

POWELL HOUSE

EASTER 2018



VIEW FROM THE HSM'S STUDY:

The activity of the Lent Term never ceases to impress. In music, so many Powell boys have been happily engaged in choir, orchestra, practice and lessons. In sport, we contribute wholeheartedly to a whole range of teams in all sorts of sports at all levels. There has also been plenty of involvement in drama, art, debating, design technology and ICT—especially with the approach of coursework deadlines. GCSE and A-Level mock exams have certainly kept half of the house academically honest. Of course, there have been plenty of opportunities for laughter and good friendships, too—an excellent joint dinner with Arnold, year group pizza socials and lots of fun in the snow.

Emily, Nessie, Peter and I wish you all a very Happy Easter and an excellent holiday. Let's hope for some decent Spring weather.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT TERM:

Start of Term: term begins on Monday 16th April 2017. Boys should arrive in Powell by 8:20am ahead of the 8:25am house meeting and registration.

Exams: study leave for Y11 begins on Monday 14th May. The U6 will have to wait until after half-term. Boys on study leave selected for teams are expected to play as usual—hopefully a great break from all their revision.

Speech Day: Saturday 30th June. All the boys are required to return for Speech Day by 9:00am. Chapel at 10am. The Headmaster will be addressing parents at 11:30am. Picnics on College Field—all welcome!

The House we want to be: sociable, supportive, successful. We seek wholeheartedly the College's core values of pursuit of excellence, kindness, courtesy, integrity and participation.

Football: Despite a weather-affected schedule, there were plenty of Powell boys at the heart of each and every school team. For the firsts, Tom Crathern, Joseph Gurden and James Young, In the seconds, Will Dawkins. For the thirds, Will Jeffrey, Stephen Graham and James Holley. Louis Wilson, Milo Down, James Ross, Ed Flowers, Alfredo Vazquez, Lucas Lee, Arno Pellet and Mikhail Konovalov were all part of the strong 4th and 5th XIs

After the House competitions, the abiding feeling was what could have been. The Juniors played very well, dominating their first match against ultimate winners Craig. Spike Gleave netted first, before a penalty kick pegged us back. The second group game was a very exciting match. Needing to win by four to proceed to the final and three for a penalties decider with Craig, the boys gave it their all. Despite both Giacomo and Will Lowery hitting the post on separate occasions, goals from Will, Tom Pedley and a second from Spike secured the shoot-out. Sadly, despite Spike's tremendous efforts in goal, the boys went down in sudden death. Noted in despatches: the very skilful Will Oates, some solid defence from Ali Al-Shamaa, excellent wing-play by Tom Pedley, the midfield generalship of Louis Loubser, and the cat-like grace of James Grout between the sticks.

The Seniors dominated their game against eventual-winners Craig. As with the Juniors, Powell scored first—James Young finding the back of the net with an accurate strike. A heavily deflected strike allowed the opposition to equalise and progress to the final. The match with Gonville was a very tense affair. James Ross saved well, Will Jeffrey cleared from the line, before Gonville scored a deserved opener. From then on, it was all Powell. A missed penalty and a header over the bar from a metre out rather summed it all up. Despite the disappointment, there were lots of other highlights from the day: the silky skills of Joseph Gurden and Will Dawkins, the sturdy defence of Stephen Graham and Kieran Cheney, the composure of player-manager Tom Crathern, a great cameo at left-back by Oliver Gent, and the defence-splitting through-ball of the afternoon from James Holley.





Other Sport:

Rugby: Kieran Cheney and Murray Trott represented the Sussex XV's at U18 and U17 levels respectively. In Sevens, they have both represented the College first team at both Shiplake, where they reached the final of the shield, and Rosslyn Park tournaments. As for the U15s, Spike Gleave and Louis Loubser were part of the College team that won the Sussex 7s. Spike has been training with Sussex and Harlequins. In Y9, Henry Duke (also Harlequins), Tom Pedley and Will Oates were part of a very strong U14 sevens squad that performed with great spirit at the Nationals.

Swimming: Captain of Swimming Louis Wood and Noah Canby have enjoyed a very good term. They have been half of the College's senior squad and represented the College in National Relays finals and the Bath Cup, both held at the London Olympic Aquatic Centre. Both are very much looking forward to the opening of the new College pool next term, along with other swim squad members Thomas Watkins and Luca Wells.

Cricket: Tom Crathern is hoping for a great final season. Both he and Matt Thompson have been benefiting from one-to-one coaching sessions throughout the term. Along with Joel Pearce, Will Dawkins, Murray Trott, Louis Heywood, Tom Pedley and Harry Johnson, they hope for lots of time on College Field this summer.

Fencing: Both Sollomon and Elijah Andal have been training hard. Sollomon competed well at the Public Schools Fencing Championships.

Tennis: James Young helped the College to the national finals of the LTA student league.

Rowing: Luke Sprintall, Elias Brown, Maxmo Collins and George Ruskin have been "paddling" hard throughout the term and are looking forward to a successful summer regatta season.

Cross-Country: Noah Canby achieved a top five finish in the Sussex Cross-Country championships. Spike Gleave, Felix Harffey-Burkhill and Tom Pedley also competed well. Henry Cox, George Ruskin and Savvas Demos have enjoyed braving the elements along the seafront and up on the Downs.

Triathlon: Looking ahead to an exciting summer of national and international qualification races, Noah Canby has maintained his determined commitment to training, including a week with the GB junior squad in Portugal over half-term.

Golf: Will Oates has been selected for the Sussex U14 squad, and competed with the College team in the area final at the Royal Ashdown.

Boxing: Savvas Demos and Kamran Rajwani continue to train hard at Bexhill and Eastbourne gyms.

Hockey: Powell boys represented the College at all levels this term, from the 1st XI all the way down to the U14Ds. Louis Heywood enjoyed a very busy and successful season with a very strong 1st XI. He was joined by Felix Harffey-Burkhill, who took on goalkeeping responsibilities. Nikita Malkov played well for the 2nds; Max Leighton the rock at the heart of the 3rd XI's defence. Ashraf Owasil impressed for the U16As, the 2nds and the 3rds.. Along with Felix, he was part of the team which lifted—once again—the Sussex Cup. As for the U15s, Spike Gleave, Louis Loubser and fit-again Loic Bass-Gualbert all represented the As; Will Lowery, Alex Photiou and Giacomo Ghiro all starred for what must be one of the strongest B teams in the country. Ali Al-Shamaa displayed real potential as a keeper.

In the senior house matches, the team competed well. Good goals were scored by both Will Dawkins and Louis Heywood. Draws were earned with Craig and Gonville, helping the squad to fifth place overall. The Juniors enjoyed greater success. Unbeaten, they were only a fraction away from winning the entire competition. Goals from Henry Duke (2), Will Lowery and Louis Loubser led to comprehensive victories over Gonville and (eventual winners) Wargrave. The Y9 team came one better in their year group matches. Bar the off-games Eugene Jackson, everyone was involved. Both Henry Duke and Callum O'Reilly scored hat-tricks; Harry Johnson notched up two, including a vital winning goal against Pennell, and Will Neal provided another. Goal-keeper Will Oates kept clean sheets throughout. Captained by Loic, the Y10s had a lot of fun in their year group competition, too, with Louis Loubser scoring with a penalty flick and Callum Hynes particularly enjoying playing against his old house.



MUSIC:

Powell provided an impressive tally of five finalists in the Young Musician of the Year competitions. Luca Wells won the duet class on guitar with Sian Sulke. They performed Bachinas by Villas Lobos. Ashraf Owasil followed with Chopin's Nocturne in C sharp-minor on piano in the intermediate final. In the senior category, Luca Wells was back on guitar with movements from Ponce's sonatina Merdonial. However, it was Tom Sangster who was victorious in this class and who was to be crowned Young Musician of the Year, blowing the roof off with a "sweaty chopped-up version" of Alexander Glazunov's saxophone concerto.

A good number of Powell boys continue with music lessons: seventeen in total. They have again enjoyed plenty of success in their grade exams, including: Dexter Richardson, grade 3 piano; Luke Muschialli, grade 7 piano (merit) and grade 5 cello (merit), Tom Sangster grade 2 piano, grade 2 jazz piano. Twelve Powell boys perform with the orchestra, nine with the choir.

Particularly notable other achievements: The Y9 iPad orchestra; James Grout, Will Neal and Joe Muschialli in the Y9 band; Ashraf Owasil's Schindler's List solo on Strings Day, before gleefully leaping to the drums for "Day Tripper". Luca Wells continues to attend the Royal College of Music on Saturdays. Luca will be performing at the Mall Galleries, London, over the holidays. Tom Sangster secured a distinction in his level four diploma in saxophone. Tom is rehearsing hard for his Gold Arts Concert at the College on 1st May.

ALSO IN THE NEWS:

House Debating: George Ruskin and Maxmo Collins argued for the house.

Drama: No major school productions this term, but a stand-out performances by Giles Kerr as various characters from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in his A-Level practical. The Y11s all performed well in their GCSE pieces: Felix Harffey-Burkhill as Stanhope, Luke Muschialli (defying a croaky throat) as Kip, Dylan Joyce as Stanhope (again), Alfredo Vazquez as Hibbert and Thomas Watkins as Warren. James Young will be performing as the King of Hearts in next term's L6 Dell Play.

The House Dinner: a great evening was enjoyed with the company of Arnold House. A circus theme saw boys come appropriately dressed. A good time was had by all.

Work Experience: Well done to Oliver Gent, who continues to make the very most of a post-GCSE work experience posting at the Mirror. He is now very much part of their online sports team, writing a good number of well-written articles that have been read, approved and shared by thousands.

PRIZE WINNERS:

Commendations: Nikita Malkov (British Physics Olympiad), George Ruskin (UK Linguistics Olympiad), Luke Muschialli (outstanding performance in GCSE mock exams)

Gold Medals: Elias Brown won a gold medal in the British Biology Olympiad, placing him in the top 7% of pupils nationally. Elias is the only Gold medal winner at the college for the past 10 years.

University Offers: Elias Brown secured three university offers for medicine.

The non-smoking Easter Egg: congratulations to James Ross who scored full marks in the college-wide non-smoking quiz to remember No Smoking Day.

College Half-Colours for: Sollomon Andal (fencing), James Young and Tom Crathern (football), and Louis Heywood (hockey)

College Full Colours for: Louis Wood (swimming), Louis Wilson (art), Tom Sangster (music)

Champagne moments: Callum O'Reilly (hat-trick in Y9 hockey despite usually playing as a goalkeeper) and Tom Sangster (performance in Young Musician of the Year final)

House eRC effort prizes: Will Neal, Dexter Richardson, Joe Muschialli, Sean Wilson, Ted Alden-Templeman, Callum Hynes, Alexander Photiou, Edward Gent, Luke Muschialli, Luca Wells, Milo Down, Oliver Gent, Louis Heywood, Nikita Malkov, Ed Flowers, George Ruskin, Henry Cox, Stephen Graham, Sollomon Andal, Luke Greenhow, Tom Sangster, Kieran Cheney, Tom Crathern. Particular congratulations to Elias Brown for achieving the perfect five-star eRC effort average.

Powell House End of Term Prizes were awarded to: (Y9) Christopher O'Hanlon, (Y10) Ted Alden-Templeman, (Y11) Alfredo Vazquez, (L6) Luca Wells, (U6) Tom Crathern and Stephen Graham.



