

Wargrave House News

Summer Term Review



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Key dates for Michaelmas Term 2023 Please note that the whole house is expected to stay in for those events marked with an asterix

17th August – A Level results available from 8am

24th August – GCSE results available from 8am

30st August – 5.30pm new Y9 boarders arrive
6pm for existing boarders

31st August - first day of term.

22nd – 24th September – first exeat. U6th
Parents meeting 15.15 on Friday 22nd

30th September – Wargrave House Concert
(Big School) *

20th October – 15.15, Y12 parents meeting

20th October – 5th November – half term

18th November – House Dinner with Nugent
House (on site) *

24th – 26th November – second exeat. Y9
Parents meeting 15.15 on Friday 24th

15th December – term ends 15.45

Academic

Two fifths of the house have been sitting public exams, and I am happy to report that the general tone of the house since May has been one of industry and focus. We wish them all the best with their results, and a reminder that both Miss Gordon and I will be on hand on Thursday 17th August and Thursday 24th August to assist with any issues arising for A Level and GCSE results respectively. Please do get in touch if needed, I am at your disposal.

Named subject prizes were awarded by the Headmaster to the following:

Benedict Hutt – LG Chater Senior French Prize & Rexie Adalian Senior Philosophy and Ethics Prize

Isaac Tam – CS Smallman Senior Chemistry Prize

Leander Walters – Duncan Ferguson Senior Geography Prize

Sergiu Croitoru – Marshall Junior French Prize

Ian Tam – Biology Y10 Prize & Spanish Y10 Prize

Hayes Ho – Lower Sixth Computing Prize

Zach Howard – Langer Cup for Achievement in Water Sports

Winners of **end of year class effort prizes**, signifying that they are consistently the most industrious pupil in the set are as follows:

Theo Cruttenden – English

Timothee Dodard – Design and Technology

Ian Tam – Design and Technology

Marcus Ho – French, Spanish & Drama

Jack Evans – Drama

Jaime Ortiz Cabrero – French

Finn Hill - History

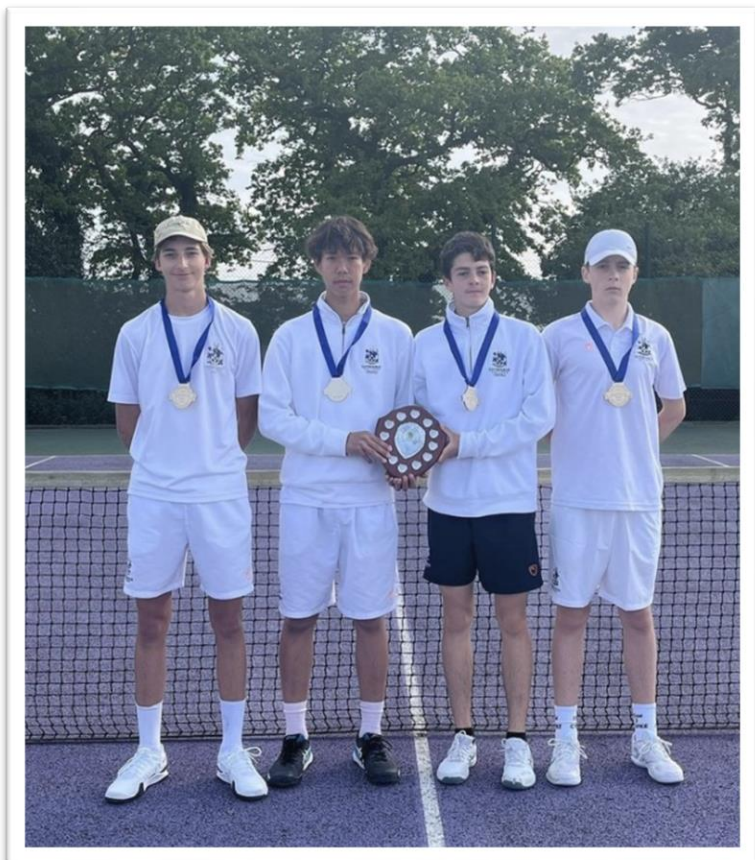
Congratulations to all.

Praise marks League Table for Summer Term 2022/3 as it stands *			
Leading three pupils for the house yearly competition.			
Year	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
9	Marcus Ho (69)	Harrison Nye (65)	Jaime Ortiz Cabrero (51)
10	Ian Tam (59)	Aman Shah (46)	Max Doyle (40)
11	Edward Nolan (41)	Dan Sasao (40)	Paddy Cooper (37)
12	Sean Foster (28)	Ivan Wong (25)	Hayes Ho (22)
13	Aditya Kumar (28)	William James (21)	Isaac Tam (20)

* 1 point for a piece of praise, two points for a show hsm (where tied, the fewer sanction points makes the difference in placing)

Sporting Success

Summer Term means three things: Cricket, Tennis, Athletics!



Wargrave's tennis pedigree continues with notable successes throughout the term for Luca Dumas, Maksim Drozd and Brooke Haycock.

Brooke has been one of the most improved players throughout the year, and he was part of the U15 Boys Sussex County Champions. Well done to him.

Although there was a bit of a damp start to the season, the weather finally evened out and there have been some excellent cricket scores racked up. Most notably with no less than five members of the house consistently playing for the 1st XI: Aditya Kumar, Jack Greig, Paddy Cooper, Felix Mann and Ed Nolan. Paddy Cooper scored a century against the Stragglers of Asia and Jack Greig batted into the 90s against Christ Hospital and Aditya Kumar in the 80s in the same fixture. Ed Nolan scored 43 off 11 balls at another fixture in the season. This particular housemaster was very proud to see the combo of Cooper-Nolan score 108 and 56 in the last Saturday fixture of the season on College Field against Kings Canterbury,

with Ed finishing proceedings in dramatic fashion by hitting a ball for six and taking some tiles off Memorial block roof in the process.



William Pollington has captained the 2nd XI and steered the ship very well, and it has been good to see Sean Foster and Connor Gorman play a number of fixtures for this side. He also deserves a huge congratulations for receiving the term's highest sporting accolade – The Simon Green Cup for Endeavour.

The 1st XI also finished the season on excellent form by winning the Langdale Trophy (Sussex School's Cup) after the 2nd XI retained their own Sussex cup with a last ball thriller. Special mention must go to Aditya Kumar who has captained the 1st XI showing great leadership throughout the term. He has also been awarded a professional contract in Sydney, Australia for next year. Great things are coming his way, I sense.

Elliot Freeborough, Will Plimsoll and Will Bligh have all regularly played for the U15A team, and Harvey Nolan has regularly captained the U14A team. Congratulations to all of them.

Finn Hill has been one of the most decorated athletes on the athletics circuit this season clocking up Gold in Long Jump, Silver in Javelin and Bronze in High Jump from the Diamond League and county competitions.





Rothesay International LTA



Once again, Eastbourne was abuzz for a week with tennis action and I was reminded once again of what a wonderful town we are fortunate enough to live in. To have an international tennis tournament of this scale right on our doorstep is a real privilege, and I was delighted that many of the Wargravians managed to snuffle out a ground pass or two here and there to head over and experience some of the world class tennis. The school has a strong relationship with the tournament and we provide a large majority of the ball crew for the event. This year only Harvey Nolan managed to qualify for the much-coveted ball crew. Well done to him for his support of this tournament in a week with quite grueling temperatures. Training takes place throughout the winter, making it a real commitment and he therefore thoroughly deserved the treat of having front row 'seats' on some of the big courts delivering balls for the stars. Here he is papping some of the big names at the tournament



Sports Day

As ever, too much to mention in total here, but Eastbourne Sports Park was abuzz with activity for our annual sports day on the penultimate day of term and we were once again very successful on the podium. It was particularly pleasing to see plenty of house spirit on display. My enormous thanks to Mrs Price and Mr Harrison, both of whom put an enormous amount of effort into organizing such a slick occasion. Thank you also to Deputy Head of House, Jack Greig for his role in rallying the troops and making sure all events were filled. This year we were also able to include heptathletes who could compete in eight events on the day. An exhausting affair, but my thanks and awe in this regard goes to: Finn Hill, Will Coleman, Elliot Freeborough and Tim Dodard all of whom got to rep the Wargrave armband. Sadly, the weather was not on our side and we had to cull a few races, including the relays. Mrs Ambler is still crunching all the official numbers and timings which I hope to be able to publish early next term. However, special mention must go to our springiest, fastest athlete in Wargrave – Finn Hill. Although the Victor Ludorum has not been officially mentioned, I find it hard to imagine that it will not be Finn seeing as he won a whopping five out of his eight heptathlon events. See him leaping, bounding, sprinting in a fair few of the action shots below. Well done, Finn!









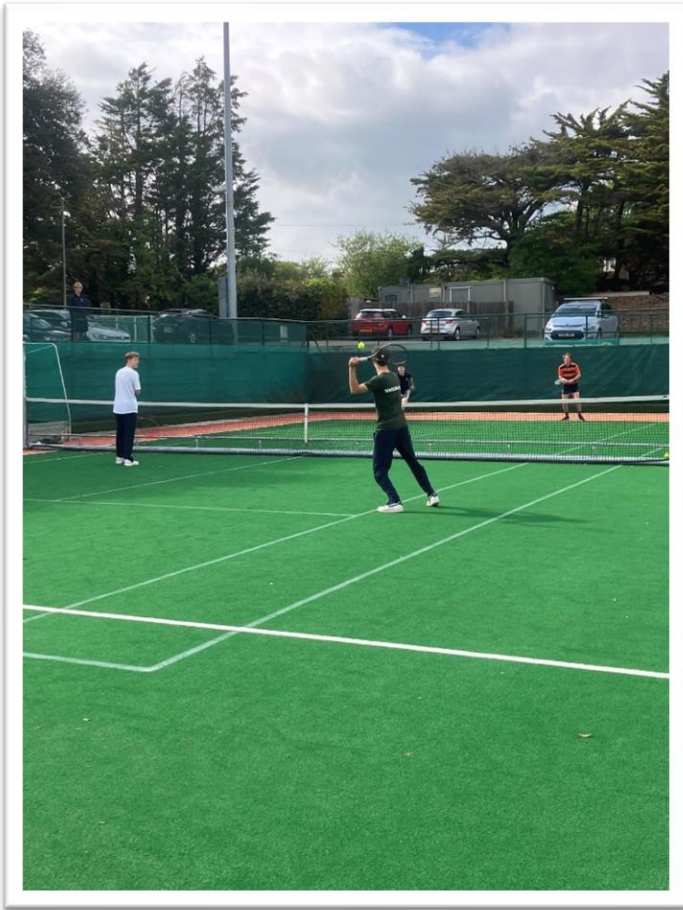
Interhouse competitions



Summer term is not just about the culmination of Sports Day, this term has also been jam-packed with rowing, cricket, tennis and golf, with the boys gleaming many successes and near victories once again.

What is particularly pleasing for me as housemaster, is to see the boys uniting as a group in their striped Wargrave green jerseys. They participate with great cheer and excellent sportsmanship and are always a credit to their house. We have been incredibly successful this year, and came runner up for the interhouse sports cup, just being pipped to the post by Reeves House.







A quick run-down in table form of all the interhouse competitions is as follows:



Event	Placing
Tennis (Senior)	2nd
Tennis Y10	
Tennis Y9	
Cricket (Y10)	1st
Cricket (Y9)	
Golf	2nd
Rowing	

The Boarders' Ball

Certainly one of the highlights for me this term was kicking the summer social schedule off with a bang with the boarders' ball. Organised by Mr Wingfield-Digby and Mrs Whiddett-Adams, the entire evening was a huge success. It was lovely to be able to have the entire boarding community - c.260 at last count, I think – all together under one roof. It was also excellent to get the boys trained in a few more formal dinners and to introduce them to the hilarity of trying to tie a bow tie and secure a pair of cufflinks to a double sleeve. Thank you to all of you for sourcing dinner jackets and the like for the boys. They looked incredibly dapper at our pre-dinner photo shoots over a glass of something cold in the common room. It was equally brilliant to see them boogieing away on the dance floor and to let their hair down to the resident band 'The Big Kahuna' who, once again, were incredibly well received. A brilliant evening was had by all, and my thanks to the tutors for giving up their first Saturday night of the term to help make the evening happen.







On top of the big ticket events, there have been a whole host of other BBQs, tutor meals out, ice-cream trips to the beach and socials with other houses. My thanks to the tutor team for consistently giving up their evenings and weekends to facilitate such events.



Service

Year 12s have just come to the end of their Service at School (SAS) programme. So I am now on the hunt for responsible dog walkers in Y11! Feel free to get them in a training regime over the summer, please!

A large cohort of Y10 are about half way through their silver Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, and the following Y11s are just about to head off on their

Silver DofE expedition to the Peak District to round of their time with the award: Will Coleman, Paddy, Cooper, Theo Cruttenden, Dan Hammond, Freddie Jones, Felix Mann, Ed Nolan, Rory Staunton. Toby Wheatley also heads to the Black Mountains for his Gold practice expedition.. Here's hoping the weather stays fine for them for the next few days.

Those Y10s not involved in Miss Callaghan's cricket tour to Cambridgeshire spent the last week of term on CCF camp doing daily activities at Buzz Active Cuckmere, Oggs Wood overnight activities, Buzz Hailsham and a rotating trip up to the Imperial War museum in London. My thanks to Brigadier Lamb for organising these great opportunities for them.

The following from Year 11 graduated from their CCF leadership course with flying colours: Will Coleman, Paddy Cooper, Dan Hammond, Freddie Jones, Felix Mann and Rory Staunton, receiving their award from Colonel Lamb and the Headmaster.



Mr Lawson was delighted to announce the new prefect team earlier in the term (pictured below in the Headmaster's garden) and we are very proud that Luca Dumas and Kachi Edet are both School Prefects for the academic year 2023-2024.





Creatives and the arts

There have been some excellent musical events throughout the term, with one of the highlights being the Y9 concert in early June. Marcus Ho (pictured) led the vocals on Uptown Funk. Jaime played bass guitar, and Jude played the keyboard and the cello through a synth function on his iPad. Great to see these chaps performing in the Birley Centre in their first year at the college.



Although pipped to the post by a boy from Craig, Ian Tam participated in the vocal competition final in May and was highly commended by the judge. Ian has also been heavily involved in Singer Songwriter workshops throughout the term, and was once again centre stage performing to the public at Eastbourne Bandstand on 26th June.

Jack Evans has been working hard all term rehearsing for the leading role in *Macbeth* which was the Dell Play for this summer and which the drama department are taking to the Edinburgh Fringe later in the summer. We wish him all the very best of luck with this, it is a huge role and he delivered it excellently.





Once again, Ian Tam was centre stage for many informal concerts organised by the music department. Amazingly, he performed his own composition 'Be Like You', at the Singer Songwriter's launch of their most recent Spotify album at the Undercroft on Monday 27th June. I am always astounded by how brave he is to perform in front of such big audiences. Do give the album a listen, there is an envious amount of talent on display.

Ben Hutt was also in action on the guitar one final time in the Year 13 farewell service. Rocking the audience out to a bit of War Pigs by Black Sabbath!



Farewell Leavers



Welcome incoming Y9s



Final thought for the term

Phew! Well done for reading if you have got this far as it has been a jam-packed term with a lot to run through. As ever, I have been astounded by how well the boys have coped with the many stresses and strains that these months have thrown at them. Exam term always has its peaks and troughs, but the boys have done very well to navigate a protracted period of gruelling assessment. Well done to them, and I wish them many successes come results days in August.

Although it is goodbye to the Upper Sixth, who are now fully fledged Old Eastbournians (OEs), it is not farewell. They remain Wargravians for life and are always welcome to visit. I hope that the Wargrave cufflinks that they have received will get worn proudly on many an occasion at university or in the world of work in years to come. I am excited by the prospect of the new Wargrave prefect team taking on their mantle and leading from the top of the house from September. I would encourage the leavers to continue to avail of all that the Old Eastbournian Society has to offer through networking and social events.

As I sign off with another beautiful photo of College Field earlier in the term with the blossom in full bloom, I'm reminded again of what a special community we live and work in. As many of you know, Jenni and I got married in the college chapel on 3rd June. We then migrated to College Field for canapes, fizz and garden games and up to the dining hall for our wedding breakfast. 'A wedding at work! What a busman's holiday?!' I hear you cry! However, the College is more than just work to us, it is a very special place. It was no coincidence that over a third of our guests were colleagues. We are fortunate to work with people who are not just work mates, they are close and dear friends. I hope that the boys feel this unique and special sense of community trickle through from the staff body to the pupils.

Both Jenni and I would like to thank you once again for your enormous generosity at the end of term, we were very touched. We wish you all a very happy and relaxing Summer holidays, and we look forward to welcoming the boys back on August 30th. I do hope that any of your planning on heading abroad have a smooth and safe journey and look forward to hearing the tales of the summer from the boys on their return.

As always, have a super break.

All the best,

Tim

