

A message from the North Powell



Michaelmas Term Review

Now I'm a believer...

I'm a believer by Smash Mouth was the first taste of House Singing for 40 members of the house and the boys most certainly lived up to the house name of providing the most volume in the competition. As I reflect on the highs and lows since the start of September, which seems a very long time ago, I am very proud of the commitment, resilience and enthusiasm to a broad and wholesome College term by all Powellians. It has also been delightful to return to face-to-face parents meetings and be able to invite parents into the house for the first time in many months. There has been a remarkable amount of productivity, endeavour and success to celebrate, which I hope to capture in this newsletter.

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Inter-house rugby (p4)



Touch rugby festival

One day more (p6)



Les Miserables comes to Big School

Powell/Watt House Dinner (p8)



Decades of fancy dress

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**INTER-HOUSE
SPORTS STANDINGS**

Powell currently sits in 4th place with 82 points.

20

NEW PUPILS

We have welcomed 20 new pupils into Powell this term

178

FIXTURES

Spanning across 12 different sports



Academic Review

The academic life of the school has been very busy this term with Oxbridge interviews, Headmaster's challenges, essay competitions and mathematical olympiads. We wish James Grout and Tobias Lloyd the best of luck, having been called for Oxbridge interviews and we hope to hear good news in the New Year. Although the debating 'battle bus' has yet to hit the road, Daniel Guldemond has been busy remote debating against other schools, which concluded in a MUN conference at the end of term.



My thanks to Mr Dennis and Mrs Livingstone-Greer for supporting the boys with their personal statements and UCAS 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 the university of their choice. Furthermore, congratulations goes to Kane Benton for successfully sitting the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments Level 2 qualification.

In Year 12, so 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.

In Year 11, have completed a number of contingency assessments in December, which has helped provide greater focus, ahead of the mock exams in January. We wish them well for this important next step.

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. Gregory Ashley Taylor won a £25 Amazon gift voucher for being a joint winner of the HM challenge earlier in the term, having created a short documentary on the Battle of Midway.

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 2021

Top 3 pupils in each year group this term

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Dmitry Bykov (27)	Jasper Simpson (21)	Laurence Callow (38)	Ben Young (11)	James Grout (14)
Alex Pilsbury (19)	Max Williams (15)	Alex Davies (21)	Noah James (9)	Tobias Lloyd (12)
Alfie Lulham (17)	James Rimington (13)	Michael Abourous, Tom Arnold and Oliver Edmead (13)	Charlie Carpenter, Daniel Guldemond (7)	Dexter Richardson (8)

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

Sport

With 12 sports, 31 teams, 178 fixtures and with over 75% of the pupil body representing the College crest and competing in fixtures this term, it has been fantastic to have this aspect of College life back. On the rugby pitches, the 1XV have enjoyed a number of games on College Field, which has led to a long run in the National Bowl competition, which continues next term. The U15As have been equally successful and continue to the last 16 of national National Vase competition next term. The golf team played in the West Sussex foursomes at the Smarden; whilst the squash team were back on court, winning all but one of their fixtures.

INTER HOUSE SPORT

The inter-house Aquathlon in September, kicked off inter-house competitions for the term. 6 pupils in Powell braved the seafront. Congratulations to Tobias Lloyd, Dexter Richardson, Dan Abourous, Matt Clarke, Max Doyle and Leo Ginger for representing the house - a fantastic achievement.

The inter-house touch rugby competition was split over two weekends and whilst the conditions were quite different between both weekends, the energy and spirit were exemplary. A special mention to Year 9 (pictured below), who gained 1st place.





Inter-house Rugby Competition

Creative Arts

The Arts Award programme continues to thrive with 35 6 formers completing their Gold Arts award. The Lent Term sees fruition of their labour with an exhibition in the cafe, young people's film festival and production of Journey's End. Our artists have enjoyed trips to various exhibitions including 'Seaside Modern' in Hastings and the 'Mixing it Up' collection at the Tate Modern. Our musicians, welcomed 80 prep school pupils for the annual sing day. The Jazz Band played for the Children's Respite Trust Ball.



Year 9 House Drama

Congratulations to Lower Sixth directors: Noah James, George Lowery and Ben Young won the Year 9 House drama directors prize. The judge commented: Powell made an impressive programme, rewrote and adapted the script to a high standard, delivering excellent punch lines, very original, great intro speech, they really seemed to enjoy themselves. Special mention to the parrot (Myles Luther) who was hilarious. Well done to all members of the cast.

Les Miserables

Joseph Muschialli, Ben Young, Sam Hamilton, Esteban Boruel-Lopez and Jossi Pears must be congratulated for their exceptional performances in the College musical. I have no doubt they created memories to last a life time and it was certainly a highlight of the term. Special mention must also go to the Powell musicians, who created exceptional music, they were James Grout, Matthew Wakefield and Oliver May.

Our musicians were front and centre of the Remembrance Day events, as well as Les Mis and the Advent services. Tom Pedley, Joseph Muschialli and Christopher O'Hanlon performed in the breath-taking studio performance of Berkoff's Metamorphosis, too much acclaim.



Photos from Les Miserables



Service

Despite the restricted opportunities available due to the pandemic, over 120 members of the Lower Sixth have been involved in service activities this term. Wilf Batham-Read has been busy supporting conversation classes in Spanish for pupils in 3 local secondary schools in the MFL club. Whilst a large number of the Powell Lower Sixth have been involved in the gardening group, designing a memorial garden and creating ceramic planters.

CCF continues to be an important aspect of College life. Year 10s have been focusing on drill and this was on display at the Remembrance Sunday Parade. All Powell year 11 have selected to continue with CCF this term, undertaking a challenging but rewarding leadership development programme. A strong number of them completed the first ever Pathfinders fieldcraft activity over the November exeat weekend, which was hugely impressive. Y11 RAF cadets are underway with their nationally recognised Methods of Instruction course and will deliver their assessed lessons in January. Congratulations must go to Oliver Edmead, who has applied for a place on the Air Cadet Pilot Scheme.

In September, the Duke of Edinburgh team started by playing catchup, with a Gold practice expedition, followed by two expeditions (both gold and silver) in the Brecon Beacons and the South Downs.



A big thanks to whole Powell community for donating so many food items for this year's harvest appeal.



James Grout (below) and Jossi Pears formed the Corps of Drums at Remembrance.





College Steeplechase - Tuesday 12 October 2021





**Powell/Watt
House Dinner
Saturday 20
November
2021**

Headmaster's Assembly

Academic achievement:

- Gregory Ashley Taylor - winner of the Headmaster's summer challenge.

Sporting achievement:

- Wilf Batham-Read was awarded an honorary sports scholarship, having been a very influential sportsman since arriving at the College. He is currently a key member of the 1XV and has also been selected in the Harlequins U17 Development Player Group.
- Half Colours were awarded for rugby to the following boys in Powell:
 - Christopher O'Hanlon
 - Henry Duke
- Half colours were awarded to Jame Grout in squash.
- Full Colours were awarded to Tom Pedley (1XV captain) for rugby having consistently performed at an excellent (match winning) level, showing first-class work ethic in practice, combined with a positive mental attitude.
- The annual Buckland award for 1XV rugby achievement was awarded to Henry Duke, for his contributions to a range of positions, including; hooker, flanker, centre and wing demonstrating a totally selfless attitude towards the needs of the team.

Creative achievements:

- Half Colours were awarded to Ben Young in Drama.
- Half Colours were awarded to Matthew Wakefield in Music.
- Full Colours were awarded to Joseph Muschiali, 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:

- Oliver Rivett, was awarded a grade 7 distinction in violin.
- Congratulations to Christopher O'Hanlon and Elliot Wilson who were awarded their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

Final thoughts of the term

Having not had the opportunity to decorate the house last academic year, I was delighted with the creative efforts around the house, despite not placing in the inter-house decoration competition. Not to worry, planning has already started for next year. The spirit and camaraderie of the boys, during whole-school and inter-house events has been fantastic this term. I look forward to more of the same in the Lent, with a house concert, to also look forward to. A special mention must go to Adam Slaymark (OE) who very generously donated a new piano to the house, earlier this term. The constant tinkling on the piano has become a daily occurrence and with thanks to Adam's kindness, having had so many memories of playing the piano in house himself, this legacy will continue. Lastly, my sincere thanks to the whole Powell community this term, for the twice-weekly testing in order to keep the College show on the road. I look forward to seeing everyone in January.

Emma, Max and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and best wishes for 2022!



Dates for the diary:

Lent Term 2022

Wednesday 5 January - House open 10am - 6pm

Thursday 6 January - Lent Term begins

Thursday 20 January - Exeat weekend + Y10 Parents meeting

Friday 11 February - Half Term + Y11 Parents meeting and A-level info

Monday 21 February - Term resumes

Friday 11 March - Exeat weekend

Friday 25 March - End of term (2.35pm)

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



More photos from the College Steeplechase - Tuesday 12 October 2021

