocks - an important waypoint on the journey to their final exams next term. Scott Williams (Y11) finished ninth in the year. In Year 13 the university offers started to come through. David Udegbe (Y9) took part in the intermediate maths challenge and did exceptionally well to get through to the Olympiad round. In the languages section Joshua Moreton was awarded bronze in advanced level in the UK Linguistics Olympiad. In physics Joseph Shouksmith achieved a Bronze 1 award and Lewis Goater (both Y12) Bronze 2 awards in the AS physics challenge paper, part of the physics Olympias. Alex Lock (Y13) finished highest in the business A-Level mock.

Top 3 Effort scores in eRC (out of 7)

Year 9 Top 3

George Auer:	5.66
Oliver Shouksmith:	5.58
Harry Marson:	5.53

Year 10 Top 3

Teddy Groves:	5.00
Declan Skyrme:	4.88
Freddie Dunkley:	4.57

Year 11 Top 3

Scott Williams:	5.73
Kieran McGreevy:	5.33
Ben Scanlan:	5.29

Year 12 Top 3

Joseph Shouksmith:	6.17
Alex Field:	6.00
Joshua Moreton:	5.75

Year 13 Top 3

Joe Pocklington:	6.00
Alex Lock:	5.53
Hal Mills:	5.42

All Years Top 3

Joseph Shouksmith:	6.17
Alex Field:	6.00
Joe Pocklington:	6.00

Top 3 Most improved effort in eRCs

Year 9 Most improved

David Udegbe:	+ 0.70
Henry Sutherland	+ 0.38
Savya Kafle:	+ 0.32

Year 10 Most improved

Jimmy Hasell:	+ 0.50
Teddy Groves:	+ 0.40
Will C and Fin T:	+ 0.14

Year 11 Most improved

Kieran McGreevy:	+ 0.55
Jimbo Culme-Seymour:	+ 0.45
Joe Lewis:	+ 0.35

Year 12 Most improved

Lucas Askaroff:	+ 0.62
Rory Boulter:	+ 0.40
Alex Field:	+ 0.33

Year 13 Most improved

Hal Mills:	+ 0.86
William Meikle:	+ 0.56
Alex Lock:	+ 0.55

All Years Most improved

Hal Mills:	+ 0.86
David Udegbe:	+ 0.70
Lucas Askaroff:	+ 0.62

Top 2 in each year for the rewards scheme in March:

Y9

- 1st: **Kieran Haffenden**
 2nd: **Joshua Ansell / Sebastian Isepp**

Y10

- 1st: **Freddie Dunkley / Jack Soltermann**
 2nd: **Will Chambers / Declan Skyrme**

Y11

- 1st: **Domenico Chu**
 2nd: **Jimbo Culme-Seymour**

Y12

- 1st: **Lucas Askaroff / Joseph Shouksmith**
 2nd: **Joshua Moreton / Alex Field**

Y13

- 1st: **Tom Stewart - Blacker**
 2nd: **Oscar Boulter**

Overall winner in March:

Kieran Haffenden Y9

Top Ten Rewards this academic year:

1. **Oliver Shouksmith**
2. **Harry Marson**
3. **George Auer**
4. **Scott Williams**
5. **Joseph Shouksmith**
6. **Arthur Lewis**
7. **David Udegbe**
8. **Declan Skyrme**
9. **Joshua Moreton**
10. **Joe Lewis**

THE SPORTS REPORT

Hockey - For the boys, the major sport this term was hockey. In the U14s Oliver Shouksmith and Joshua Ansell were rocks in goal and defence respectively, which led to an average of one goal conceded per game for the season. Joshua, on occasion, was also invited to train with the U18s. George Auer and Hector Summers had good seasons for the B teams and the rest of the boys played for the Cs and Ds. In the U15s Freddie Collard, Declan Skyrme, Bryn Watkins, Will Chambers and Jack Soltermann were regularly in the A team. Teddy Groves and Jimmy Hasell played in the Bs, with the rest of the boys being committed to the Cs and Ds. In the U16s we were well represented in the A team again with Nico Chu, Scott Williams, Ethan Hackett, Joshua Veitch (C) and Toby Clarke being regularly selected. Jimbo Culme-Seymour ran out for the seniors 3rd team; known as the *Occasionals*. The senior 1st XI also had a trio of Cronkites with Joe Pocklington, Oliver Carter and Lucas Askaroff representing Craig in the highest level of hockey in the College. They also beat the 1st football team at their own game. They are currently enjoying a three day tournament in Bath and await their quarter final fixture of the National Plate competition. Zak Hebron has shown resilience in goal for the 2nds, in a season where they won nine out of nine. In some games he might have wondered why he was there. In **house hockey** the Year 9 and 10 combined team finished second to Reeves house having only narrowly lost to them. Craig house put participation before performance and each player was able to contribute to the success. In the seniors we also came 2nd with a narrow loss to Wargave house. A disappointing draw at the end saw the team disperse before I could get a team photo. Lesson learnt. In the Year 10 house matches later in the term we won every game and drew one winning the tournament on goal difference.

Football - Oscar Boulter, Lewis Buckle and Will Harris regularly turned out for the College 1st XI and battled hard each week against tough opposition. Rory Boulter and Jani Flind have had regular run-outs in the 2nds and Joseph Shouksmith has been captain of the 3rds. The senior team had a remarkable run of games in **house football** and came across Wargrave in the final. Craig took the lead 1-0 and a mistake, which led to a penalty, put Wargave back in the game. A great fightback including a Hal Mills' goal wasn't enough and we lost 4-2.

Fives - Joe Lewis has done well to manage his rugby and fives commitments and represented the senior fives team most weeks. Henry Sutherland has played for the junior A team.

Rugby 7s - The U16A team have had a successful season on the sevens circuit reaching the semi-final of the All England 7s with Ethan Hackett, Leon Wood, Scott Williams, Joe Lewis and Toby Clarke providing the Craig house representation. In the National 7s they lost a close game to Cheltenham College on the main pitch which meant they didn't progress to day two, despite winning their remaining games. Zak Hebron and Joe Pocklington played for the senior team in the National 7s. The team won their group on the first day and progressed to the 2nd day for the third time in four years. They went out in the quarter final stages of the bowl.

Basketball - Joshua Moreton represented the school twice in basketball this term in the new sports hall. He provides energy and skill to the team and encourages the younger players too.

Chess - Although only an internal competition, Craig played in the **inter-house chess** competition. David Udegbe, Joshua Mayhew, Ben Scanlan, Lewis Goater and Henry Sutherland represented Craig.

Swimming - Teddy Groves and Edward Armitage represented the school in the Bath Cup. Huge congratulations to Edward Armitage who recorded a new College record for the 50m fly in 28.90s which had stood for seven years (29.18s). The seniors won the **house swimming** with juniors entering an inexperienced team. The inters won **house squash** with Jack Soltermann and Theo Marsden.

Luckily this wasn't frozen off



Hurry up. I need the loo



Senior Football team, 2nd place



Junior Football team



Clockwise from Top: Oscar scoring a penalty, Josh bouncing the ball, Oliver in goal, Seniors in house hockey, Juniors in house hockey, Theo and Jack, Lewis and Zak.



Clockwise from top right: Theo, Freddie and Daniel after Dan's first game in goal. Declan, Freddie, Will, Bryn and Jack representing the As. Joe with the skills in Fives, Theo and Daniel in action, Junior house team waiting for a short corner, Joshua showing his skills, Zak about to save a shot.



THE SERVICES REPORT

The Year 11 CCF programme comes to an end now, with most successfully completing their Advanced Proficiency Certificates while Year 10 cadets have been embarking on a training programme in



preparation for their four day residential camp in the last week of the summer term.

Pictured in the back row from left to right: Lewis B, Ben S and Sam W in their patrol competition against local schools and clubs.

A successful range day saw 30 cadets complete a host of live firing activities - including claybird shooting

and the GP rifle. Two members of our College and CCF shooting team, one of which was Arthur Lewis, also competed in the Regional small bore competition.

We congratulate Tom Stewart-Blacker for a rare achievement of being awarded his warrants (promoted to Warrant Officer in the Army Section).

There were some other notable promotions too: Lewis Buckle, Lewis Goater and Sam Williams to Lance Corporal and Oscar Boulter to Colour Sergeant. Ethan Hackett should also be congratulated for being selected for the RAF national Air Cadet Leadership Course.

In the SAS programme 110 members of the Lower Sixth have been involved in service activities at the College and in the local community including helping the elderly, the disabled, children in primary and secondary schools and in charity shops. On campus, pupils have been involved in coaching junior school sport, and with drama and conservation projects. A particular mention this term must go to Arthur Lewis, who has helped in setting up the Winter Night Shelter for homeless people during the coldest months of the year.

THE MUSIC REPORT



Pictured: (left to right) Oliver, Arthur, Joseph and Ben.

The quartet sang Bastille's *Pompeii* with class in the a Capella competition on the penultimate day of term. The judge criticised the use of stands but I think they look quite professional. They weren't named in the top three but they certainly did the house proud. The group were joined in the

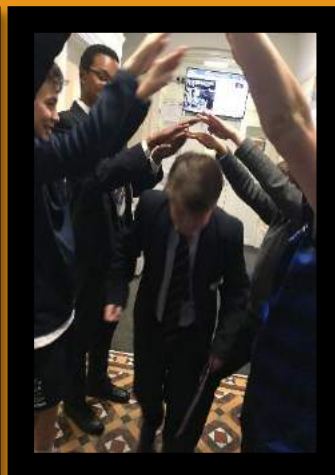
rehearsals by David Udegbe and Sebastian Isepp too. The future bodes well for this competition.

With Ben and Sebastian passing their Grade 8 and 3 exams in piano respectively, the house is becoming more and more musical. Several Cronkites attend weekly music lessons in the Birley Centre and most of you saw the talent on show in the house band.

Oliver and Sebastian also played in the informal concert this term. Oliver with his saxophone and Sebastian on the piano. They both also made the final of the Young Musician of the Year Award too.



Sebastian in the informal concert



Sebastian on the way to the final of the YMoY



Oliver in the informal concert

THE SOCIAL REPORT



The first social event of the term was the Year 11 auditions for the screen play *Bouncers...* well that's what you would think looking at this photo. However, this is actually the Year 11s (left) before they left Craig to celebrate the end of their mock exams with the Year 11 dinner in the dining hall. The theme for the evening was *black and white with a hint of sparkle*. They were clearly saving their sparkling smiles for the dinner itself. They were treated to performances from their peers and also

a few quizzes. The tables were mixed so they were socialising with peers from other houses.



The Year 9s (left) are not 'too cool' yet so they can still smile in photos. This is them dressed up in the western theme ahead of their Ceilidh. Most of the boys got stuck in with the dancing and let their hair down for evening. Mr Kutcha enjoyed the evening with them.



The Year 10s (right) pictured celebrating winning the Year 10 hockey matches in the last week of term. This was also a reward for keeping their rooms so tidy in the last week of term. Have they turned a new leaf? Scott (left) desperate to get the ball back for more yard cricket. As the weather gets warmer the boys will be in the yard more and more to break from their revision.



CHAPS IS BACK!!



SALUATIONS HUMAN. The Year 9s kicked off an excellent CHAPS with their take on *First Dates*. With diners all the way from America to Scotland, the audience were not disappointed. Pictured left Oliver tries to keep a straight face while Josh tells him that he prefers dog food to human food. The Year 9s wrote all their sketches themselves and they all passed Mr Holgate's filter - other than one that was quickly changed.



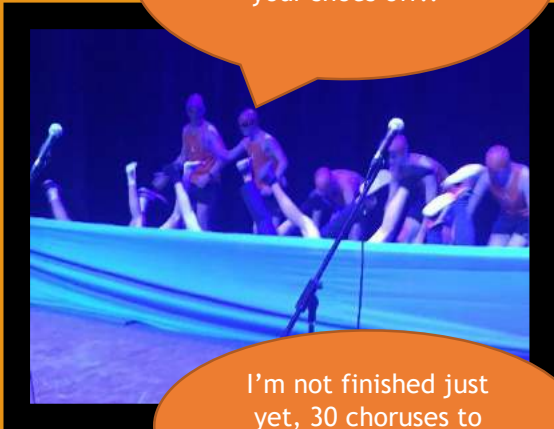
On the left we have Hector playing the waiter with Kieran as trainee waiter copying everything Hector says. They are at Mercedes' and SavyA's table played by Seb and Savya himself. The Youtuber idea was so current and Mercedes was just hilarious. Bottom left we can see David and George having their short-lived date. Bottom right Harry carried off the maitre d' role well with a couple of his own jokes. Josh and Henry's date (bottom right) was also full of laughs - I wonder if Josh has got his Iron Bru yet.





Who turned the lights off?

Err....lads - you've forgotten to take your shoes off!!



I'm not finished just yet, 30 choruses to go.



Herding cats. Sorry, Year 10 synchronised swimming. They made the routine look easy but this was not easy. Trying to get 12 Year 10 boys to do the same thing at the same time is tricky. Led by Maxim they definitely had fun. The extra rehearsal the day before paid dividends and they started to get their act together once the realisation that they would be on stage came closer and closer. They ended up with a really good routine with a bit of fun thrown in too.



1, 2, 3, 4, now!

Musical talent from Oliver (bottom left) with his fun rendition of *The Acrobat* got the audience going. Arthur and Ethan (bottom right) performed a very good version of James Bay's *Let it go*.



The current Year 12s were not going to have another year where they couldn't produce anything for CHAPS. Bolstered by some newcomers, my initial idea was for them to do a year group dance. They weren't keen. I then allowed them to do a video but they couldn't come up with anything suitable. Eventually I adapted a script of the *Phobia Clinic* by Lee Mack and the rest is history. 30 minutes with Mrs Sinnett (Director of Drama) and these boys pulled off each of their characters with style. The standard has now been set for next year when they are in charge. I wonder if Lewis ever found the allergy clinic.



Hi, I'm Pete and I'm scared of the word spelt A.A.G.H.!

Having been in Pennell for four years, where they traditionally finish with a house song, I was keen to bring this back to CHAPS. Joe led a few rehearsals of *Jerusalem* and then we had some fun in the programme just announcing five singers with the rest of the house behind the curtain. Unfortunately, the curtain opened a little early and the house didn't walk forward to join the a Capella team. Other than that I was very proud of the boys for performing the song so well and also thank you to Ben Scanlan on the piano who learned it in a few days.



Why is no one walking forwards?

Does Joe have a future as a conductor? He certainly brought some fun to the role.



Bring me my bow

YEAR 13 STEAL THE SHOW

Yes this documentary is Ammmaaaazing!!!



G'day mate



Yes we know we spelt Compere wrong



Do our Barbours look good in this?



I will always remember my first CHAPS and the Year 13s made it a memorable one. Top left we see Alex and Oscar walking down Old Wish Road as they start their 'Lockdown' video. Will Meikle should have a special mention for his video editing which contributed so well to the quality of the video. Top right we can see Oscar, Alex and Tom compering for the evening enjoyed by so many. They really were very funny as was their intro video. The final Year 13 performance (bottom left) will have been sure to start the tears off for some parents. Mr Torri and Mr Banes are both good friends of mine and I was touched that they wanted to be included in the boys' last CHAPS.

MORE AWARDS

Half colours in hockey were awarded to Lucas Askaroff and Oliver Carter. In football half colours were awarded to Lewis Buckle and Oscar Boulter. Teddy Groves and Joshua Moreton received half colours in swimming and basketball respectively.



Edward (left) receiving his full colours in swimming. This is quite an achievement for a Year 11 pupil. Earlier in the newsletter you would have read that he broke the long standing 50m butterfly College record. He chose swimming as his games option this term and it seems to have paid off. He was also part of the house team to win gold in senior house swimming.

Joe (below) receiving his full colours for hockey this term. It is the second season that he has represented the College 1st XI. He contributed to a successful season with the team winning 10 out of 15 fixtures. They also had wins in the end of season trip to Bath and await their quarter final match next term. Barring injury, Joe will play for the 1st XI cricket next term. That means he will be one of very few pupils to play 1st team across the three major sports at the College two years in a row. Something I like to call a double, triple stag.

We wish Hal Mills luck. He has produced a three-part, deconstructible snowboard, which has been put forward for the national Triumph Design Awards. The Year 9 members have also been debating, and in the recent competition, judged by Oliver Wright, Miss Schott and Mr Canning, 1st place was jointly awarded to Oliver Shouksmith and Theo BS (Reeves).

