

POWELL HOUSE

EASTER 2019

HAPPY EASTER!

Although only eleven weeks long, the Lent Term can often feel a lot longer. Cold mornings and dark evenings, mock exams for both GCSE and A Level, and the usual range of bugs and viruses. The boys of Powell House have persevered and weathered them all, enjoying a lot of fun, friendship and success along the way. They have been firing on all fronts: music, drama, sport, service and academics. Highlights this term include the house dinner, *Hedda Gabler*, Young Musician of the Year and a range of happy, successful inter-house competitions: squash, swimming, hockey, football, chess and a cappella. These encourage participation and fellowship within and between both year groups and houses. Of course, they are extra commitments on top of everything else they do. We remain very impressed whenever the boys step up to the plate and give their cheerful best. And when they do, more often than not they are met with success.

Emily, Nessie, Peter and I wish you all a very Happy Easter and an excellent holiday.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT TERM:

Start of Term: term begins on Wednesday 24 April. Boys should arrive in Powell by 8.20am ahead of the 8.25am house meeting and registration.

Exams: study leave for Year 11 begins on Monday 11 May. The Upper Sixth will have to wait until 6pm on Friday 15 May. Boys on study leave selected for teams are expected to play as usual—hopefully a great break from all their revision.

Bank Holiday and Half term: there will be no school on Monday 6 May due to the bank holiday. Half term starts late afternoon on Friday 24 May. Boys should be back by 8.20am on Monday 3 June.

Speech Day: Saturday 29 June. All the boys are required to return for Speech Day by 9.00am. Chapel at 10.00am. The Headmaster will be addressing parents at 11.30am. Picnics on College Field—all welcome!

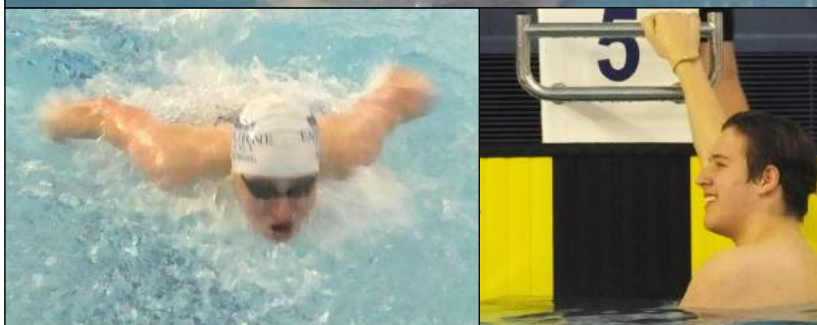
The House we want to be: sociable, supportive, successful. We seek wholeheartedly the College's core values of pursuit of excellence, kindness, courtesy, integrity and participation. We want to be productive, proactive and good company.



Football: The highlight for the College 1st XI was a thrilling 5-4 victory over Cranleigh, with Captain James Young finishing the game with a last-minute winner for his hat-trick. Playing with James in the 1st XI were Will Dawkins, Joseph Gurden and Jacob Doherty. Will Jeffrey was a towering presence at centre back for the 2nd XI. Matt Thompson played for the 3rd XI, with Ollie Godfrey, Oliver Gent and Jack Stepney the pillars in defence. For the 4ths and 5ths: Ed Flowers, Milo Down, Edward Gent, Kamran Rajwani, Dylan Joyce and Alfredo Vazquez.

In the house football competition, the joint Year 9 / Year 10 junior team came second. Tom Pedley scored twice: the first in a convincing 1-0 win over Craig, the second in a tense 1-1 draw with Wargrave. The senior team started well, a 1-0 victory over Gonville, Will Dawkins on the score sheet. The boys dominated against Craig but were frustrated in finding the back of the net.





Rugby Sevens: Murray Trott and Spike Gleave were victorious with the College senior squad in the Plate at the tournament at Christ's College, Brecon. Both helped the College through to the second day in the national competition at Rosslyn Park. Spike also starred for the U16 team, scoring a brilliant individual try in the live-streamed match against Cheltenham College. He was joined by Will Lowery, Louis Loubser, Tom Pedley and Henry Duke. Elliot Wilson, Charlie Carpenter and Ollie Caradas gave their best with the U14 team.

Swimming: It was good to see inter-house swimming back on the calendar. The junior team of Tom Pedley, Eugene Jackson, Will Oates and Ben Young came an encouraging third, with victories for Tom in both the 25m freestyle and the 25m butterfly. Will impressed with a particularly gutsy 50m butterfly performance. The senior squad of Noah Canby (Captain of Swimming), Luca Wells, Thomas Watkins and Felix Harffey-Burkhill came one better, with three wins from Noah in individual races and victories in both relays helping the house to second place. Together, the boys earned enough points for Powell to be crowned house swimming champions for 2019.

Golf: Will Oates has been selected for and is training with the Sussex U18 squad. Henry Walters and Joel Pearce have been hard at practice ahead of the summer.

Squash: Congratulations to the Powell team on their overall victory in the boys' house competition. Tom Pedley and James Grout secured second place in the junior competition, with Spike Gleave and Ali Al-Shamaa coming third.

Chess: The house chess squad of Callum Hynes, Jake Ludlam, Nikita Malkov, Luca Wells and Jacob Doherty were unbeaten through the group stage of the College championship, defeating Craig, Gonville, Nugent and Watt along the way. A very tense semi-final ended up with a 3-0 victory over a committed Wargrave team. The final was the tensest of affairs, with Jacob Doherty emerging victorious in a marathon of a deciding match. Congratulations to the champion Powell team.

Basketball: Elijah Andal is College Captain of Basketball. Elijah, Charlie Reed, Jake Ludlam, Arno Pellet, Hugo Verelst-Way have all been benefitting from professional coaching this term.

Cricket: Noah James, Max Giddins and Tom Pedley have all been enjoying winter nets.

Music: It was great to see nine Powell boys put themselves forward for the Young Musician of the Year competition. Six made it through to the final round. In the instrumental category, Loic Bass Gualbert impressed on trumpet with some Haydn, ahead of a super performance by Spike Gleave on xylophone. In the joint category, Luca Wells teamed up again with Watt's Sian Sulke to defend their 2018 title with a bit of Schubert. In the vocalists final, Oliver Gent sang beautifully, taking us right into the beauty of *Anglesey Bay*. Ben Young sang himself to victory in the junior category with Billy Joel's *New York State of Mind*. Edward Gent won the intermediate competition with a very moving performance of *Bring him home* from *Les Miserables*. This is Edward's second title in the Young Musician competition in three years.

Luke Muschialli was awarded a distinction in his Grade 8 piano exam. Oliver Gent sat Grade 8 exams in cello and singing, achieving a pass and a merit. Spike Gleave secured a merit in Grade 8 percussion. James Grout secured a distinction in his Grade 5 Rock & Pop drum exam. Ashraf Owasil awaits the result of his Grade 8 piano exam; Louis Loubser Grade 7.

There are six Powell boys in the College Jazz Band: Jules and Loic Bass Gualbert, Ed Gent, Harry Johnson, James Grout and Luca Wells.

Jules Bass Gualbert and Ben Young both performed solos in the Year 9 music evening.

Congratulations to the singers with their victory in the house a cappella competition. Luke Muschialli led this year's group. The song chosen was *Coldplays's Viva la Vida* and they performed it exceptionally well. Ben Young took the lead vocals, with Luke, James Grout, Joe Muschialli, and Edward Gent providing the harmony backing.



Drama: Thomas Watkins (George Tesman), Felix Harffey-Burkhill (Judge Brack) and Alfredo Vazquez (Eilert Lovborg) starred in an excellent Lower Sixth production of Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler*. Thomas Watkins has also been filming for an Eddie Izzard film. Spike Gleave, Matt Thompson and Sean Wilson all performed well in their GCSE assessed performances, as did James Young in his A-level piece. As for Year 10, we have plenty of talented Powell boys in the drama scholars group. Will Neal, Joe Muschialli, James Grout, Chris O'Hanlon and Eugene Jackson have all been rehearsing hard for next terms *One Million to Stop the Traffic* production. Congratulations to Will, Joe and James on the award of LAMDA Grade 6 with bronze medals.

AND FINALLY

The House Dinner: This was an enjoyable and well-supported event. Mexican-themed food, good company and a happy time. Congratulations to Mr Dennis' tutor group on winning Louis Heywood's excellently composed post-dinner pub quiz.

Work Experience: Thank you to the many parents who supported the Future's Convention and offered pupils work experience. It is so valuable. We encourage boys to keep making the very most of any such opportunities. Well done in particular this term to Kane Benton (event management) and Luca Wells (law) for doing so. The more proactive the boys learn to be, the better.

Charity Collection: The boys donated an impressive £458 for the local Rise and Shine project. The total included £58 in coppers alone. Thank you very much to everyone who supported this.

Drones: Congratulations to Callum Hynes, who flew with skill and dexterity to beat four other schools in the South East Airingers competition.



PRIZE WINNERS

HM's Commendation: Luke Muschialli (excellent participation at the Tonbridge Sixth Form Science Conference)

College Half-Colours: Oliver Gent (music), Felix Harffey-Burkhill (hockey), Elijah Andar (basketball), Will Dawkins and Jacob Doherty (both football)

College Full Colours: Murray Trott (rugby), James Young (football) and Louis Heywood (hockey)

Champagne moments: Will Oates (for efforts in 50m butterfly in house swimming); James Young (for his last minute winner in 1st XI 5-4 win vs. Cranleigh); Henry Buck (for revolutionising the art of modern hockey goalkeeping in the Year 9 house matches)

House eRC effort prizes were awarded to: (Y9) Francesco Bongiovanni, Elliot Wilson, Jules Bass Gualbert and Charlie Carpenter; (Y10) Will Neal, Joe Muschialli, and Dexter Richardson; (Y11) Ted Alden-Templeman, Matt Thompson, Loic Bass Gualbert, Louis Loubser, Kamran Rajwani, Sean Wilson, Alexander Photiou, Christian Greenhow, Ali Al-Shamaa, David Li and Spike Gleave; (L6) Luke Muschialli, Jake Wheatley, Henry Walters and Arno Pellet; (U6) Luca Wells, Louis Heywood, Noah Canby and Nikita Malkov.

Powell House End of Term Prizes were awarded to: (Y9) Charlie Carpenter, (Y10) Tom Pedley, (Y11) Callum Hynes, (L6) Jacob Doherty and Luke Muschialli, (U6) Louis Heywood.

