

POWELL HOUSE

SUMMER 2018

THE VIEW FROM THE HSM'S STUDY: A giant inflatable obstacle course, tug-of-war competitions, house golf, house tennis, Sports Day victory (again), cricket, the Maze, Alice in Wonderland, Gold Arts Award events and a magnificent Summer Concert: plenty to enjoy amidst a hefty amount of academic study, revision and exams. Powell boys have enjoyed plenty of activity, lots of success. Varied, energetic, sociable and fun. I hope that this end of year newsletter will sufficiently cover the breadth and depth of the all that has been achieved and enjoyed. Well done to all the boys. Particular thanks to George Ruskin and Luke Muschiali for their year group reports, and to Louis Wood for some photos. We wish all the very best to those moving on to pastures new. They will be greatly missed. Looking ahead, we look forward to welcoming a good number of new boys in September. Emily, Nessie, Peter and I wish you all an excellent summer.

KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM:

Start of Term: Tuesday 4th September 2018. Boys should have arrived in Powell by 8:20am ahead of the 8:25am house meeting.

Parents' Meetings: U6 on Friday 21st September; the L6 on 12th October; and Y9 on 23rd November.

Exeats: from 5pm, the weekends commencing Friday 21st September and Friday 23rd November.

Half Term: starts 5pm Friday 12th October. Boys return to College by 8:25am Monday 29th October.

The House Concert: 7:30pm Saturday 17th November.

End of Term: 3:45pm Friday 14th December.



REMINDERS FOR NEXT TERM:

Morning Registration: please can parents make sure that the boys have arrived by 8:20am each morning ahead of registration in the 8:25am house meeting. This is a key part of the day and allows me to pass on important messages. If running late or unable to come in for any reason, please can you let me know (by email or phone) by the same time so that I can alert teachers.

Haircuts: Boys' hair should be kept at a respectably short length, off the collar and not completely covering the ears, Excessively short or long hair is not acceptable. It should not be noticeably dyed. If it pulls down at the front over the eyes, it is probably too long; and nothing shorter than a grade three, please.

Socks: Should be dark and sober, please, not white or brightly coloured.

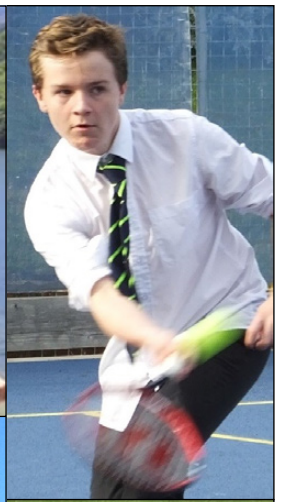
Games Kit: please make sure that boys bring in their own and wear their own kit. Please make sure that it is clearly named. "Borrowing" others' is rather tedious. Boys should take damp, muddy kit home with them at the end of each day.

Our Values: Together and individually we pursue excellence, kindness, courtesy, integrity, participation. We look after those who look after us. Supportive + Sociable = Successful. Fun + Friendly = Fantastic.



YEAR 9— The Powell Y9 have had a fine first year of College life. Together, they have enjoyed performing on stage a ten-minute Jungle Book, came second in house rugby, first in house hockey, first in the giant inflatable obstacle course, first in the Steeplechase, and first equal on Sports Day. Encouraged by victory in this year's house singing competition, they are already plotting a second triumph. They are a particularly strong year group for drama. Excellent friendships have been forged, and they have been very good company in house.

Henry Duke joined the Powell Y10s to help win the junior house tennis competition. Training with the Harlequins Academy, he is very much looking forward to the start of the rugby season in September. He was the top goal scorer in the Y9 hockey house matches. He came second in the 200m. Tom Pedley is another keen rugby player. Blessed with dazzling pace, agility and hand-eye coordination, he has also enjoyed A team hockey and cricket. He won the U14 100m race at the Sussex Diamond League event at the K2 at Crawley, and the triple jump on Sports Day. James Grout has also been busy with sport throughout the year. An A team hockey player, B team captain and wicket-keeper, he is also actively involved with College drama (A Christmas Carol, The Maze) and increasingly so with College music. He has performed on percussion in various college concerts, the bass guitar in the House Concert, and looks forward to joining the Chapel Choir come September. Joining him on the GCSE Music course next year will be Harry Johnson and Joe Muschialli. Harry is a talented middle distance runner and long jumper (2nd on Sports Day), a pacy bowler, and plays saxophone; Joe sings, strums and drums. He also starred in A Christmas Carol and the Y9/Y10 production of The Maze, and picked up the end of year Y9 Greek Prize. The Powell U6 nominated him for their Y9 pupil of the year award. Eugene Jackson is a young man of great kindness, friendliness and integrity. It was great to see him brave the stage alongside others in The Maze. He has been part of the Eastbourne Schools Partnership STEAM project, which has been active in helping clear Eastbourne's beaches of plastic. Will Neal has had an excellent year: two drama productions, A team rugby, B team hockey, C team cricket, 3rd place in the Steeplechase, excellent end of term exam results. At the end of term he was awarded not only the Y9 German Prize but also the Tom Lewis Memorial prize. Dexter Richardson is also excelling academically. He has opted for five languages at GCSE: French, Spanish, German, Latin and Ancient Greek. Congratulations to him for winning the Y9 French Prize and securing 2nd place in the Model United Nations challenge. Will Oates is not only a very talented footballer, but also a star golfer, earning Country representation with Sussex and winning at Singing Hills. He helped Powell to 2nd place in the house golf competition. Christopher O'Hanlon has impressed in hockey, rugby and cricket. On Sports Day he won the junior discus event, despite never having thrown one before. A menacing Shere Khan in the Jungle Book and another to star in The Maze, he is a keen and impressive actor. Callum O'Reilly is another very much looking forward to next season's rugby, both for the College and for Heathfield RFC. He has successfully represented the College in athletics this term, in both the 200m and the high jump. Callum scored a hat-trick in the Y9 hockey competition, helping the team to overall victory.



YEAR 10— The Powell Y10 have grown in number as the year has progressed. We were very pleased to welcome Ted Alden-Templeman in September, Callum Hynes in January, and David Li in April. Their arrival makes the year group even stronger and more multi-talented than ever before.

Ted Alden-Templeman is a very bright chap. He has taken IGCSE Maths a year early and won class effort prizes in chemistry and physics. He has enjoyed some sociable tennis on the Powell courts and charging through the giant inflatable obstacle course. Ali Al-Shamaa has enjoyed many highlights this term. He played U15s tennis for the College, and was a key member of the winning Powell team. Despite having never played a full round before, he competed magnificently in the house golf competition. On the CCF (army) Field Day, he impressed with his commitment, participation and progress. Loic Bass Gualbert is a stalwart of both choir and orchestra. A very fine trumpet player, he is regularly involved with concerts. He is also a very combative sportsman: A team hockey, B team rugby, and C team cricket captain. He was mentioned in despatches for his excellence as a team leader on the CCF (navy) trip. Edward Gent is another very fine musician. He plays saxophone and violin, and again has been involved in lots of concerts. Blessed with a wonderful voice, he starred at the end of year singer songwriter concert. His excellent (and very catchy) song is now available for download on iTunes. As for sport, he also represented the College for the U15s and was a major part of the winning house team. Giacomo Ghio performed brilliantly as the captain of the Powell tennis team. He too has been fully involved in College tennis. Over the course of the year, he has also enjoyed some A team rugby and B team hockey. He won class effort prizes in Spanish and physics.

Spike Gleave continues to dazzle with his sporting participation and excellence: A team rugby, A team hockey goalkeeper, U15s tennis and Sussex Diamond League gold medals galore: high jump, long jump and triple jump. He is also very musical: he sings with the choir, and performed on xylophone and sandpaper blocks in the Summer Concert. Christian Greenhow plays b-flat cornet with the orchestra, tackles like a dervish in C team rugby and hockey, played wonderfully well in house rugby, and has secured some very good eRCs. Callum Hynes is a DT scholar. He very much enjoyed participating in the Airgeneers drone competition. He is part of the College's very successful equestrian team that has qualified yet again for the National Finals. Joining us from Pennell, he has loved being part of the Powell community. David Li joined us from Wargrave this term and has settled in very quickly. Strong and fast, David very much enjoys playing rugby and will only make the house team even stronger for next term. This term he has been playing C team cricket. He performed well in the discus on Sports Day and was very powerful in the junior tug of war. Louis Loubser took IGCSE Maths a year early, and achieved some very promising end of year exam results. A sports scholar, he has played A team rugby and hockey, and B team cricket. He helped the house to second place in this term's golf competition, and to victory in house tennis. He plays the oboe in the College orchestra.

Will Lowery is another very talented sportsman: A team rugby, B team hockey, and another valuable member of the unbeaten U15Bs cricket team. He too was part of the strong house golf team, and threw the javelin a long, long way on Sports Day. Alexander Photiou is a highly talented art scholar. Hard working, a member of the Hobbes Society, he achieved some very good end of term academic reports. As for sport: B team hockey, C team cricket, and some golf for the College. He enjoyed flying with the RAF on the end of term CCF trips. Kamran Rajwani is a member of a local boxing gym. He starred with others in the House Concert in an energetic performance of Call Me Maybe. He has been happy with Powell friends playing tennis on the Powell courts. Matt Thompson came third in the tripple jump on Sports Day. An excellent footballer, he has also starred with the B team cricket and B team rugby. He has been chosen as Powell's Junior School Council Representative. He won the end of year class effort prize for English literature. Sean Wilson won end of year class effort prizes for history and computing. A keen member of the Hobbes Society, he won third place in the Model United Nations competition. Sean has been fully involved with the Chapel Choir. He is rarely off the stage, starring in the College's A Christmas Carol and various productions out of College with Young EODS.





YEAR 11—(Luke Muschialli writes) Powell Year 11 have had another great year, supporting each other all the way through the exam season. Despite the stress of GCSEs through this last term, everyone has managed to get involved in all different aspects of school life; sport, drama, music, art, CCF, DT, and the list goes on!

Felix Harffey-Burkhill has had a great year. He came an admirable 6th in Steeplechase and braved the interhouse biathlon, coming 3rd in the year. He enjoyed playing as goalkeeper in the 1st Hockey XI squad last term. He also took centre stage once again in the Christmas show, A Christmas Carol, starring with Thomas Watkins and Luke Muschialli as the three clerks, and putting on an impressive GCSE drama performance. James Holley has really enjoyed Year 11. Again, he was very successful in steeplechase, placing in the top 10. He has had a lot of commitment in the Art Department this year as well, producing a very good final piece at the end of it all. He worked hard for the exams and hopefully all his hard work pays off when results come in.

Dylan Joyce enjoyed Year 11, becoming increasingly involved in school life as the year has progressed. A highlight has to be his debut performance as Bob Cratchit in 'A Christmas Carol', really impressing the audiences every night. He also put on an impressive GCSE performance earlier this term. He has enjoyed preparing for his Duke of Edinburgh award, with the award allowing him to pursue some of his more ambitious 'metal-work' projects. Mikhail Konovalov had a fine year. He has been working hard for GCSEs at the end of the year, and his academic efforts were recently recognised when he won the French Vocabulary contest for his set. He has also been enjoying his sports, supporting the college in Rugby and Football this year.

Lucas Lee also enjoyed sport, this term really getting into the tennis season. He has also fully committed himself to art and DT, producing very admirable final pieces for his GCSE, and hopefully his efforts are well reflected in his result. Lucas has also been working hard for his Duke of Edinburgh, and is looking forward to the expedition at the end of the year. Similarly, Luke Muschialli has been preparing for the Duke of Edinburgh and will hopefully finish by the summer. Luke has also enjoyed getting involved at music in the college, and has taken part in many contests throughout the year and getting a music scholarship for next academic year. Luke won end of year academic prizes for music and history, and the long jump on Sports Day.

Ashraf Owasil has had a good year. He has been working hard on his DT and music course work, and received excellent results in both. He has been an integral part of the school orchestra, shining in his solo in 'Schindler's List' in the Michaelmas term. He has been working hard for his exams, and has also managed to get involved in both tennis and hockey in the College. Arno Pellet has really enjoyed Year 11. He has taken advantage of all the opportunities that have come his way, and has got particularly involved in sport. He has really enjoyed house life and looks forward to a restful summer. Alfredo Vazquez has taken this year in his stride, working really hard for the exams at the end of the year. Part of the winning house 4 x 100m relay team, he has also managed to get involved in sport at the college, and put on a great performance in the GCSE drama coursework earlier this term. He attained a well-deserved 'most improved' in Year 11, which really reflects all his efforts, and he looks forward to sixth form life next year.

Henry Walters has enjoyed this year. He has been working hard academically, but also has enjoyed sport this year, in particular on the golf course. Whatever it is, whether it be in or out of house, Henry always positively contributes to life at the College, and looks forward to the challenge of sixth form next year. Thomas Watkins has once again been a great contributor to both art and drama at the college. He enjoyed the Christmas production of A Christmas Carol, and put on a very entertaining performance early this term in his coursework. His final piece in art is also very impressive, and he has enjoyed working towards this over the year. Sport has also proved to be one of Tom's highlights, as he has surprised us with his commitment and success in swimming. He looks forward to the summer and continuing to thrive in the next two years.

Overall it has been a great year for Year 11, and we all look forward to coming back next year, and welcoming all the new additions into our group.







The LOWER SIXTH—One of the highlights this term was watching the Powell Lower Sixth on the giant inflatable obstacle course. They might not have secured the fastest time, but there was no doubt that they had the most fun—and this was the primary aim of the entire event.

Elijah Andal has impressed this year with his determination. He has battled hard with his A-level courses, and also trained hard for both basketball and fencing. Noah Canby has settled into Powell very happily. He is an outstanding triathlete, qualifying for GB representation at the Junior European Championships at Banyoles. He won the College's inaugural biathlon competition, the Steeplechase and the Senior 1500m on Sports Day. He has also been a key member of one of the College's strongest ever swimming squads. As for academic excellence, ahead of university applications he has secured top predicted grades for further maths and physics. Will Dawkins leapt to victory in the high jump on Sports Day. He is a very talented footballer, cricketer and hockey player. Following on from some very good GCSE results last year, he has made an encouraging start to his A-level studies. Milo Down is always wonderful company in house, and very highly respected for being friendly to all. He anchored the house senior tug of war team to victory on Sports Day. His effort grades have been very good throughout the year. As with Milo, Ed Flowers loves playing football and tennis. He also has secured some very encouraging eRC grades throughout the year. With Milo and James, Ed was a huge help in organising the Y9 drama performance. Oliver Gent is a talented aspiring journalist. He has made the most of work experience opportunities with both the Mirror and the Devonshire Park tennis. This has led to a lot of online articles and interviews with major tennis stars. He is a good tennis player and footballer, too. Oliver is an excellent singer, and has performed solos this year with the College Choir, not least in the Summer Concert. He is also the lead cello in the College orchestra, and won the Lower Sixth prize for German. Despite being a Manchester United fan, Joseph Gurden also loves his football. We congratulate him on winning the Powell House World Cup Prediction game by guessing the greatest number of group stage results correctly. He is a skilful player himself. This term he has particularly enjoyed athletics, and ended the term with the award of half-colours and an excellent run in the senior house relay. Joseph has been great company this year. Louis Heywood has played first team rugby and hockey this year, and third team cricket this term. He is also very bright, and currently considering an application to Oxbridge for either geography or land management. He won the 200m on Sports Day. Congratulations to Louis on his appointment as Head of House for next year. Will Jeffrey is another who very much enjoys his football and cricket. Will is a very capable linguist. He very much enjoyed the inflatable obstacle course. Nikita Malkov has enjoyed tennis this term; next year he is hoping for 1st XI hockey. Highly responsible and an excellent leader, Nikita is one of the senior cadets in the CCF. Joel Pearce enjoyed a fine round in the house golf competition, helping the team to a very commendable second place. He has also enjoyed cricket and the tug of war competitions. Held back by an ankle injury this year, he hopes for 1st XV rugby next term. Murray Trott should be there in the team with him. A powerful runner, he will be one of the stars in what will hopefully be a strong side. He ran very well in the senior 4 x 100m relay. Luca Wells is one of the College's top musicians. He studies guitar every Saturday at the Royal College of Music, and is involved in just about every musical event put on by the College. He very much enjoyed playing for David Dimpleby at a recent gig. Luca has enjoyed being part of the College's strong swim team. Congratulations to Luca on his appointment as Deputy Head Boy next year. James Young will be Captain of Football next year. He is a very talented tennis player, too. On stage, he put in an excellent performance in the Dell Play, *Alice in Wonderland*. He also shone in the recent L6 Gold Arts Concert.



The UPPER SIXTH—(*George Ruskin writes*) We must begin with Kieran Cheney, our indefatigable Head of House, who has this year galvanised the U6th's fraternal attitude through his unrivalled commitment, unwavering positivity and multifaceted skill-set. This staunch attitude has been the zeitgeist of our year-group, and Kieran has led us from the front in every house and school event. Kieran's harrowing portrayal of Ophelia, in the midst of her third-act madness, in our year 9 drama performance, his Y9 synchronised swimming sketch in the house concert and his booming voice in Congo are but a few examples of his diligent commitment to Powell. Kieran has exemplified the Head of House role, and his will be big shoes to fill. Kieran was deservedly appointed Captain of the College 1st XV for its successful 2017 season.

Louis Wood has also been a stalwart of the sporting achievements enjoyed over the past five years. He has led Powell to great success through his natural athleticism and gritty determination, the highlight of which was lifting the trophy for Powell on Sports' Day in both 2017 and 2018. Louis has been an amazing swimmer in both College and County swim squads. Alongside all of this, as a photographer, graphic designer and artist, Louis has blossomed and his pieces are to be found hanging on various college walls, much to his credit. As an excellent all-rounder, a thoroughly genuine and affable chap, Louis will make an excellent member of teaching staff at Willingdon next year, and we wish him well on his new venture.

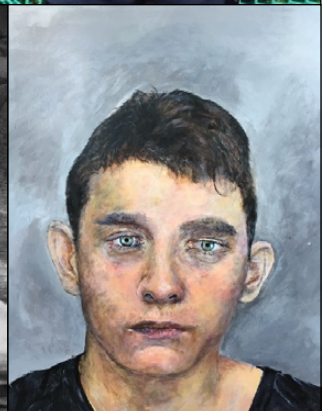
Tom Crathern has been assiduous, diligent and conscientious. His presence has been an immense asset to Powell, and he has achieved so much success in his typical modest, yet self-confident manner. In the classroom, Tom has impressed his teachers and classmates, especially in history and politics, producing exemplar essay after exemplar essay, and winning the U6th politics prize. Tom's work ethic was an inspiration to many, not only through the exam period, rather throughout his time here. I have no doubt that this will pay dividends come August, and will stand him in good stead at Nottingham, where he will read politics and economics. Tom is a true master of time-management, and this has allowed him to excel academically, as well as performing at the very highest levels of College sports. Tom has been a distinguished member of the 1st XI cricket side, and a high-scoring addition to anyone's fantasy XI side. As a footballer, Tom played well as a steadfast defender, and the many 1st XI clean sheets are a credit to him. Tom's will be a great loss to Powell, and no luck will be necessary in his many and varied future successes.

Savvas Demos has been a Powell stalwart and regular fixture on College and house teams: be it rugby, football or athletics. He is never backward in coming forward in supporting house events, and he has been a real asset to the house this year in particular. Savvas' talents extend far beyond this, and his boxing has gone from strength to strength over the years, competing in and winning many fights. Savvas has been an integral part of many College sides, such as the 1st XV rugby team, but he has also tried his hand at other sports such as cross-country and tennis. Throughout his A-levels, Savvas has worked diligently for his exams, and this work ethic and talent will be vital next year as he begins his career at top London accountancy firm Hacker Young. We wish him every success in it.

Henry Cox's aspiration is easily matched by his ability. Henry's talents and interests broach many different areas and genres, which has been reflected in his college pursuits. Henry has played a big role in the music department, and he has spent a great many hours in the Birley Centre, composing his own symphonies, practising the piano or singing in the college choir. Away from music, Henry has also excelled, receiving consistently excellent results in maths and physics. Henry was an active and leading member of the Casson Society as well as an academic scholar. I can vouch for Henry's running ability, and he was the undisputed champion of the many runs across the South Downs in cross-country, and his representation of the college in the triple jump is further testament to his sporting prowess. Nevertheless, all this has been achieved in his typically modest air. Henry leaves Powell to read acoustical engineering at Southampton, a course which perfectly combines his passion for science and music. It is something in which he shall excel.

We now move on to Luke Greenhow, who, much to his credit, throughout his time at the College, has quietly set himself goals, which he has pursued with trademark vigour and commitment. Therefore, it came as no surprise when Luke won his place at Nottingham to read aeronautical engineering, an achievement that Luke deserved and for which he had worked extraordinarily hard. Luke gives his all in every varied aspect of College life in which he is involved. Whether playing the trumpet, leading Powell's charity efforts or devoting hour-upon-hour to his Extended Project, Luke shies away from neither responsibility nor challenge. It is this tenacious attitude, meticulous work-ethic and loyalty that are his greatest assets. Above all, Luke is an eminently likable chap, and his presence will be sorely missed by everyone.

Stephen Graham's enigmatic character, historical mastery and stoic attitude placed him right at the heart of Dismal's day-to-day delights. Stephen has unashamedly achieved much during the sixth form. Be it on the basketball or badminton court, in the physics lab or the history classroom, Stephen quickly asserted himself as a powerhouse. Furthermore, Stephen is a true athlete. Stephen's singlemindedness, refreshing honesty and wry wit will, without doubt, be missed. Stephen has excelled in a wide variety of sports, and his love for badminton and basketball in particular has made him one-to-watch on the court. He has also turned his hand to many other sports: in football, Stephen's superhuman throw-ins were essential to the success of the Powell team in two years of house football. Stephen has deservedly won his place to read history at Exeter next year, and we wish him all the best with it.



We now move on to Maxmo Collins whose quirky character and quick-quipped-ness have made him a popular, funny and supportive Powellian. Despite joining us in year 10, a pre-Maxmo era is now unimaginable in Powell. As a keen amateur rugby player and rower, Maxmo represented the both Powell and the college with success and dignity, culminating in rowing at 2 in the college 1st boat at regattas, which had been a big ambition of his. Another passion which Maxmo has cultivated during his time at the college is creative writing, which he hopes to continue in the future. Maxmo has behaved with his typically sedulous character. His ambitions to study economics came to fruition, and he now embarks on a course at City University of London.

Max Leighton has never been afraid to get stuck-in over the past five years, and he has turned his hand to a great many things during his time. His blossoming has been evident to us all. The Max who leaves Powell this year is virtually unrecognisable to the Max pictured in the iconic Y9 induction-day photograph; not only has he grown in stature, he has also grown in confidence, gregariousness and charm. The sheer variety of his involvement is further testament to his upstanding character. This is a true Powellian. Max performed the notoriously tricky role of Hamlet himself in year 9 drama, and the emotion in the audience was palpable as he delivered the iconic line "Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him Horatio", skull and all. Moreover, as a rugby and hockey player, Max has had the honour of representing the college at various fixtures, and his presence will be missed in the 2nd XV scrum next year. Max leaves Powell a fully-rounded individual, and is going to read PPE at Exeter next year, after winning a place onto one of the most competitive courses in the country.

Sollomon Andal quickly established himself as a true Powell icon. His quips and observations on life have been witty, and he seems to have enjoyed being something of an agent provocateur, especially as part of his excellent EPQ on genes. Sollomon has never been afraid to voice his opinions nor play the devil's advocate, and this bravery is testament to his unique character. Sollomon is a grafter, and his endless hours spent doing prep, coursework and revision enabled a quick succession of university offers to study mechanical engineering. Sollomon is a gifted and committed fencer, and he has represented the college at many duels against other schools and teams, and was made the captain of fencing in recognition of this. The sad absence of house fencing meant that he couldn't lift this particular trophy for Powell. Although it is sometimes difficult to tell, I strongly believe that Sollomon has greatly enjoyed his time in Powell, and his eccentric personality has made him greatly loved around the house. We wish him well at Exeter next year, and advise him not to be too controversial, during freshers' week at least.

Louis Wilson has artistically excelled. Possessing in abundance that enviable combination of gifted and committed, his natural skill and style has placed his pieces in a variety of exhibitions and showcases. However, alongside being an artist, Louis is also a linguist and mathematician, and will no doubt go on to become a polymath to rival the likes of Da Vinci and Ruskin. Simultaneously, Louis is a fantastic entertainer and witty personality. As a sportsman, Louis is a gifted hockey and tennis player, and has recently turned his hand to badminton, with some success. Louis seems to have enjoyed every minute in Powell, and he is rarely without a smile on his face. Louis leaves Powell to study architectural engineering at Bath next year, and he will no doubt be extremely successful at it.

Tom Sangster has, during the past two years, epitomised musicianship at the college. He arrived an extremely gifted, highly motivated music scholar, and has blossomed further, reaching, as it were, a crescendo with his extraordinary diploma recital performance in May and crowning as the College's Young Musician of the Year. Tom is by no means, however, purely a soloist, rather his membership of a great many musical ensembles at the college, has allowed them to attempt ever more ambitious performances, and his expertise has inspired, helped and stunned his fellow musicians; Tom was a part of the symphony orchestra, the swing band, the jazz ensemble, the choir as well as leading the notorious Powell Cats. Furthermore, Tom has also been a highly successful CCF Cadet, reaching the rank of Corporal due to his commitment, leadership and presence at every camp, trip and range day. It came as little surprise when Tom was selected to join the prestigious University Officer's Training Corps at Leeds next year, where he will study music performance. In terms of sport, he was awarded his half-colours for athletics and secured a very memorable victory in the 800m on Sports Day.

To paraphrase the slogan of his favourite drink, James Ross is probably the best talker in Powell. Such cheeky loquaciousness has certainly entertained. James' positivity and bona fide love for all-things Powell has brought much to our year-group, and to the house in general. Who could forget James' comedy compere routine the house concert? This personifies James, and a smile, a gag and a prank are never far away. James fittingly chose to wear his famous clown-costume for our U6th leavers' photo, and such genuine nonchalant charm will be missed. James also excelled in many aspects of the college, especially theatrically. James has performed in many school plays over the years, and recently has finished filming for his role in an upcoming movie. It is obvious that James has loved and thrived during his time with us, and his will be a sad farewell. James leaves Powell to embark on worldwide travels, before returning to take up a position at an insurance firm in the City. We wish our newest member Godspeed, bon voyage and the best of luck.

Elias Brown's time at the Powell has been a steady stream of success, earned not through luck, but through his meticulous work-ethic, self-assurance and devotion to achieve his goals. Elias' greatest triumph came with his offer to study medicine at King's College London, which had been his unwavering ambition throughout his time at the College. However, this hasn't



incarcerated him in the LRC, rather he has been an active participant in aspects across the extra-curricular spectrum: a DT and academic scholar; secretary of the Casson Society; bow and half-colours in the college 1st Boat; distinguished rugby player; peer-listener to name but a few of his achievements and titles. Elias has all the natural attributes a doctor needs: intelligence, compassion, composure and scrupulous morality. Elias deserves every success, and he will be missed around Powell.

And now for our valedictory comments for Giles Kerr, who leaves us to take up a place at Oxford Brookes to study law. Giles' unrivalled talent of argumentative diction became almost immediately obvious in year 9. Ever since, this skill has got Giles into, then back out of many sticky situations. However, Giles' honest character, and passionate defence of justice has made him a true Powell icon. Giles has enjoyed success on the stage, performing in many plays and musicals over the years, most recently, in the powerful A-Level performance of Hamlet. Away from the stage, Giles has greatly enjoyed and flourished in his subjects, especially Politics, which has allowed him to percolate his own-brand political philosophy, which he is more than happy to share with anyone, and has earned him the affectionate nickname "Powell's Resident Brexiteer". Giles has heartily contributed to many sports: he rowed 3 in the 1st boat and was part of the 2nd XV rugby squad. His contribution to house events was also excellent, performing in every single house concert, compering and performing two sketches, and singing a song in this year's. Giles was an excellent prefect and deputy head-of-house, and he will certainly be greatly missed by us all.

(The Housemaster writes) Nor must we forget the remarkable George Ruskin, an energetic ball of brilliance, charm, erudition, courtesy and mischief. George is very much looking forward to driving lessons, having particularly enjoyed the Upper Sixth's end of term trip to the Arlington Circuit to see some banger racing. Powell Concerts will forever miss his inspired double-acts with Giles. He has developed into the most talented and committed on linguists. George loves all things French and German. He adores Kafka. He is also a young man of remarkable determination. Four years ago, disappointed at missing out on Y9 academic prizes (his teeth grinding his way through the entire awards ceremony) he resolved to work even harder; he ends his time at the College with the Jubilee Prize for the outstanding academic performance by a pupil in the Upper Sixth. He also finishes his time with a commendable Grade 6 in trumpet. George has been great company, and will be very greatly missed.

This has been an exceptional year group. They have led the way with their friendliness and sense of fun. They have worked hard, made the most of opportunities; they have been great company and outstanding role models: the pursuit of excellence, participation, kindness, courtesy, integrity, and looking after those who have looked after them. We wish them all the very best for the future.



CONGRATULATIONS to the POWELL PRIZE WINNERS

College Prizes were awarded to:

WN Williams Junior Music Prize—Luke Muschialli
JL Hortenstein Junior History Prize—Luke Muschialli
Senior Physical Education Prize—Kieran Cheney
C Mackenzie Senior Art Prize—Louis Wilson
HV Waterfield Senior Music Prize—Henry Cox
RW Nicholson Instrumental Prize—Thomas Sangster
Senior Politics Prize—Thomas Crathern
BH Thomas Senior Physics Prize—Henry Cox
Elizabeth Hurst Senior Mathematics Prize—Stephen Graham
C Mackenzie Senior Biology Prize—Elias Brown
The Jubilee Prize for outstanding academic performance in the U6— George Ruskin
The Lower Sixth German Prize – Oliver Gent
Lower Sixth Music Prize – Luca Wells
HM’s Award for contribution to College life: Sean Wilson
The Y9 French Prize – Dexter Richardson
The Y9 German Prize – William Neal
The Y9 Greek Prize – Joseph Muschialli
The Y9 Tom Lewis Memorial Prize: Will Neal

The College Photography Competition: Louis Wood

Full Colours: Louis Wood (athletics)

Half Colours: Joseph Gurden (athletics), Tom Sangster (athletics), James Young (tennis), Tom Crathern (cricket), Luca Wells (music) and Elias Brown (rowing)

Powell World Cup Prediction Competition: Joseph Gurden

Champagne Moments: Ali Al-Shamaa (the perfect tee shot off the first in house golf), Ed Gent (performance in singer-songwriter, “You Said No”), Tom Sangster (the war cry on the final straight of the senior 800m, powering from third to first)

Departmental End of Year Class Effort Awards to:

Y9— James Grout (music), Will Neal (history, Latin)
Y10—Ted Alden-Templeman (chemistry, physics), Matt Thompson (English literature), Sean Wilson (computing, history), Giacomo Ghio (Spanish, physics)
L6—Luca Wells (history), Oliver Gent (German), Elijah Andal (maths), Louis Heywood (geography)

CCF Field Day: Ali Al-Shamaa (army) and Loic Bass Gualbert mentioned with honour in despatches

Powell House eRC effort awards to:

U6—Kieran Cheney, Henry Cox, Stephen Graham, Sollomon Andal, Luke Greenhow, Max Leighton, Tom Sangster and Louis Wilson. Particular congratulations to Elias Brown, George Ruskin and Tom Crathern for all achieving the full house of five stars for effort in each subject.

L6— Luca Wells, Louis Heywood, Oliver Gent, Ed Flowers, Milo Down, Nikita Malkov

Y11— Luke Muschialli

Y10— Sean Wilson, Ted Alden-Templeman, Edward Gent, Christian Greenhow, Alexander Photiou, Matt Thompson

Y9— Will Neal, Joe Muschialli, Dexter Richardson

Summer Term Powell House Prizes were awarded to:

Y9— Dexter Richardson

Y10— Giacomo Ghio

Y11— Thomas Watkins

L6— Nikita Malkov

U6—Sollomon Andal and Luke Greenhow

U6—the David Meijer Award for Unique Magnificence: James Ross

U6—The Grimaldi Award: Louis Wood

U6—Head of House Tankard: Kieran Cheney

