



# Wargrave News Michaelmas 2020

Dear Wargravians,

I hope this Michaelmas 2020 newsletter finds you well and I hope that we can all look back at this term, when we trawl through the history of the house, and say that we beat the virus! I am so very grateful to all the boys and the staff for their efforts at keeping the virus out of Wargrave for as long as possible. It has meant everyone in the house pulling their weight and understanding their responsibility to reduce the transmission of Covid19. As you know, it has only been in the last couple of weeks that the house has had to move to remote learning; only through their direct close contact with someone else, outside the house, who has tested positive.

What will I remember differently about this term when I look back? Year-group bubbles, quarantine, self isolation, social distancing, hand sanitiser, one-way systems, singing Happy Birthday into my elbow, face masks, and afternoon snacks.

To really put into context the full impact of Covid on a normal Michaelmas term in Wargrave what have we missed: no new-boys induction, no face-to-face parents evenings, no handshakes, no full-house roll calls, no Christmas jumper photo, no sports fixtures, no full-contact rugby, no Steepo, no house revue, no house singing, no house dinners, no tutor suppers out, no pool and table tennis house competition finals, no secret Santa, no hog Roast, no cinema trips, no Housebook... and no toast!

With all that said, the boys have done fantastically well not to moan (too much!) about the aforementioned list, which I am hopeful we will get back to soon, and to their credit they have simply just got on with it. There have been exams for Years 9, 10 and 13 this term and with GCSE mocks looming in week three next term, plenty of revision needs to be done by the Year 11s. The U6 that have completed their UCAS applications are now receiving university offers which will give them a tangible goal to work towards next summer and there have been some real highlights which you can see listed in the 'virtual House book' later in this newsletter. All those mentioned deserve the rousing applause, they would have had if they had been in the common room, in front of the whole house, celebrating their achievements.

My new year's wish is for normality and going back to the way it used to be. I hope for that soon as I miss the fun, camaraderie and competition, and the ability to live together as a community. I would like to finish by wishing you all a very safe and healthy Christmas and thanking you for your 'socially distanced' support. I very much look forward to seeing you in person, unmasked and in the house or on the side lines as soon as possible in 2021.

With my very best wishes.

Rob



## Acapella 2020

One of the events that passed all the Covid restrictions was the House Acapella competition. Cody, William, Arnold and Kojo rehearsed hard and adapted and performed the famous Abba hit 'Money, Money, Money'. This competition was held in the Birley Centre, with no spectators (except Paula, Alex and I) and was recorded for the adjudicator to watch and comment on from his home in London. While the boys did not win a place on the podium, they worked really hard and represented the house superbly on the night.





## Year 9 Drama

Mr Roberts adapted A Knights Tale and the Year 9 cast rehearsed hard and gave an award-winning performance on the night, winning the boys house trophy! Fantastic effort by all and my thanks to Max H and Miguel for their help as well .Take a bow Mr Roberts and the boys!





## House sporting competitions Michaelmas 2020

With the lack of any inter-school fixtures and a host of Covid restrictions put in place by many of sports national governing bodies, the only real competition was played out through the inter-year-group house matches across a range of sports. The (Medal) table below illustrates how well Wargrave have done so far and with a number of competitions still to be completed (tbc), we are currently only 8 points behind Craig in the overall cup!

Year Group	Rugby	Swimming	Rowing 2K	Basketball
Year 9A	tbc	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tbc	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 9B	tbc	-	-	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 10A	tbc	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 10B	tbc	-	-	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 11A	6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 11B	-	-	-	4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 12A	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 12B	-	-	-	6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 13A	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	tbc
Year 13B	-	-	-	tbc
Overall	tbc	1 <sup>st</sup>	tbc	tbc

Congratulations to the Year 10 boys who have won every event and who are also closing in on wins in both the rugby, football and indoor hockey competitions, which will be finished next term. Congratulations to all the swimmers on winning overall in the only competition which has been fully completed (adding all the year group scores together).



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### Aquathlon 2020



Eastbourne hosted a series of Aquathlon races at the start of term and Wargrave can boast some considerable individual and team success again.

In the Eastbourne College race, which was just for College pupils, Jack Kennedy won and Wargrave won both the Senior (Year 12 and 13) and the Intermediate (Year 10 and 11) competitions. Their race was a 500m sea swim followed by a 3km run (times below)

Age Group	Name	Time	Final placing overall 42 entries
Senior	Jack Kennedy	19.09	1 <sup>st</sup>
Inters	Jack Evans	23.26	5 <sup>th</sup>
Inters	Zack Howard	23.28	6 <sup>th</sup>
Inters	Will Pollington	25.16	10 <sup>th</sup>
Seniors	Alex Freeman	28.42	21 <sup>st</sup>
Seniors	Yunus Gureli	32.51	32 <sup>nd</sup>

On an individual note, Hamish Reilly entered and won the Sprint Event which was a 750m swim followed by a 5km run; his winning time was 27mins 37secs.

## **House Book (Covid19) - Michaelmas 2020**

For those not familiar to the signing of the House book, which dates back to the summer term 1946 when Mr HK Bagnall-Oakley started the tradition. The House book recognises, by a signature next to their achievement, those members of the House that have brought honour and distinction to the House. This term, Fiontan and I decided to nominate the following awards.

Yr9-Best eRC -(23/112)	Dan Sasao
Yr9 Most improved eRC (up 74 places)	Jason Mo
Yr9-Winners of Yr 9 House Drama	Will Coleman,
Paddy Cooper, Theo Cruttenden, Charlie Goffin, Dan Hammond, Freddie Jones, Felix Mann, Jason Mo, Ed Nolan, Dan Sasao, Rory Staunton	
Yr10-Best Internal exam results (7.89 grade Av)	Ivan Wong
Yr10-Best overall eRC (7/112)	Bob Zhao
Yr10- Most improved eRC (up 28 places)	Sean Foster
Yr10-Winning House swimming, Rowing, Basketball-	Tom Burn,
Luca Dumas. Kachi Edet, Jack Evans, Sean Foster, Jack Greig, Zach Howard, Will Steed, Tsola Temi-Omatseye, Toby Wheatley, Ivan Wong, Bob Zhao	
Yr10- Inters House team winner of Aquathlon	Jack Evans , Zach Howard
Yr11-Best overall eRC (4th /117)	Isaac Tam
Yr11- Most improved eRC (Up 13 places)	Julius von Loeper
Yr11-Inters House team winner of Aquathlon	Will Pollington
Yr12- Best overall eRC (59/142)	David Wang
Yr12- Most improved eRC (up 50 places)	Miguel Santos de Quevedo Cardiel
Y12- Year 9 Drama directors	Miguel Santos, De Quevedo Cardiel, Max Hanison
Y12- Promoted to Sargent in CCF	Max Hanison
Yr13- Best overall eRC (16th /156)	Cody Chan
Yr13- Most improved eRC (up 49 places)	William Wang
Yr13- Winning College Aquathlon	Jack Kennedy
Y13- Winning Sprint Aquathlon	Hamish Reilly
Y13- Winning House Aquathlon Team	Jack Kennedy, Alex Freeman, Yunus Gureli
Yr13- A cappella group	Cody Chan, Arnold Shum,, Kojo Sako, William Wang
Yr13- 1st XV Rugby Colours	Toby Clarke, Toby Lock, Sean Collett.