

# Reeves all about it

## Lent Term Review



It has been another extremely busy term for the boys with lots of sport, music, drama and house events. All of the house have been involved in fixtures this term and many have been involved with either drama or music. The College has been lucky to have reached national finals in a number of different sporting fields throughout this term and you will see mention of those Reeves boys who have been involved. The Lent Term is often a deceptive one as at the start it can often seem like a short run in to the longer Easter

holidays but it often tends to be the most intense. Exams for Year 11 straight after the Christmas break and mock exams for Year 13 after a short but well needed half term mean that there are pinch points for the two important exam year groups. UCAS references are now completed and many of the Year 13 have received offers with considerations needed for firm and insurance choices in the early part of the summer term alongside an analysis of mock results. We have had the success of the house concert and it is a great opportunity for the boys to showcase their talents. I am hopeful that now this is back off the ground the boys will start to get behind it in the years that come as I know how much parents enjoy it. The threat of COVID has still lingered but there is certainly a feeling around the College that we are not through the worst with many looking forward to the joys that the summer term can bring along with no need for isolation. Cricket, tennis or athletics will be likely sports with more house competitions on the horizon. I am looking forward to having house BBQs and the return of yard cricket as we benefit from the lighter evenings. We have welcomed one new boy into the house in Year 11 (Magnus Chiu) and we wish the best of luck to Sam Karim (Year 9) who leaves us to start his new venture for his GCSE years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the tutors and Kay for all their hard work throughout the term and thank you the parents/ guardians for your continued support. I hope you have found the weekly emails useful and you enjoy hearing about what is happening in the house on a weekly basis. Below is a snapshot of some the house and wider achievements this term. I hope that you have a fantastic Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you on the sidelines in glorious sunshine in the summer term. Matt

## Key dates for summer Term 2022:

**Tuesday 19 April**  
House open 10am-8pm

**Wednesday 20 April**  
New term begins for all HM Assembly

**Saturday 30 April**  
Exeat begins at 14:35

**Monday 2 May**  
Bank holiday

**Monday 16 May**  
Year 11 Study leave begins

**Monday 21 May**  
Year 13 study leave begins

**Friday 27 May**  
Half term

**Monday 6 June**  
Term resumes for ALL pupils

**Sunday 2 July**  
Summer term ends

**Wednesday 31 August**  
New Pupil induction day

**Thursday 1 September**  
Terms starts for ALL pupils

During the course of the term there have been examples of outstanding academic achievement and effort that deserve our collective recognition. In January, pupils in Year 11 sat their mock GCSE exams with a level of performance that bodes very well for the summer. January also brought news of offers from Oxbridge and we congratulate Nasim Bellagnaoui on his offer to read PPE at Oxford. We must also congratulate all those members of the U6 who have secured university offers for next year, together with a significant number of boys in Years 11 and 12 who have already made great progress preparing for the next stage completing as much as 50 or 60% of their Unifrog profiles.



Isaac Ripley and Alex Weame achieving a Silver Award while Oliver Tutt, Finlay Eadie, Billy Hart and Noah Titterton-Manos achieved Bronze.

In the UK Linguistics Olympiad, at Intermediate level Reuben Mace, Noah Titterton-Manos, and Theo Bathard-Smith (pictured, above left) all achieved Silver. The sixth form linguists also took part in a European multicultural quiz night and supper and a Spanish flamenco dance lesson, courtesy of señora Blanco. Pupils have also enjoyed celebrating La Fête des Rois and La Chandeleur in their French lessons. Meanwhile, pupils in year 11 and 12 are making good progress in supporting pupils in French and Spanish, from local partner schools.



Congratulations also to Billy Mannion won the fiction section at the Emerging Film Festival.

Praise points winners listed below have received a prize at the end-of-term house celebration assembly.

Praise marks Roll of honour – Lent Term 2022				
Top 5 pupils in each year for this academic year*				
Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
1. Eric Wood – 46	1. Oly Beaton – 30	1. Ewan Clark – 54	1. Ben van Noort – 34	1. Emmanuel Andal - 12
2. Jonah Ripley - 36	2. Nima Sorooshian – 28	2. Isaac Ripley - 37	2. Will Liggett – 29	2. Ben Beaton - 11
3. Kieran Clark -34	3. Reuben Mace – 26	3. Charlie Jenden – 33	3. Theo Bathard-Smith - 26	3. Batuhan Kaya – 7
4. Tom Hoskinson - 32	4. Billy Mannion - 24	4. Zizie Ndlovu – 31	4. William Goddard - 23	4. Nasim Bellagnaoui - 6
5. William Travers – 32	5. Al Maclaurin – 21	5. Alex Farlam – 27	5. Dylan Pearson – 23	5. Reuben Dixon – 5

\*Two reward points awarded for a Show HsM. 1 Point awarded for praise comments.

## House Concert/ drama

The Reeves house concert took place on Saturday, 5 March. We welcome parents, guardians and pupils past and present with their families. The concert was very well received alongside a very favourable write up in the College Magazine. My thanks to Reuben Dixon for all his hard work in editing the videos and also special mention must go to Ben Beaton for all of his encouragement in getting the boys ready for the evening. Unfortunately I did not manage to get as many photos as I would have liked to.

The evening featured videos, drama, dancing and live sketches and allowed the boys to show how



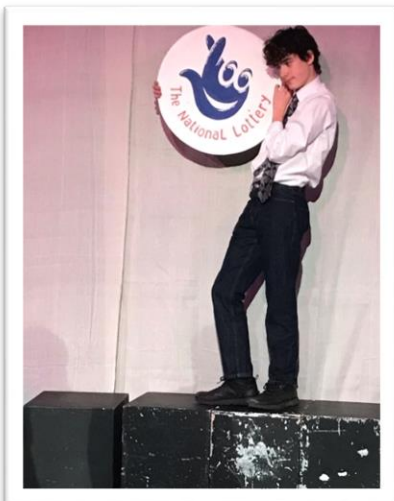
much talent that we have in the house. After initial introductions from our comperes Nasim, Will and Ben the night kicked off with the Year 9 dance followed by Billy Mannion and Noah Gould displaying their fantastic acting skills with a short insert from their recent drama scholars performance. Other individual performers on the evening were Zizie Ndlovu singing, Charlie Maidens (pictured, left) also singing and Seb Pearson and Zizie wowing the audience with their saxophone performance.



The Year 10 sketch was one of the highlights of the night with Noah Gould proving to be a fantastic presenter. Many Congratulations must go to Finlay Eadie who spent many hours writing and devising the script. The Year 11 boys produced a video centred around the gruesome murder of their housemaster while the Year 13 boys put together a brilliant video which was titled "who stole Jay's moped." The Year 12 boys came together for a number of different dance routines while the evening was rounded off with a phobia sketch and then the house song.

All in all in it was a very successful evening with over £400 raised for the Ukraine Emergency Appeal.

In drama the year nine and ten scholars, Billy Mannion, Noah Titterton-Manos, Noah Gould and Neffion Myles-Hall, pictured below, are also to be congratulated for their performance of One Million Tiny Plays about Britain – where they all had to take on two characters each.





## Sport

This term has seen 15 sports playing over 400 fixtures with almost 90% of pupils having now played a fixture for the College this year. The fantastic opportunities and experiences ranging from block and mid-week fixtures to county, regional and unprecedented success in national competitions has defined the term.

The 1st XI boys hockey team gained some great experience this year with a young team and have had many superb and tightly contested matches. Well done to William Goddard (vice-captain), Oliver Tutt and Finlay Hill who have all played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI hockey team this year. There have been over 350 goals scored by all the teams in the club this term with the U15As topping out at 26 in their ten fixtures and the U14As scoring 40 in all cup and Saturday fixtures and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the county finals. The U15Bs had a superb season and the U15Cs won three from four of their matches with the U14Bs and Cs both winning more than half their fixtures.



Throughout the term a large number of alternative sports have also competed including the College equestrian team qualifying for the national finals again; well done to Reuben Mace (pictured left) who went clear in the 80cm, winning the class and securing the team place in the finals. The golf team also continues their journey in the national competitions and towards the summer season, well done to Oliver Tutt for the part he has played in the team.

The cross country team competed in the Sussex Championships with both the senior girls and senior boys teams winning team gold with Will Liggett finishing 33<sup>rd</sup> overall. Well done to Tom Hoskinson, Seb Pearson and Theo Bathard-Smith who also took part in this event. The basketball team finished almost a full season in the Sussex schools league and are hoping to record top spot at season's end. Woody Eriksson and Zizie Ndlovu have been key players for the squad all season.

The football season continued in the second half of term with fixtures against Cranleigh, Worth, Charterhouse, Brighton, Battle Abbey and Claremont. Some great football was played and it was great to see five teams out regularly competing. There was also a first with the 1st XI having



the great experience of playing on the Eastbourne Town FC main pitch for the first ever time, pictured right. The team this season was captained by Ben Beaton and featured Theo Bathard-Smith, Charlie Maidens, Cass Stallion and Nasim Bellagnaoui.



After the senior girls won promotion in the LTA women's county league, a boys and girls squad qualified through the rounds to the LTA Winter Schools national final for non LTA ranked players. Both teams fought valiantly in the finals and proudly achieved silver medals with some superb victories over Hampton and Sevenoaks along the way. Well done to Will Liggett (pictured left) who has been part of the tennis squad this season. I know that lots of the boys are looking forward to the start of competitive tennis fixtures next half of term alongside the return of cricket and athletics.

This term has also seen some incredible 'firsts' in our long sporting history. The 1st XV had to wait two months from their quarter final in December to play their semi-final in early March in the RFU U18 Bowl competition. After a convincing win at home the team prepared for the final which was staged at Saracens StoneX Stadium on a glorious day in mid-march. This was the first time a College rugby team had played in a national final and the excitement of it was something to take in for both players, coaches and supporters. It was fantastic to see the game streamed live and pupils back at



the College able to watch the game unfold. After an understandable nervy first half the 1st XV came out to start the second half 6-5 up. Some superb open running rugby set up for a great finale but Nottingham pulled away and after some denied tries there was too much ground to be made up and Nottingham took the title on this occasion. Irrespective of the result, the commitment and physical effort, unlike any other sport, the squad have put themselves through has been a journey which will be long remembered with memories and friendships made forever. Well done to Karam Al-Robaie, Louis Fisher, Dylan Pearson, Jack Pincus and Archie Salmon who were part of the squad.



The senior and U16 squads competed in the national Rosslyn Park 7s again. The seniors (pictured below and left) had a superb day 1 and qualified from their group as winners and competed at day 2 once again, the third consecutive time a senior team have managed this. On day 2 they lost one, to the previous year's Vase winners, and won one which was not enough for the knockout stage of this gruelling competition. A great effort considering barely any training took place due to the focus for the national Bowl final the week before. Well done to Dylan Pearson and Karam Al-Robaie.



The U16s (pictured right) were agonisingly just one minute from winning their group and qualifying but a last second try denied them but much was learnt for next year when they push into the senior squad. Well done to Charlie Maidens for his part in the squad.





## House competitions and inter-house sports

Last week seen the return of the house acapella competition. Reeves boys from Years 10, 11 and 13 came together for the performance of Beautiful Girls by Sean Kingston. Although the boys did not place a massive well done should go to Seb Pearson, James Katz, Eddie Anderson, Noah Gould, Billy Curtis, Zizie Ndlovu, Charlie Maidens and Ben Beaton,



The inter-house sports competitions have been incredibly competitive and it has laid the platform for a competitive year ahead for the annual inter-house sports cup. At the end of the Lent term, Reeves sit in 3<sup>rd</sup> place just behind Wargrave and Craig. Throughout this term, we have had house hockey, football, chess and squash. Pictures below of the boys in action.



In the house hockey competition year 9 finished 5<sup>th</sup>, Year 10 4<sup>th</sup> and the seniors 4<sup>th</sup> with Reeves finishing fourth overall. In the house football the Year 9 finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, Year 10 5<sup>th</sup> and the seniors 1<sup>st</sup> with Reeves winning the competition overall. In the house squash competition the junior team of Alex Weame and Oliver Tutt (pictured below, left) finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place while the senior team of Cass Stallion and Jack Pincus (pictured below, right) finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place with Reeves finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place overall.



The house debating team have also made it through to the next round of the house competition which is to be completed in the early parts of next term. Well done to Jay Mercer, Alex Cardoza, Jacob Kremer and Reuben Mace who have all been part of the Reeves team throughout the term.

## House Chess – Reeves crowned House Chess Champions 2022

Well, the stage was set – the 2022 chess final was played in the airy gallery of the Nugee building atrium, the sun shining through on the players as they prepared their opening tactics for the last time this year. These three compelling matches were a fitting finale to a fantastic house chess competition.



On board 1, Dmitri (playing with the white pieces) sensibly took his time in the face of Batuhan's rapid opening play. Pieces were quickly exchanged off, leaving a slightly weakened white pawn structure and Batuhan castled queenside to give himself good attacking options, managing soon after to place his rook on the 7th rank. White's doubled b-pawn fell and Batuhan's strength with two knights persuaded Dmitri to allow an exchange of bishop for knight. Now it was a tactical game with just one knight each – so of course the pawns were now the key battleground. Could Dmitri somehow hold on? Batuhan created a passed a-pawn and Dmitri really needed to get his king into the action. This tricky defence would have been

hard in any case - against Batuhan it was nearly impossible and soon the black knight was mopping up pawns. A nice knight sacrifice allowed Batuhan's a-pawn to queen and the game was over. 1-0 Reeves.

Meanwhile, on board 3, Tobias on white created some risks for himself with a very open pawn structure, castled with a pawn on g3 but without a fianchettoed bishop to guard the f3 square. But – Alex playing the black pieces waited a long time to castle, causing problems for his own king. He then castled long, which looked like a very hazardous move, leaving his king extremely exposed since his a, b and c-pawns had all advanced earlier. The black knight fell and Alex's c -pawn, the only defence in front of the king, looked very vulnerable. Alex defended with his rook, also attacking the white queen and Tobias thought he had found a clever checking move that would give him the exchange. But he had missed the bishop retake,

expecting Alex to use his knight instead and suddenly the tables had turned. There was still life in this game – but Tobias had to find the right attacking move to avoid destruction. He tried placing his queen to pin the bishop, but Alex's other bishop sat waiting in the wings and suddenly white was in terrible trouble. Tobias defended valiantly but was soon down to a rook against queen, rook and knight. It was only a matter of time before a back rank checkmate gave the second and crucial win to Reeves.



Last but not least - board 2 (Magnus playing white for Reeves against Andreas for Powell) saw the four knights opening as both players battled for the centre. Andreas fianchettoed his bishop and Magnus castled and wasted a little time by manoeuvring his own bishop into the equivalent spot. Andreas was now in some danger as he had delayed castling - and then missed a neat discovered attack on his bishop, losing a pawn as a result. However, Magnus' pieces were all well back and once Andreas had successfully castled, he had a lot of space in the middle to work with. But



Magnus is a strong player, and had his two bishops nicely placed to fight back for control. Andreas thought he saw a knight attack but realised it wouldn't work...after picking up the piece! Under the tournament rules he had no choice but to move it and thought for a long time before sensibly retreating it to safety. Then Magnus forced the black bishop away and started to make his pawn advantage felt. He attacked the black rook with his bishop, simultaneously opening a double attack on the black e7 bishop and Andreas now had to avoid moving into a further and lethal discovered attack. He thought for five minutes but the white pressure on e7 was too much and the exchange was lost. Andreas countered but there was one final bishop pin in Magnus' armoury and Andreas found himself down a full rook. After a few more moves where Magnus consolidated his position, Andreas realised the game was up and offered his resignation.

Another clean sweep for the excellent Reeves team. All that remains is to congratulate the Reeves team, of Alex Weame, Magnus Chiu and Batuhan Kaya victorious at last in their captain's final year, and to commiserate with Powell for a fantastic run that came very close to the trophy.



Winning house senior house football squad pictured below.













