

A message from the North Powell



Michaelmas Term Review

The Michaelmas Term is a long journey and I congratulate those 17 new pupils for adapting to life at the College, so well. I was very proud of how the boys reacted to the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II in September and the inspiration drawn from reflecting on her life and service to the commonwealth. The second half of term has seen large numbers of boys participating in school life, 7-days a week, with the house revue, remembrance and other co-curricular commitments. The recent cold snap and flurry of snow saw the College transformed into a white Christmas wonderland, a magical backdrop for the end of term events. There has been a remarkable amount of productivity, endeavour and success to celebrate, which I hope to capture in this newsletter. SM



Sports round-up (p3)



Singer Songwriting p7 Live Lounge Success



House Revue Photos (p13) - Flying y12

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INTER-HOUSE SPORTS STANDINGS

Powell currently sits in 3rd place with 78 points.

17

NEW PUPILS

We have welcomed 17 new pupils into Powell this term

182

FIXTURES

Spanning across 12 different sports



Academic Review

The academic life of the school has been very busy, once again this term, with Oxbridge interviews, Headmaster's challenges, essay competitions and mathematical olympiads. Daniel Guldemond has been busy applying for medicine, whilst also helping and coaching this term's debating sessions.

A huge thanks to Mr Hill and Mr Shakespeare for their on-going support of the boys in the U6th, with their personal statements and future applications. The majority of Year 13 have submitted UCAS applications this term and we have our fingers crossed for gaining offers so they may pursue to the university of their choice.



In Year 12, many of the boys gained excellent GCSE grades last summer and I am delighted with the numbers of boys commenting how much they are enjoying their A-level subjects. A good number are also well-underway with their Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments qualification, as well as Extended Project essays. Oliver Edmead (pictured above) was awarded the Ward and Burke Arkwright Engineering Scholarship, which is one of the most esteemed of its type in the UK.

In Year 11, non-examined assessment work has continued to be a focus for many this term, as well as crunching through the last few topics of their GCSE syllabuses. We wish them a productive Christmas break and all the best for the January mocks, which is an important next step, in the build up to the Summer exams.

In Year 10, the boys have commenced their GCSE courses and the end of term exams provided a first taste of formal exam protocols. There were a number of pleasing results, but I've no doubt all of them are hungry for obtaining higher grades.

In Year 9, the boys completed end of term assessments over a 2-week period and with lots of encouraging effort. Most importantly, I've been hugely impressed with the way they have adapted to the step-up to senior school.

PRAISE MARKS – MT 2022

Top 3 pupils in each year group this term

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Toby Timlin (30)	Sloane Tennant (18)	Esteban Boruel-Lopez, Jossi Pears and James Rimington (16)	Oliver Edmead (12)	Noah James (7)
Henry Lawrence (23)	Teifi Wolstenholme (17)	Jasper Simpson (13)	Oliver May (11)	Matthew Wakefield, George Lowery and Max Giddins (6)
Peter Miller (22)	Tobey Braithwaite (16)	Max Williams and Oliver Rivett (12)	Andreas Photiou (8)	Daniel Guldemond (5)

Two reward points awarded for a Show Hsm. One point awarded for praise comments.

Sport

This term has seen 12 sports, 39 teams, 182 fixtures and almost 75% of the pupil body representing the College crest and competing in fixtures this term.

On the rugby pitches, we have seen over 220 boys competing in 70 fixtures, with all players deserving huge credit for the spirit and determination in which they have played this term. The 1st XV have had a very successful season (winning 10 from 13 games) with a famous win over Brighton College on College Field, but also enjoying a second successful cup run in the national cup, with a strong victory of Dauntsey's School (away). However, the side's cup run was cut short against a strong Sutton Valence side in the Quarter-Finals of the competition. The 2nd XV won 5 from 7 games this season, playing some superb rugby, whilst the U16Bs won 5 from 8, U15As 4 from 8 and U15Bs 4 wins from 6.

The basketball team have been competing in the Sussex League and in the national knockout cup for the first time. The golf team played tournaments and matches with a young Y10 team having reached the area final and are now set to play Worth next term, for a place at the national finals. The squash team have been unlucky with fixtures being cancelled by other schools, but they were victorious over Christ's Hospital in the last week of term. The fencing team competed in two home fixtures; the two football teams have played five competitive friendly matches in readiness for the full season starting in January.

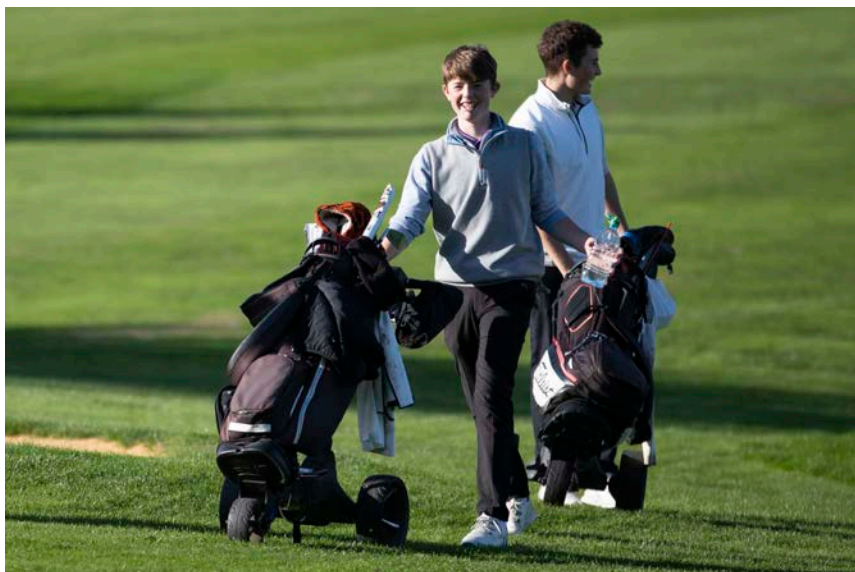
The inter-house sports competition has been incredibly competitive with the steeplechase, hockey, rugby, swimming and squash this term. The current standings can be found on p.5, however a huge well done for all boys, participating for the house in all of these events.





Inter-house rugby photos





George and Archie Shakespeare on the course.

The swim teams' commitment to training continues to pay off, with a significant number of personal bests and College firsts. The inter-boys (ft. Finlay Diacon and Matt Clark) finished 10th out of 128 schools in the national finals in the Olympic Pool and we wish them luck, ahead of the Bath Cup next term.



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INTER HOUSE

BOYS- RESULTS & STANDINGS

<p>REEVES</p> <p>79 POINTS</p>  <p>2</p>	<p>WARGRAVE</p> <p>87 POINTS</p>  <p>1</p>	<p>POWELL</p> <p>78 POINTS</p>  <p>3</p>
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Alfie Lulham and Ben Davies (below) worked hard in the junior inter-house squash competition, whilst Oliver Edmead and Alex Davies won the senior competition.

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<p>GONVILLE</p> <p>70 POINTS</p> 	<p>CRAIG</p> <p>61 POINTS</p> 	<p>PENNELL</p> <p>48 POINTS</p> 
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Creative Arts

As always, our creative arena continues to be packed full of opportunities and achievements. The exciting news of the Turner Prize coming to the Towner Galley next autumn, has seen our Junior art scholars being busy designing and making artworks. The Year 9 drama, directed by Thomas Johnston and Frederik Jensen led a popular rendition of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. Henry Lawrence gains a special mention for producing a very convincing performance in his role as Filch. Well done to all boys on this project.



In music, pro music concerts and professional Nigel Richards delivered an inspirational masterclass for some of our singers, as well as the informal concert series seeing a number of Powell performances, many for the first time. House singing provided to be as competitive and enjoyable as ever whilst the annual Remembrance Concert was a fitting tribute where Frederik Jensen and Reha Akinlosotu gave memorable solo performances. The Live Lounge (pictures on p.7) was a fantastic celebration of the College's creative talents, featuring a number of Powell boys from Y9 to Y13. Lastly, the department hosted its Christmas concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra, Brass Group, Flute Group and the Jazz Band.



The College Choir have been hugely busy over the course of the term with the annual Sing day, with the stand out highlight being a performance of the Wellerman! The Remembrance Service, confirmation Sunday, as well as a combined College and St Andrew's advent service, as well as a number of carol services. A huge well done to all.

Drama

Ben Young, Esteban Boruel-Lopez and Harry Evans must be congratulated for their performances in Nell Gwynn, to create a hilarious, bawdy and uplifting show. Special mention must also go to the Powell musicians; Matthew Wakefield and Oliver Rivett. The Y10/11 drama scholars proceeded an abridged version of the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe starring Esteban Boruel-Lopez, Jossi Pears and Dominic Muschialli. The term has also seen the launch of the brand new EBCTV series drama 'Surviving School' and pupils have been busy producing, directing, shooting and acting.

**Live Lounge
Concert -
November
2022**



**Harry Evans,
Matthew
Wakefield**



**Ben Young, Sam
Noton**



**Toby Timlin
and Jossi Pears**





College Steeplechase - Well done to Jasper Simpson, placing 2nd in the inter-house boys race.



Service

In the CCF, our Year 10 programme got underway whilst the majority of those who have stayed on for Year 11 are developing the skills of instructing and leading, with a view of future responsibility. On Remembrance Sunday all cadets paid their respects to The Fallen, either at the College or by marching in the town parade and in addition a small number of enthusiasts enjoyed a cold but enjoyable overnight exercise in late-November. Sergeant Alex Davies spent a week over half term on a Senior Cadets Instructor Course, where he gained a prestigious 'highly commended' report. The RN cadets have continued to impress, whilst the RAF section had a record 29 new cadets joining in September, with all four of the U6 and three L6 cadets are now completing their Advanced training and have qualified as instructor cadets.



Beyond CCF, 120 members of the Lower Sixth have been involved in service activities. Nearly 30 pupils have been giving support with maths and languages via Teams to pupils from local secondary schools. Face-to-face visits to residents at Chaseley Trust have resumed, with pupils involved in the social activities and physiotherapy programmes with severely disabled adults. Local elderly residents delight in attending our Wednesday Club, for an afternoon of tea, chat and quizzes with our pupils whilst the Green Team have been carrying out weekly beach cleaning sessions. This term saw our DofE numbers swell and seventy Y10 joined the Silver and eighteen additional Y12 applications for Gold Duke of Edinburgh. During October half term, we had fifty-nine Year 11 pupils competing their practice silver expedition on the South Downs and thirteen Year 13 pupils successfully completing their gold assessment on the Brecon Beacons.



A big thanks to whole Powell community for donating so many food items for this year's harvest appeal for the Eastbourne Foodbank. As a College we provided 2,300 quality meals. The other Chapel Charities for this year are Crisis, supporting homeless people and Bushbels - providing equipment, buildings and teachers for a school project in Kenya. The two charity quizzes in Tim's Cafe raised almost £350 for the Chapel Charities and more events are planned for next term. This year's Poppy Appeal



Powell boys in action in all aspects of College Life



Headmaster's Assembly

Academic achievement:

- Half Colours were awarded to **Oliver Edmead** in DT.

Sporting achievement:

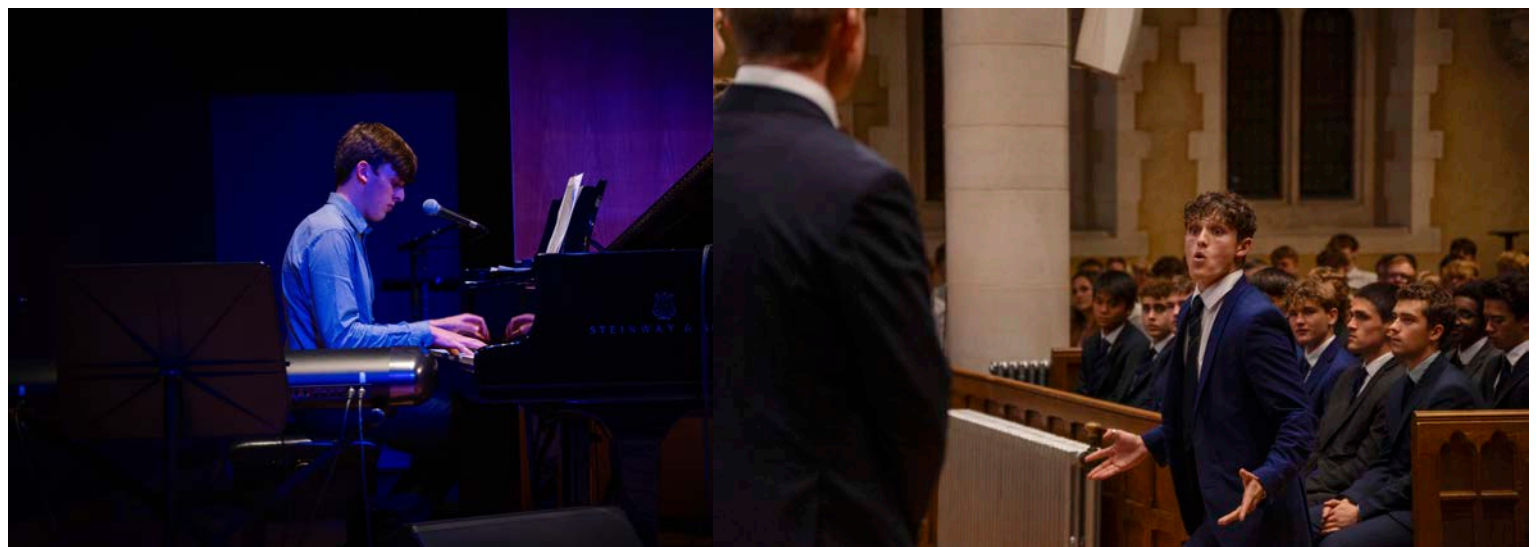
- Full colours for rugby were awarded to **Wilf Batham-Read** and **Oliver Wigman** (1st XV co-captains for rugby), alongside **Charlie Carpenter** were awarded for rugby having consistently performed at an excellent (match winning) level, showing first-class work ethic in practice, combined with a positive mental attitude.
- Half Colours were awarded to **Samuel Hamilton** in rugby.
- Half colours were awarded to **Oliver Edmead** in squash.

Creative achievements:

- Full Colours were awarded to Ben Young, who offers leadership and positive attitudes towards Creative Arts, having shown the requisite blend of technical and natural attributes which allow him to attain the highest standard of creative arts and make telling contributions to the success and ethos of the creative arts at the College.

Other notable achievement:

- Congratulations to the following Year 12 Powellians who were awarded their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award:
 - **Michael Abourous**
 - **Oliver Edmead**
 - **Alexander Edwards**
 - **Frederik Jensen**
 - **Christopher Johnson-Bird**
 - **Thomas Johnston**
 - **Samuel Hamilton**





More photos from the inter-house rugby





Powell House Revue - November 2022



Final thoughts of the term

During the second half of term we have centred our charter of expectations around the importance of resilience. The hurdles of a long Michalemas Term always tests the bounce-back ability of all pupils and ultimately contributing to helping pupils develop coping mechanisms, to withstand whatever life throws at them. I look forward to the boys returning in January, leading the house through an intense Lent Term as we look towards spring and supporting each and every boy on their personal school journey throughout 2023. My thanks to the tutors for their relentless hard work this term, as well as all parents/guardians in their unwavering support of the house and the College.

Emma, Max and I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas break. A time to relax, refuel and reconnect with family and friends.

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Dates for the diary:

Lent Term 2023

Sunday 8 January - House open 10am - 6pm

Monday 9 January - Lent Term begins

Thursday 26 January - Exeat weekend + Y10 Parents meeting

Friday 10 February - Half Term + Y11 Parents meeting and A-level info

Monday 20 February - Term resumes

Friday 10 March - Exeat weekend

Friday 24 March - End of term (2.35pm)

<https://calendar.eastbourne-college.co.uk/>