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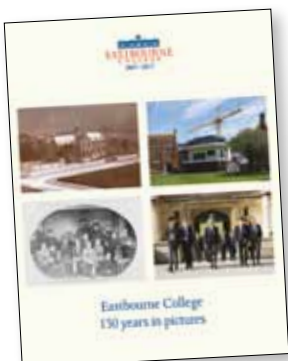
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2020 – a year like no other.

For the first time in its history the College had to close its doors to pupils in the summer term as the first Covid-19 lockdown took hold. But, as our cover shows, we have had to face trying times before. In June 1940 the College was evacuated with just three days' notice and spent the rest of the war years at Radley in Oxfordshire. Despite its new location, the school continued to exist in its own right and, on its return to Eastbourne in 1945, recovered slowly and steadily as the world adjusted to peace.

Similarly in 2020, the suddenness of the lockdown in March, just as the Lent term came to an end, meant a rapid change to the way the College worked. And, as in 1940, all those associated with the school – pupils, parents, teachers and support staff – all pulled together to make it work.

The move to online learning was a big adjustment for both teachers and pupils, but as Headmaster Tom Lawson says in his report on page 8, the College had a much higher attendance rate for online lessons than the national average, and there were additional virtual activities covering sport, art and drama. However, a school without the lifeblood of its pupils is a sad place; as he says: 'I cannot tell you the heartache for a headmaster looking out on a pristine and empty College field throughout a summer term.'

Unlike 1940, we did not have to wait five years before pupils could return to the College. After a major effort by SMT, support staff, teachers, and housemasters and mistresses, we reopened in September for the start of the new academic year, albeit with new ways of working, ever mindful of the threat of the virus. However, as I write this in January 2021, another lockdown has been imposed and the College has fallen quiet again, with most pupils once again learning remotely.

But we are more hopeful now, with a vaccination programme getting underway, and regular testing in place at the College for staff and pupils, that we will soon see a return to some sort of normality. We have come through tough times before, and we will do so again.

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We are sad to report the deaths this year of two major figures in the history of the College: David Winn and Donald Perrens. We pay tribute to both of them in the pages of this magazine, acknowledging the influence they have had, and will continue to have, on generations of Old Eastbournians. We are planning to hold services of thanksgiving for the lives of both men once it is safe to do so and Covid restrictions have been eased; details will be put on the website as soon as dates are confirmed.

Once again we are pleased to include a section of highlights from the College year 2019-20, the first two terms of which were of course enjoyed without lockdown restrictions. These highlights run from page 23 to page 57 and we hope you enjoy reading about the many and varied aspects of College life.

The Eastbournian Society year in review covers the calendar year 2020, but after the London dinner in March we had to cancel all our planned events for the rest of the year. And, at the time of writing, we are unable to plan for and advertise, as we normally do, future events for 2021.

So let me take this opportunity to urge you to visit the Eastbournian Society website, where you will always be able to find the most up-to-date list of forthcoming events. We will continue to send out monthly email newsletters alerting you to new events as soon as they are confirmed. If you do not yet receive our emails please let us know your email address and tell us that you give your consent to receive emails from us. Please visit us at www.eastbourniansociety.org or contact us at es@eastbourne-college.co.uk.

Let us hope that we will be socialising again soon, celebrating all that is good about the College and its people.

David Blake, Editor

We welcome contributions to the magazine, whether items of news, recollections, reports of social gatherings and reunions, or longer articles which may be of interest to our readers. Photographs are welcome too. Please do get in touch with us at es@eastbourne-college.co.uk if you would like to submit something and we can advise on the length of the article.



Cover photos

Top: Mattresses are loaded on a coach as the College evacuates in June 1940

Bottom: College musicians join together online on Speech Day in June 2020

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Each year when I begin to write my report for this magnificent publication I have a long list of the year's events to recall and comment upon. This was different in 2020.



Hugh Price with his wife Judith and ES Treasurer Darren Meek at the London dinner on 11 March, which would prove to be the last event we were able to hold before lockdown

The list of events planned for the year finished on 11 March with the annual London dinner at the Cavalry and Guards club in Piccadilly, where we honoured the achievements of ultra-runner Tom Evans and the retirement from teaching of John Thornley after 41 years in the Modern Languages Department.

While the dinner was the last event prior to lockdown, we had already held our very successful Futures Fair a week earlier on 6 March when OEs and other members of the ES offer parents, Year 11 and sixth-formers careers advice from their own professions. We are grateful to all who give their time and knowledge voluntarily year after year for this beneficial event.

We had also held a shipping industry networking event at the Baltic Exchange at the end of January where Denis Petropoulos, Chairman of the Baltic Exchange, addressed the gathering. These events and one or two others were just a warm up for the year and, had we been able to complete all the events that were originally planned for 2020, David Stewart and his team in the ES office would have been very busy. It was devastating that so much had to be cancelled or postponed.

It is also especially sad to have to report the deaths of two very prominent Eastbournians during the year. David Winn, who passed away in September, was president of the Eastbournian Society and, prior to that, chairman for many years. In addition

to the tributes to David in this magazine I would like to thank him on behalf of all OEs for his outstanding devotion and loyalty to the College. I joined the OE committee under his chairmanship and for many years enjoyed his dry sense of humour. There will never be another David Winn.

Donald Perrrens, who died in April aged 101, was to many of us a 'legend'. He was already house-master of Blackwater, in charge of the CCF and head of the Science Department when I started at the College in 1961. Firm but gentle, he was hugely admired by all, not least the many boys who passed through Blackwater during his tenure. He devoted his life to the College and we benefited enormously from it.

We must also give thanks to David Stewart and his team who have tirelessly kept things ticking over in the ES office despite the difficulties the pandemic has presented. They have kept the ES website up to date, highlighting OE achievements and all other College news as it happens. David must also be complimented on raising a fantastic £16,000 from the Foundation 2020 Challenge in July in lieu of the usual Foundation golfing event at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club.

David has decided to retire as Foundation Director in March 2021 and will be a major loss to the College. We however cannot afford to lose his wonderful networking skills so I am hoping he will continue to add value to the Eastbournian Society.

Maybe the 'stay at home' lockdown we have all had to endure this year has given all OEs the opportunity regularly to look at the website and read the emails received from the ES. Hopefully by taking more interest in your old school you could think about what you may be able to do to help. The future careers of our pupils are of the utmost importance to us. You may consider offering your services at the highly successful Futures Fair held in March each year, introducing the pupils to your chosen profession, or maybe hosting a group of pupils to your place of work to see what goes on in the big wide world after their days at the College, or offering to give a talk or lecture on a specific career path. There are so many ways you may be able to help and we welcome any input whatsoever. I am sure that while you are reading this fine annual magazine you will recognise the contribution made by so many of your old colleagues. Please consider joining us in our quest to make our old school even better than it is already.

One of the principal functions of the ES office is to arrange gatherings and reunions where alumni can meet up with others with whom they shared happy memories at the College. We have not been able to do as much of that in 2020 because of Covid-19 but we fight on, and let us all hope we can get back to normal as quickly as possible in 2021.

Hugh Price (School 1961-66)
Chairman, Eastbournian Society

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THE EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY COMMITTEE

The AGM of the Eastbournian Society was held at the College on Saturday 7 March 2020. At the meeting the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2019 were approved and the existing officers re-elected unanimously. Georgia Yarnall joined the committee as U29s Liaison Officer. All other members of the committee remained in situ.

At the committee meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 29 September 2020, James Potter joined the committee as Sports rep.

The committee also paid tribute to our President, David Winn, who had died a week earlier on 21 September. More about David's life is on page 12.

Officers

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David Winn (School 1954–59)
[until 21 September 2020]

Chairman

Hugh Price (School 1961–66)

Vice Chairman and Treasurer

Darren Meek (Blackwater 1982–87)

Development Director

David Stewart

Headmaster

Tom Lawson

Committee

Charity (OE)

Eric Koops (Gonville 1959–63)

Database and Communications (College)

David Blake

Events Organiser (College/OE)

Lulu Brown (Nugent 1980–82)

Events (College)

John Thornley

Events (OE)

Alex Brown (Blackwater 1980–85)

Futures (College)

Head of Futures

Parents (College)

Alexandra Byatt, Sharon Leek, Helen Ridge

Sports (OE)

James Potter (Reeves 2012–14)

U29s Liaison Officer (OE)

Georgia Yarnall (Nugent 2013–18)

THE EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY OFFICE

The Eastbournian Society team – who we are, what we do and how to contact us



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Lulu Brown

Events Organiser

Lulu is an OE and works part-time during term time with events planning, organising and hosting, and you will often see her name as the main contact for booking places at our events. If you are interested in attending or hosting a business/career networking event, or in helping at the annual careers convention, please let Lulu know.

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Christine Todd

Foundation and Eastbournian Society Administrator

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John Thornley

Eastbournian Society Events

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Database and Communications Manager

David manages the Eastbournian Society database, updates our web pages, processes registrations on the web site and sends emails about future events. He is part of the editorial team of the *Old Eastbournian* magazine and welcomes news items and photos for the 'News of OEs' section. Please contact David with changes of address or if you would like to contact a fellow OE.

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EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY EVENTS

In a normal year the Eastbournian Society organises a variety of social and cultural trips, talks and events to which all members are welcome. But, as we know, 2020 was not a normal year and so our scheduled programme had to be curtailed at the beginning of March.

Planned theatre trips to *Mary Poppins*, *Leopoldstadt*, *Dear Evan Hansen* and *Hello, Dolly!* were all cancelled, as was the annual London walk in September. We did, however, manage a few events before the first coronavirus lockdown in the UK.



Quiz night

The annual quiz night and dinner was held on Saturday 1 February in the function rooms of the Winn Building, and some 70 ES members enjoyed puzzling over a few rounds of brainteasers. With a curry supper and the exciting prospect of a prize of a Mars bar each for the winning team, the evening proved to be a fun and sociable one for all who came along.



Eastbourne in the Second World War

A talk about the town of Eastbourne during the Second World War proved to be popular with society members, with around 40 of them turning up on Wednesday 6 February (pictured here in the College reception). This was the second time the talk had been given by College archivist Paul Jordan, as it was a sell-out when he first presented it in November 2019.



Waitress

Over 40 members of the society were served up a treat at the Adelphi Theatre with a production of the hit musical *Waitress* on Wednesday 15 January. Unfortunately the lead actress and two understudies had all fallen ill, so the part of Jenna was taken by Desi Oakley, who had been flown in from New York as a replacement only a few days before. Her performance was outstanding and she and the rest of the cast received a well-deserved standing ovation at the end of the show.



George IV: Art and Spectacle

Our final outing before lockdown was a trip to the exhibition at the Queen's Gallery in London: *George IV: Art and Spectacle*. Around 20 society members enjoyed the visit on Friday 28 February. The exhibition presented George IV's life through the art that enriched his world, and the group also enjoyed a talk about Princess Charlotte, the king's daughter, given by one of the expert guides. Some of the visitors then walked to Westminster Abbey for 5.00pm evensong.

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SHIPPING INDUSTRY NETWORKING



The Eastbournian Society held a careers and business networking evening for the shipping industry on Wednesday 29 January.

The event, at the Members Bar of the Baltic Exchange in the City of London, welcomed Old Eastbournians, parents, staff and pupils, who were able to discuss career prospects and meet new business contacts.

The guest speaker was Denis Petropoulos, Chairman of the Baltic Exchange Council, a position he has held since June 2019, having worked in ship broking for some 40 years.

After giving an overview of the importance of the shipping industry in global trade, Denis said how important the ES careers events are in giving young people the opportunity to network, build up relationships, develop their personalities and improve their communication skills.

LEGAL NETWORKING AT THE MIDDLE TEMPLE



This year's legal networking evening was held at Pump Court Chambers in the Middle Temple in London on Wednesday 5 February.

It proved to be a popular and informative occasion for College sixth formers and it was also good to have Old Eastbournians present who are currently at law school and who have recently graduated from their universities.

The event was kindly hosted by Maria Henty (Blackwater 2001–06) who is a barrister specialising in family law. She told the story of her own career path and shared some anecdotes of the challenges and benefits of a career in the law. She finished by emphasising the importance of pupils practising and developing their communication skills so that they can be confident and positive in whatever career path they eventually choose.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER



Do you remember what 'normal' was like? I always find it hard to think back through a busy school year for messages like this one but the beginning of this particular year feels like a different era. That Lent term from January must have had plenty of highlights: a successful hockey season, CCF exercises, concerts, and a Futures Fair to which, as always, many OEs gave their valuable time. But I remember it now only, to borrow from the title of a Churchill volume, as *The Gathering Storm*. With a degree of suddenness we had to close the school in March and for the rest of that academic year were teaching 'remotely' via

post-GCSE and post-A-level courses, focused only on the pure intellectual joy of it. Consequently, our pupils substituted revision and exam time for further, deeper and more interesting learning than normally allowed by the syllabuses. Of course there was learning loss for our idler pupils who need exam fear to keep them to task, but for our motivated majority the intellectual experience was very satisfying, albeit delivered through a screen. But we lost a summer: a cricket season, a season for evening strolls through cloisters and every social and memory-making moment that that would entail. I cannot tell you the heartache for a headmaster looking out on a pristine and empty College field throughout a summer term.

A new school year in September put hope in our hearts. Yes, it was an extraordinary effort by the SMT, support team, housemasters and mistresses to ready the school for the restrictions and regulations, but within those strictures we could have pupils back and thus the lifeblood flowing again. With the typical good weather of the new school year, we were able to perform outdoor concerts, have an aquathlon (cross-country and

sea swim) and generally mould our activities to the rules. No inter-school fixtures of course and the overseas pupils suffered two weeks in isolation. We mostly stayed mercifully clear of Covid for these first two months of term but that did not stop the disruption as every sniffle had to be tested and, taken by surprise that September was the start of the school year, the government's organisation of testing capacity was insufficient at first, causing terrible delays. As the weather worsened, I was reminded every day of David Winn – one of several eminent OEs we lost this year – for I do not know what we would have done without an indoor facility of the scale and specification of the building that bears his name. And so we go on – stoically and with resilience rather than with society and celebration, Christmas dinners and end-of-term parties being on the naughty list. Grim at times, for sure, but a learning experience for staff and pupils alike. But one thing I know, OEs would be proud of the way that this generation, often labelled 'snowflakes', have kept a smile on their face and shown determination and resolve to enjoy school despite everything.

Tom Lawson, Headmaster



Normal

Microsoft Teams and Zoom. It certainly took a bit of getting used to, but like many readers, I suspect, our teachers conquered any fears of new technology and rapidly increased their online skills in the face of necessity. I am proud that we had a much higher attendance rate for our online lessons than the national average, or even the average for independent schools. We went beyond the obvious too. Our games teachers posted online exercise videos, we ran competitions for pupils to chalk up the miles with their running or cycling, there were virtual art and drama activities.

The next blow we experienced was the cancellation of examinations, a rushed and ill-thought-through decision. It has also had knock-on effects, as this year's cohort compete for university places with last year's deferred candidates across the country whose grades reflect the relative integrity of their teachers (inversely) more than their ability under pressure. Why no-one considered the point that revising and then sitting in a spaced-out exam hall are the only two educational activities that in fact benefit from social distancing continues to elude me. But I am proud that the College here too went the extra mile to make the most of the situation. With our Year 11 (Vth form) and Upper Sixth we spent the Easter holiday preparing new

The new normal: Socially-distanced Jazz band



The new normal: online teaching with improvised stand for an iPad to video the whiteboard



The new normal: socially-distanced classroom



The new normal: online learning at home



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REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS

The governors met in November to approve their annual report on the preceding academic year. The annual report sets out the achievement and financial performance of the College and St Andrew's Prep and explains how the charity adapted to and operated during the continuing pandemic.



Philip Broadley delivered his Speech Day address online, with Headmaster Tom Lawson in the background in an otherwise empty auditorium

The annual report tells the story of the year the College was forced to close for the first time in its history and how the community became a virtual one. While technology enabled us to conduct a full term of remote learning we could not have done so without the dedication and adaptability of our teaching and support staff and the committed response of our pupils.

My chairman's introduction to the annual report follows. The full report is available on the College website at www.eastbourne-college.co.uk/about-us/board-of-governors. Please get in touch with me via the Eastbournian Society Office if you would like to know more about what the College is doing or how you can support us.

I am pleased to introduce the Charity's Annual Report describing the activities of our two schools, Eastbourne College and St Andrew's Prep, over the year. Everything we do as a charity is for the benefit of those we educate. We proudly devote much of the Annual Report to setting out the achievements of our approximately 1,000 pupils over the year. Whether in public exams, our own internally developed Bridge curriculum, which replaces Common Entrance, or national competition, our pupils continue to show the value of the education we have long sought to provide.

The defining event of the academic year was the decision of the government to close schools from 23 March as part of its national lockdown measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus. For the first time in our history our schools were physically closed to pupils for most of the summer term. St Andrew's Prep remained open throughout lockdown, as needed, for any of our pupils with a parent who was a key worker. The College and St Andrew's Prep both provided full programmes of remote teaching for all year groups, taking advantage of the investment made in technology in recent years. The Governors recognise the extraordinary efforts of all of our teachers to respond quickly to these unprecedented circumstances, thank our

pupils for embracing remote learning with enthusiasm, and our parents for their support.

In common with other independent schools, fees for the summer term were reduced to reflect the lack of normal boarding and day provision, including co-curricular activities. Furthermore, travel restrictions led to the loss of the normal income from summer lettings. Overall, the Charity's income was reduced by £2.6m compared to our expectations. Through cutting costs wherever possible and accessing government funding, the Charity recorded an operating surplus of £115k.

The Charity is financially resilient, and its education continues to be in demand: pupil numbers in the 2020/21 academic year are greater than in 2019/20. Nonetheless, the reduction in income required the Governors to defer capital expenditure and to look once again at the costs of providing every aspect of the Charity's education. We have to recognise that, at least for the duration of the pandemic, we shall be operating differently. Two years ago, the Governors and the Heads agreed a five-year strategic plan looking forward to 2023. The Annual Report sets out our progress in achieving the objectives of this plan in its second year as we aim to deliver the best for our pupils. Progress against this plan has been adversely affected in

some areas as a consequence of the pandemic.

The Charity plays an important role in the Eastbourne Schools Partnership (ESP), an organisation that brings together the maintained and independent schools in Eastbourne and the surrounding area. The Annual Report sets out how the activities of the ESP continue to expand and provide a range of opportunities for our pupils and teachers to work together with other schools to mutual benefit.

The College was established in 1867 'to provide a general education of the highest class'. Both schools strive to live up to that founding principle. We want to increase our ability to provide support to those pupils who cannot afford our full fees. During the year 206 pupils, 22% of the total, received some assistance with their fees either through means-tested bursaries or hardship bursaries provided to support those families whose income had been negatively affected by the pandemic. The Governors greatly appreciate the support of a number of trusts and individuals who contribute to the fees of 16 current pupils. We also value the commitment of our Devonshire Society members who have promised to support the Charity in their wills.

One of the founding members of the Devonshire Society, The Right Reverend Monsignor John Klyberg, died in January. The Charity is his principal beneficiary and his wish was for his legacy to be used in support of providing education at the College for those, including the children of Old Eastbournians, otherwise unable to afford it. We are required by Accounting Standards to recognise the legacy in this year's accounts although the estate had not been distributed at 31 August. We have recognised an estimated receipt of £1.2 million. John's remarkable generosity to his former school will be of lasting benefit to our bursary provision.

Taking account of the reduced income from educational and letting activities, partially offset by donations and legacy income, the Charity's total funds decreased by £521k during the year. As we are a charitable company, all our funds are used to support the education we provide at the College and St Andrew's Prep.

On behalf of the Governors, I thank Tom Lawson and Gareth Jones, our two Heads, Abbey Gough, our Chief Operating Officer, and the over 400 staff who teach and support the two schools. I also thank all those who continue to support our fundraising. Without them all we would not be able to provide the education we do.

Finally, I want to pay tribute to David Winn who died in September 2020. David was a constant presence and support to the Charity, the Governors, to me, and my predecessors for over 40 years. Above all, he recognised and appreciated the all-round nature of the education to which the Charity is committed. He supported each of our building projects from the rebuilding of Big School after it was destroyed by fire to the building that appropriately carries his name. The Charity would not be what it is today without his contribution as a Governor and as our greatest single benefactor.

**Philip Broadley
26 November 2020**

FOUNDATION AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

At the end of June, first on Foundation Day and then on Speech Day, a list of 16 College benefactors names are read out by the Heads of School. This is a relatively new tradition but one that provides an excellent reminder of 'the big picture' in terms of our existence as a school over the last 153 years.

It is fair to say that the College would not be here right now without the vision and generosity of this group let alone be able to withstand so strongly the trauma of a pandemic and the inevitable disruptions and uncertainties that follow.

Sadly this year we are adding the names of three more OEs to the list who have passed away but who nevertheless decided to make a difference to the lives of young Eastbournians in the future: Richard Holliday (Pennell 1952-57), John Klyberg (Gonville 1945-50) and David Winn (School 1954-59). Their hugely generous support will mean a significant sea change in the Charity's ability to support more pupils and families who would otherwise not be able to come to the College. And in so doing further widen access and make the admissions process even more inclusive. These bursaries will make a huge impact on the lives of individuals and on the life of the school for many years to come and if the pandemic has proven anything, then it is in the lifelong value of an Eastbourne College education.

It has been my privilege to meet, make friends with and get to know so many of you over the last 37 years and talking to those who keep in touch with their old school and who are so moved to support in a tangible way, there are four common themes or reasons for this connection and

association.

1. *'a member of staff recognised I had talent and believed in me and encouraged me'*
2. *'I benefited from an individual act or acts of kindness which gave me confidence in the fact that I could cope and go and compete with the best'*
3. *'I made lifelong friends with whom I could share memories of the fun we had together at school'*
4. *'a teacher inspired me to be interested in, or gave me a love of a subject that has stood me in good stead for the rest of my life'*

I suspect that many of us can identify with at least one or more of the above and that is certainly the case with Richard Holliday, John Klyberg and David Winn whose loyalty and generosity will benefit so many others.

2020 will go down as the most extraordinary year of our lifetime for all sorts of reasons. We hope that 2021 will bring a welcome return to a more normal life. The year has inevitably brought new challenges. The critical importance of the work of our scientists and medics has been made crystal clear as we all look for a route out of the sadness and privations of lockdown. On the other hand we have also had time to reflect on what is really important in



David Stewart with Tom Evans and his girlfriend Sophie Coldwell at the London dinner on Wednesday 11 March, the last Eastbournian Society event we held before lockdown

life: family, friends, good health, and simple pleasures. Who can forget the amazing spring of 2020 when we were encouraged to go out and have our 'Boris walk'? Thank you to all OEs and current and former parents who have been on the 'frontline' in whatever capacity and I hope we can find a suitable way of celebrating your herculean efforts on behalf of us all at some point in the future.

Thank you as ever to those who volunteer, encourage friends and organise tables at events, or who give their time and sit on committees. And special thanks to Hugh Price and John Maidens in their capacities as chairs of the Eastbournian Society and Foundation and Advisory Board

committees. Finally but by no means least thank you to my wonderfully professional team in the office. David Blake, Chris Todd, John Thornley, Lulu Brown and Paul Jordan - they are 'simply the best!'

Finally, and on a personal note, and after a wonderful 37 years at the College and many different roles, I have decided to hang up my boots and retire. I have no intention of losing touch with so many friends and as a fully paid-up member of the Eastbournian Society I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at events in the future. All being well I will be moving East of Eastbourne so ex oriente salus!

David Stewart

John Boyle 1935-2020

John Boyle, a longstanding supporter, friend and donor to Eastbourne College, as well as father to two former pupils, died on 4 August 2020 aged 85, after a brief illness.

A man with great community spirit who loved Eastbourne, John supported many charitable and local projects in the town. Educated at Lancing College, he came to Eastbourne when he joined the town council as an articled solicitor; he was later recruited by law firm Mayo and Perkins – now Mayo Wynne Baxter – where he practised successfully for more than 20 years, eventually becoming managing partner.

He was a law and business lecturer at Eastbourne College of Arts and Technology (ECAT) in the late 1980s, later rising to assistant principal, in which role he helped drive the modernisation of the Kings Drive site. He was also a longstand-

ing Rotarian, and was involved in a number of community ventures including the Link Centre, Eastbourne Allotment Society and the Citizens Advice Bureau which he chaired for several years. More recently, he set up the Civilian War Memorial Trust to honour the townspeople who died during enemy bombing in the Second World War. With the help of a committee he raised £70,000 for the memorial at the Wish Tower and transformation of the surrounding garden.

At Eastbourne College John supported all the appeals mounted by the College Foundation and was a member of the Old Eastbournian Charity Committee. He also played in the Foundation Golf Challenge every year with his good friend Forbes Wastie, and is pictured here at the 2016 event. Many at the College are also grateful to John's kindness and support on a personal level.



DAVID WINN OBE



We were greatly saddened to receive the news that David Winn, President of the Eastbournian Society, had died on Monday 21 September aged 80.

David was known to many OEs, staff and parents, and his record of association, service and loyalty to the College is unrivalled in modern times: Pupil in School House 1954-59, College Governor 1982-2015, College Vice-President 2016-20, Chairman of the OEA 1980-2001, President of the OEA 2002-12, and President of the Eastbournian Society 2012-20. He was also a very generous donor to many College appeals over the years and was instrumental in launching the fundraising after the devastating Big School fire in November 1981, shortly after he had taken on the chairmanship of the OEA. The Winn Building, part of the recent Project 150 development, was opened in June 2019 and named in his honour.

On hearing the news of his death, Headmaster Tom Lawson said: 'Those who knew him will testify to his abiding love for Eastbourne College, his sense of humour, modesty and belief that this school can go from strength to strength. The building that bears his name represents only part of his legacy of giving the College both resources and his wisdom over many years.' The College flag flew at half-mast for the duration of the week after David's death.

With the coronavirus restrictions in place, the number of attendees at David's funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 22 October had to be limited, but the service was screened as a webcast and we know that many OEs were able to watch it. David Stewart, Director of the Eastbournian Society, delivered the eulogy, which is reproduced here:

My connection with David is through Eastbourne College, his old school. I first met David 36 years ago. This makes me very junior compared with some here – John Wilmot and Maureen have known David for a great deal longer – at least 60 years!?

This is obviously a very sad occasion because we are saying farewell. So many people will miss David and the magnitude of the loss grows every day. However, when we stop and think about his extraordinary life there is so much to be thankful for:

Defining 'a successful life' is a contentious point. But most of us can agree on two fundamental criteria:

- 'how many other people in the world have we helped?'
- and, 'are we leaving the world a better place?'

David was a giant and hugely successful on both these counts. His life centred around his family, Winn and Coales, his lifelong friends, and his association with the College.

As we all know David had a busy life and distilling his irrepressible personality and spirit into a few

minutes is impossible. However the three qualities which are unavoidable when describing him are: loyalty, modesty and generosity. In light of his generosity to charities it was only fitting that in 1994 he was awarded an OBE in recognition for his services to the community in South London. Underneath that 'no nonsense' demeanour was a sensitive man whose kindness and awareness of the needs of others, made him very special. He was always understated and the self-deprecating humour that he used to such good effect was a big part of David; a joke and a laugh were never far away.

David was the grandson of the founder of Winn and Coales, Paul Winn, and he joined the company in 1965. He served as deputy chairman from 1968-91 and managing director from 1988-95. When Frank Coales passed away in 1991, he became chairman of the company and held this position for 29 years.



David with Dame Katherine Grainger at the opening of the Winn Building on Friday 21 June 2019

During his time as chairman, the group grew substantially with seven subsidiaries around the world and a network of dedicated distributors and agents. In the last decade, the group won three Queen's Awards for Enterprise in International Trade, recognising its growth in world sales. These notable successes were achieved in 2010, 2015 and 2017.

Despite his many achievements, he was, first and foremost, a very modest man who – while being immensely proud of Winn and Coales – was quick to give credit to others for the company's successes.

It was typical that when the company won the Queen's Award in 2015, David said:

'It is essential that the credit for this award is shared by all who work for the company, from the factory to the sales offices, overseas subsidiaries and agents. Without everyone's endeavours it would not have been possible.'

What happened last year when David travelled to America for the opening of the new state-of-the-art factory in Houston was also characteristic of his 'can do' and 'let's cut to the chase' attitude. Problems were there to be solved. Because he wasn't allowed to fly he decided that a trip on the Queen Mary 2 and a flight from New York was the way to get the job done. Ongoing health issues were quite simply not going to get in the way of him being present at such an important occasion. It is no wonder he inspired such loyalty from the Winn and Coles employees when he himself was so committed to leading from the front and fulfilling his responsibilities as chairman.

From a family point of view his happy marriage to Jennifer and living at South End House was the rock from which he was able to do so much to help others. David was always quick to underplay his sporting prowess but his son Chris remembers tennis matches with friends when he would run his opponents ragged. The motto of 'minimal movement but maximum effectiveness' made him dynamite and highly effective on the tennis court!

Jennifer's unexpected death in January 2008 came as a massive blow to David, Chris and James. The courageous way he coped with that terrible loss is a lesson to us all. It was typical of him that he chose to commemorate Jennifer's love of the performing arts by naming the 'Jennifer Winn Auditorium' at the College. He wanted to make something positive from a terrible negative. And he donated a beautiful portrait of Jennifer which everyone passes as they enter the Auditorium.

His record of service and loyalty to the College is unrivalled: College Governor for a record-breaking 33 years, College Vice-President and Chairman and President of the OEA and Eastbournian Society.

Tales of schooldays were frequently recounted and when speaking at reunions he invariably had his audiences rolling in the aisles. As a public speaker he had the timing of a master comedian and left his audiences wanting more.

Through his time at the College he made many lifelong friendships and no tribute to David would be complete without mentioning the Windsor 10 Society.

John Wilmot, Windsor 10 member, writes that 'this was David's brainchild and the inaugural meeting was held on 12 July 1958 in study no.4 in School House. There were ten members. The object of the Windsor 10 was that its members (all School House) should meet once a year for a reunion. David had in mind to meet at the basement bar of the Windsor Dive at Victoria station



David standing by the foundation stone at the entrance to the Nugee Building

and had already chosen a tie for the new society featuring the Tower of Windsor Castle. The initial reunion took place in December 1958 at the Windsor Dive, followed by lunch at Simpsons in the Strand and a theatre visit. Before this, the Windsor 10 had gone to Blackheath to watch the College playing rugby against Ampleforth. We are still 7/8 members meeting every year although the format has changed and the Windsor Dive is no longer there. We will miss David but no future meeting will pass without reference to David and also Dod Wainwright who died in 2019.'

David's interest in and support of his old school has been transformative and generations of Denso scholars at the College will be able to take advantage of a life-changing opportunity.

Philip Broadley, the Chairman of Governors, says: 'No longer will the College have his ebullient

presence at every occasion: we have lost our greatest supporter and I have lost a true friend.'

And finally our Headmaster Tom Lawson writes: 'No single person has contributed so much to the development of the College as David. As I stood there at the opening of the Winn Building, with David, Dame Katherine Grainger, and the Eastbournian great and the good, I described David as 'the second founder' of the College. This phrase came easily and if anything underplays his impact. He gave more generously than anyone to create the thriving College we see today.'

In summary David's life was based on the pillars of family, business and friendship. And with those hallmarks of loyalty, modesty and generosity, David has set us all a superb example. On behalf of those of us here and all those unable to be here today, thank you David, rest in peace and God bless.



David speaking at the 2007 reunion dinner

On Saturday 22 September 2007 the College held a special OE reunion to celebrate its 140th anniversary. David spoke at the reunion dinner that evening and the attendees enjoyed his hilarious reminiscences of how he, as a sixth former, persuaded Headmaster Michael Birley to allow him to drive his mother's car – and keep it on College property – a tale that involved transporting members of the 3rd XI cricket side to various Sussex villages (often with a pub close by). One fortuitous win by

the team was enough to persuade the headmaster of the merits of allowing David to park the car from then on in Chapel Yard. We are fortunate that David's speech that evening was captured on video and you can view it by going to the Eastbournian Society website at <https://eastbourniansociety.org/News-2020-11#news-201102-winn>. It is a fine example of his self-deprecating humour and shows his great affection for the College.

THE LONDON DINNER 2020



John Thornley and Tom Evans



Vicky Henley (Nugent 1975-77), Alan Roberts (Gonville 1946-51), Sally Le Brocq, Philip Le Brocq, Jess Lawson, Emma Garrett (Nugent 1984-86)



Mark Le Brocq with JT



Younger OEs with some colourful attire



Tom with Old Wargravians

The Eastbournian Society annual London dinner on Wednesday 11 March was the last event we were able to hold before the country went into its first lockdown to combat the coronavirus a couple of weeks later. Little did we know at the time that it would also turn out to be the last event we would be able to hold for the entire year, and hopes that we would be able to host the planned summer lunch, autumn reunion and winter ball were soon dashed.

However, it was a great event with which to finish our truncated social programme for the year.

The dinner celebrated two examples of endurance: ultra-runner Tom Evans (Wargrave 2005-10) and College stalwart John Thornley, who had recently completed 41 years and half a term teaching in the Modern Languages Department.

The dinner was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club in Piccadilly, a fitting venue for Tom, a former

captain in the Welsh Guards.

Following a drinks reception in the Field Marshals' Room the attendees proceeded upstairs for dinner in the elegant Coffee Room which overlooks Green Park.

The guests were welcomed by Eastbournian Society Chairman Hugh Price (School 1961-66), before a short tribute to JT by one of his earliest pupils, Mark le Brocq (Craig 1979-84) who reminisced about how John was regarded as something of an exotic creature because he came from the north (actually Nottingham, but anywhere north of Polegate was regarded as somewhat dubious).

JT responded with some amusing anecdotes about life teaching French at the College and his experience being in charge of one of the school's minor cricket teams, returning from one away match with no idea which side had won.

After the main course Headmaster Tom

Lawson addressed the guests and thanked OEs for their continued support for their old school.

The final part of the evening was introduced by David Stewart with a short video about Tom Evans' approach to ultra-running, followed by a question-and-answer session with Tom, conducted by his former housemaster Nick Russell.

Tom was inspirational in describing how he deals with the physical and mental pressures of his sport. His incredible success in the last few years has seen him placed as the best European runner in the gruelling Marathon des Sables across the Sahara Desert (coming third in 2017) and more recently winning the Courmayeur Champex Chamonix (CCC) in 2018 and coming third in the 100-mile Western States race in California in 2019.

We look forward to hearing about more of his exploits as he continues to develop his ultra-running career.

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CORONAVIRUS STORIES

We have heard from a number of Old Eastbournians and others about how they have been dealing with the coronavirus pandemic during 2020, including those who have been on the medical frontline. We present a selection of their stories here.

Volunteering for the NHS as a final-year medical student

Ru Uhanowita (Watt 2009-14)



During my final year of medical school at the University of Liverpool, the coronavirus pandemic occurred. Initially, medical students were advised to stop attending their

placements at the hospitals and await further instructions. A greater demand was placed on the NHS as several staff members had to take leave when they themselves or someone within their household had Covid symptoms. Due to this strain, final year medical students at my university were given the option to volunteer for the NHS. This entailed doing the role of a junior doctor while under the supervision of a team. I decided that volunteering would be a great opportunity to support the NHS while still learning. From a survey, it was found that 99% of my cohort chose to do the same. That being said, there were a few people in my year that chose not to volunteer, mainly due to health reasons or fear of transmitting the infection to vulnerable family members if they lived with them.

For my volunteering, I was placed on the Diabetes and Endocrine Ward in the Royal Liverpool Hospital. There were two wards for this speciality and I was placed with two other medical students on one of those wards. I had a team of two junior doctors, one registrar and one consultant. All the staff were very friendly and made me feel like I was part of the team. While this did provide a lot of comfort, there was an air of fear amongst myself and the other medical students as we realised that our ward was a red ward. This meant that it was a place where Covid-19 swab positive patients were transferred and gathered. The ward adjacent was a yellow ward that had patients that had tested negative for Covid-19 but had symptoms and a strong suspicion of the virus

from scan results. For every time we entered our ward, we were given a surgical mask, surgical gown, visor and gloves. We were taught how to put these pieces of equipment on and off aseptically, minimising contamination. We took various other precautions such as washing our uniforms at 60 degrees, wearing a different set of scrubs every day, and entering and leaving the hospital in separate clothes to the uniform we wore on the wards.

My daily tasks involved going on the morning ward round, writing in patient notes, taking bloods, arranging referrals, booking scans, liaising with other specialities and reviewing any deteriorating patients. A lot of this was learnt from actually doing the job and I was able to ask for advice from the senior staff members. By the first few weeks, everything became much easier to handle and I found the whole experience very valuable. I was able to get to know some of the patients on my ward and build a rapport with them. There were some good days and some bad days. Some patients would recover well following their illness and I would be able to write their discharge letters. Following this they were able to leave the hospital and resume their lives. However there were some patients that would deteriorate and need to be transferred to intensive care or passed away while on the ward.

One patient I remember well was an elderly woman with a background of diabetes and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). She had presented to the Accident and Emergency department with shortness of breath, a fever and low oxygen saturations. She was suspected of having Covid-19 and was transferred onto the ward where I was placed. While there, her oxygen requirements increased and her health began to decline further. I would see her in the ward rounds and felt concerned that she was not improving. After a couple of days, the patient went into cardiac arrest and as she had

a Do Not Attempt Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) order, resuscitation was not attempted and she died. One of my colleagues had to then inform her family over the phone. This experience showed the added difficulty on relatives as they were not able to see their loved ones in hospital due to ward restrictions. To minimise transmission, no visitors were allowed and some patients such as this lady were unable to say goodbye for the last time to those closest to them.



Ru in full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), minus the visor

The biggest difference I observed between doing the volunteering and my previous medical school placements was an even better sense of solidarity and partnership amongst the staff. In these unprecedented times, though it was a difficult situation, the staff would work together to fulfil clinical duties and kept the morale high. I met a lot of amazing healthcare professionals, who inspired me by the way they managed the care of their patients. The lockdown itself has shown me that there are things we may all take for granted and that deserve more appreciation. For me, this has encouraged me to live my life to its fullest. Overall, I feel privileged to have been able to volunteer during the Covid-19 pandemic and see it as one of my greatest achievements.

Thank you for supporting the NHS

Joe Manjaly (Powell 1998-2002)

In May Joe sent us this great picture as a way of saying thank you to everybody who was supporting key workers in the health service. Joe is a consultant otologist, auditory implant and ENT surgeon at the Royal National ENT Hospital and University College Hospital in London, which he says has been very much occupied by Covid-19. He's pictured here in the middle, outside UCH. His message to all OEs and Eastbournian Society members is: 'Thank you for supporting all of us in the NHS' and we are delighted to be able to pass this on.



The view from Vietnam

Dr Guy Thwaites (Blackwater 1984-89)

Dr Thwaites, an expert in infectious diseases and clinical microbiology, is Director of the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit (OUCRU), based in Ho Chi Minh City.

In an interview with BBC Radio 5 Live's breakfast show on 28 April, he was asked how Vietnam had managed to control the spread of the coronavirus. Guy said that the country acted quickly with some simple and effective measures, based on their experience with previous outbreaks of bird flu. The borders were shut, infected people were quarantined and a robust programme of contact tracing was put in place. At the time, the country had seen fewer than 300 cases and no deaths. Guy was also asked about the accuracy of the figures, given the authoritarian nature of the Vietnamese government, but he said that he thought the figures were true. He said that being based in one of the largest infectious disease hospitals in the country, he would have expected to see far more cases had there been a bigger outbreak than had been reported.



Diary of a Covid Girl

Poppy Jamieson (School 2007-11)



I must have been one of the early Covid cases, way back in March... it was pretty grim for 10 days or so. Fortunately for you OEs and friends I am not still contagious. Please do not run from me if you see me at reunions!

However, some of my symptoms don't really seem to have left me, more, taken a short break – a long weekend away if you will – only to come back fresh-faced and ready to take on my immune system.

I am a 'Long Hauler' which sadly isn't as exotic as I first thought it sounded and doesn't in fact involve me jet-setting across the globe. It means I am one of the many unfortunate souls who are still suffering from what the scientists call 'Extended Covid'. In August my sense of taste and smell started coming back... but not as they once were. It seems the receptors or nerve endings in my nose/mouth/brain have become monumentally confused as to what food and drink originally tasted like. To keep things brief, the following list are some of the food and drink that now smell and taste like gasoline (you read that correctly): all meat, eggs, mint, soft drinks, crisps, chips, onions, garlic, raw broccoli, dark chocolate, popcorn, peppers, mushrooms... the list grows weekly. To add insult to injury, I have also been experiencing breathlessness and heart palpitations for which the doctor has recommended I cut out coffee and alcohol.

But in keeping with government exhortations of 'It's Not All Bad' I've written a pros and cons list of my Long Covid symptoms. To try to find the good in an otherwise incredibly irritating virus and remain positive in every way I can (just like I was taught at Eastbourne).

- **Severe fatigue.** Cons: makes trying to do literally anything both physical or mental incredibly difficult. Pros: I have soft bed-sheets and a Netflix subscription that needs to be put to use. WIN.
- **Brain fog/memory loss.** Cons: Can't seem to remember very simple and recent pieces of information making my work-day slightly stressful. Pros: I can blame my already quite forgetful if not consistently confused demeanour on a man-killing virus. WIN.
- **Breathlessness.** Cons: I can barely exercise now without feeling like my lungs want to collapse (memories of my state after the steeplechase!). Pros: I can only use the gym for a maximum of one hour now. By the time I've warmed up, cooled down and stretched I barely need to fully exercise anyway. WIN.
- **Loss/change of taste and smell.** Cons: Everything tastes and smells like gasoline. Pros: I might drop a dress size?! WIN.
- **Heart palpitations.** Cons: Feels like I'm having a panic attack twice a day. Can no longer drink coffee or wine. Pros: There are literally no pros to not having coffee or wine. DEFINITELY NOT A WIN.

As you see the 'Pros' have it. It's 'not all bad' but I can't say I'm really looking forward to my sober, vegan Christmas lunch.

Groundbreaking research into Covid-19



Dr James Moon (School 1983-88)

Dr Moon is a professor of cardiology at Barts Hospital in London and his team are currently researching Covid-19. He told us in April:

We have got a major project off the ground in just seven days. The UK and the whole research process was incredible in achieving this. This would normally take a year. The study is on health care workers. It promises to tell us a vast amount of much needed science about the disease. We cannot just work harder to get out of this pandemic. Though important, we cannot ventilate our way to safety. Research is needed. The health care worker study will tell us those critical features about what baseline immunity does - prior virus exposure, the state of your antibodies and cells, who is carrying the disease, what the earliest changes are, what the targets will be for pre- or post-exposure prophylaxis are and how immunity wanes over time. The way we have done this is striving for collaborative science - we have taken enough samples for 25 major groups to get going trying to understand this disease. In six days we have recruited 360 staff at Barts Heart Centre (the largest cardiac centre in Europe), now focused on Covid with an ITU that has massively expanded to 200 beds. Next week we expand to the Nightingale Hospital with another 600 subjects, and focus also on drug trials there to mitigate this disease.



Retraining as an intensive care nurse

Dr Joel Dunning (Craig 1986-91)

Cardiothoracic surgeon Dr Joel Dunning retrained as an intensive care nurse to help in the fight against Covid-19. Dr Dunning, who was known as Joel Desmond while at the College, started his ICU training in March, when the number of operations he would normally be performing was drastically reduced. He initially spent two 12-hour shifts being supervised by ICU nurses at the James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough where he did everything involved with the patient's personal care, including feeding them and rolling them to prevent bed sores. In an interview at the time with the *Daily Express*, he said: 'I always respected my nursing colleagues and I know ICU nursing is intense, but my admiration of them has tripled in recent days.'

Medicine runs in the family; Joel's father was a GP and his mother an ICU nurse. He remembers: 'Mum would do a night shift, come home then take me to school. When I became a doctor, she always used to say, 'Respect the nursing staff', and at every stage of my career I have tried to uphold her principle. I love my normal work and will obviously return to it once we get through this crisis. But this experience will undoubtedly make me a better doctor.'

An epic journey home

Annabel Symes (Arnold & Watt 2015-19)

Annabel's story was widely reported in the British media in May, after she made an epic journey home from Patagonia - having been worried that she might be stranded there when lockdown restrictions were put in place.



Annabel, who was working as a volunteer hosting tourists at a remote ranch in the foothills of the Andes, had originally planned to return in April, but her flight was cancelled when Argentina introduced strict travel restrictions to contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

After calling the Foreign Office for help, Annabel and her partner had to embark on a lengthy horseback ride to the nearest road, a nine-hour taxi journey to the nearest town and finally a 17-hour bus ride to Buenos Aires airport. The ride to the road was made at night under a full moon, with mules carrying their bags.

British Embassy staff had to negotiate travel permits with different regional authorities to organise bus travel, book taxis and arrange cross-country travelling. The couple returned home alongside 200 other British travellers from Argentina on 8 May. The journey was made even more urgent as the summer season was coming to an end, and any prolonged freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall would have made leaving the ranch impossible.

Annabel said: 'Once I realised I was stranded, I registered with the British Embassy. Communication was made challenging as the estancia only had patchy internet access via satellite which meant lots of cold WhatsApp conversations sitting on a tree stump in the middle of a field.'

SOME OTHERS ALSO HELPING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



Dr Jessica Hatrick (Blackwater 2007-12), junior doctor at Southmead Hospital, Bristol



Dr Ed Lewis (Craig 2008-13), junior doctor at Ealing Hospital



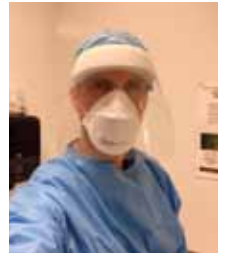
Dr Celia Scanlan, College parent, general practitioner



Dana Calcia, College parent, sister in ITU at Eastbourne DGH



Kate Ferrari, College parent, nurse in ITU at Eastbourne DGH



Dr Gez Gould, College parent, consultant anaesthetist for East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust



Rachel Williams (Watt 2009-14), nurse in ITU at Nightingale Hospital, London



Dr Chris Scanlan, College parent, consultant anaesthetist for East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust



Dr Nicky Roberts, College parent, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist for East Sussex Healthcare NHS



Dr Chandu Wickramarachchi (Craig 2005-10), doctor in the Emergency Department at Queen's Hospital, Havering



Dr Philippa Marshall (right), College parent, consultant anaesthetist for East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust



Ali Al-Shamaa, Year 12 pupil, volunteering at Little Common Surgery, screening patients. Aspiring medic on College School of Pre-Medicine Programme



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HEADMASTER'S SERVICE TO OTHERS CHALLENGE

During the pandemic, staff, pupils and families offered support to the NHS in a variety of different ways. Wargrave housed vulnerable pupils and key workers, while others acted as NHS volunteers, produced equipment and raised money for the NHS and other associated causes.



Year 11 Jessie Tarrant, one of many who made face coverings



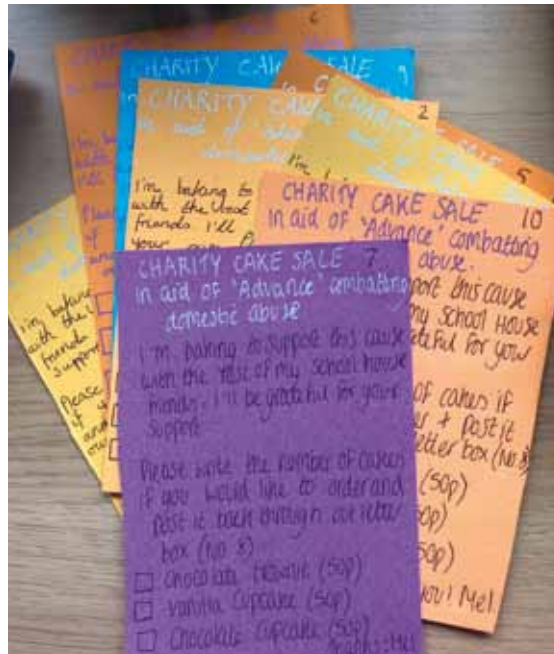
Matt Clover (pictured) and Colin Good produced some 300 face shields for the NHS



Face shields ready to be assembled. Shane O'Callaghan and Sophie Stephenson prepared over 800 at home



Textiles Department created training film and some 200 face coverings were made



School House raised money for Advance, a charity which supports victims of domestic abuse. Mel Griffiths took orders for cakes, Fiona Swann in America also baked cakes while Sarah Gordon did a sponsored swim to the pier and back



Wargrave matron Paula Thorpe produced hand-sewn laundry bags and headbands with extenders for the nursing team at a local mental health ward



Goggles ready to be delivered from the science lab to Eastbourne District General Hospital. Additional pairs went to a GP in Kent, and to a surgeon in Cambridge

The Day House Around The World Challenge
Cycle, run or walk
 Parents, Guardians, Tutors and siblings welcome
 The race is on!
 Share the [justgiving link](#)
Which day house will win?

The Day House Around the World Challenge saw staff, pupils and their families contribute with their daily exercise while raising money for NHS Charities Together. The houses cycled, ran or walked to see who could travel the 40,075km around the world fastest



The girls of Nugent House (and tutors, pets, family members, spouses and partners) notched up the miles as they attempted collectively to cycle, run or walk 25,000 miles around the equator

MEMORIES OF ASA HART

Christopher Ray remembers his good friend Andrew 'Asa' Hart, who died tragically young



22 January 1977: College 1st XI v OEs, which the College won 5-4. OEs standing at the back, College team left to right at the front: Paul Harris (Gonville 1974-78), Stewart Dovey (Reeves 1972-77), Steve Carr (Craig 1973-77), Matthias Dobner (School 1977), Phil Gearing (Reeves 1972-77), Chris Ray, Neil Davies (Wargrave 1972-77), Asa Hart (Blackwater 1973-77), Mike Hawthorne (School 1975-77), Dave Ballinger (Gonville 1972-77), Ghadir Razuki (School 1973-78)

The obituary pages of the OE magazine always prompt remembrance, even without necessarily having personal knowledge of the former pupils whose lives are recalled. Most of these lives have been richly and long-lived, but occasionally one is prematurely cut short, a sapling felled before it had had the chance to thrive and experience several decades of the life and growth it would have expected. By the time these musings are read, nearly 40 years will have elapsed since the untimely death of Andrew (Asa) Hart in December 1981 aged just 22.

Nearly everyone at Eastbourne knew him as Asa, even, eventually, our Housemaster Forbes Wastie! When he arrived at the College at the start of the Lent term 1973, it was when the Scottish footballer Asa Hartford was entering his prime. With a little artistic licence I started referring to Andrew as Asa, he liked it, and it stuck.

Asa's elder brother David was two years above us in Blackwater. Neither of them were blessed with 20:20 vision, both having to wear very strong glasses. However, this did nothing to prevent Asa being at the cutting edge of style. In those days it was platform shoes, Blakey's (to warn of one's impending arrival rather than for heel conservation!), flared trousers, large shirt collars and jacket lapels. All were de rigueur for fashionistas and he carried these off with confidence and style.

It would be fair to say that Asa was never considered as Oxbridge material. Come to think of it, none of us in that Blackwater cohort had such aspirations. His contribution to sport was greatly valued however, as he gave his best every time, representing the College at 1st XI soccer and 1st string athletics. I have no personal recol-

lection of the latter, but he was my right back in the soccer team. As goalkeeper there was a lot of chat between us during a game. Any opponent coming down the left wing would have known they were in a game when up against Asa. Without his glasses, his tackles could be somewhat wayward and 'awkwardly' timed, but he was a hard man that we needed in defence.

I specifically remember a Middles rugby house match against Gonville in 1975. Before the penultimate round of matches both teams were unbeaten. The winner of this match would almost certainly become champions. It was a close game. I remember being the only thing between Jan Koops and our try line. He didn't score but by golly I felt the hit. Towards the end, with Blackwater a couple of points to the good, a five-yard scrum close to our line saw the ball exit the scrum too fast for our scrum-half. Asa was stationed defensively on the blind side. Twice he tried to dot the ball down for another scrum, twice he missed it, and the Gonville wing forward fell on it jubilantly for the decisive score. Our captain Nick Summersby was understandably apoplectic. Asa simply held up his hands: 'Sorry chaps, my fault.' That took courage. We lost that game but we lost as 15, as one team, not all of whom would consider themselves as rugby players. That is often what made house matches so special.

Away from sport, Asa was in the army section of the CCF. Everyone had to take the Empire Test with a rifle in the range by the biology labs. I witnessed first-hand his first shot scoring a bullseye, on his neighbour's target. RSM Tony Watson made sure that Asa knew which target he was aiming at for his next shot, but the whole session was

brought to a premature end as Asa's second effort severed the string holding the targets, which fluttered to the ground. There was no spare string!

His pride in personal appearance extended to Inspection Day. Asa spent literally hours shining his boots with water and polish. I have never seen more highly polished gloss on footwear since.

During our time in Blackwater, Forbes Wastie had the unhappy task of telling Asa that his father had passed away. Expressions of grief were rarely displayed back then. Asa handled this sadness with fortitude and dignity. In our final year he was appointed a house prefect. He was very supportive of me as head of house - a good man to have around.

After Eastbourne he headed for London for work and lived, I think, around Baron's Court. He was training in retail management, including Harrods and Harvey Nichols before settling at John Lewis. At a Christmas party in December 1981 he suffered a heart attack and died. He had the same congenital condition as his father. His older brother David passed away only a few years later of the same cause, leaving their mother Jane in the desperate position of losing all three of her men-folk in just ten years. The irony is not lost on me that Asa Hartford's transfer from West Bromwich Albion to Leeds United in 1971 was called off as his medical check revealed a hole in his heart.

I am sure that I am not alone in wishing we had had the opportunity to stay friends for many more years. I hope that these memories will prompt some further personal recollections from those who knew him at Eastbourne. I still miss him, God bless you Asa.

Christopher Ray (Blackwater 1972-77)



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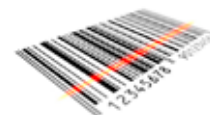
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EUAN LUCIE-SMITH

Rewriting black history of the First World War



Jamaican lawyer and politician Samuel Constantine Burke, who campaigned for Jamaican constitutional reform in the late 19th century through his desire for Jamaica to have greater control over her own affairs than Whitehall. Burke's advocacy on behalf of both the black and (using the terminology which he used at the time) the 'coloured' populations of Jamaica, helped create a reputation that even led him to later be referred to, by name, in an essay of the renowned black activist, Marcus Garvey.

Lucie-Smith was educated in England, initially at Berkhamsted School, before joining Gonville House at the College for one year, before returning to Jamaica. He served with the Jamaica Artillery Militia from 1911 and he is listed as a lieutenant in a pre-war *Forces of the Overseas and Dominions* list. Just six weeks after the outbreak of war, he was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant into the regular force of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, appearing in the supplement to the *London Gazette* of 30 November 1914:

'Dated September 17, 1914, The under-mentioned candidates from the self-governing Dominions and Crown Colonies to be Second Lieutenants. – Euan Lucie-Smith, Royal Warwickshire Regiment...'

Believed to have been the only name on this list from the Caribbean, or East and West Africa, he appears as the first of 14 names, giving him seniority above the other men also commissioned from Australia, Canada, India, South Africa and New Zealand. This is also confirmation that he was commissioned two years and eight months before Walter Tull.

He arrived in France on 17 March 1915 and it was just over a month later on 25 April, that he was killed in the Second Battle of Ypres, aged 25.

Although he had initially been reported missing, a statement made by a Pte. F Jukes, at Suffolk Hall Hospital, Cheltenham, stated: 'Lieut. Lucie-Smith - Was told by his servant that he was killed, and had seen him dead. Shot through the head.'

He has no known grave and is commemorated on Panel 2 to 3 of the Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. His name appears on the Old East-bournian war memorial in the Memorial Arch at

the College, as well as on Berkhamsted School's memorial.

On 12 November, the memorial plaque was sold by auctioneers Dix Noonan Webb for £10,540 (£8,500 hammer price), 13 times its pre-sale estimate, and a world record price for a First World War plaque. It was bought by The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum (Royal Warwickshire) after substantial fundraising.



The plaque had been discovered by former Member of the European Parliament, James Carver, who is a keen collector of medals relating to West African soldiers of the Victorian and Edwardian era. He said: 'The greatest wish of any medal collector or amateur historian, is to discover an item of genuine historical importance which challenges the accepted narrative. I am thrilled with the result of today's sale, but it's not the price that's important to me, it's the story of Euan Lucie-Smith and black soldiers like him, who, despite being largely overlooked, played an important part in our military heritage. I really hope my find inspires more people to explore the role played by British servicemen, from all backgrounds, to secure the freedoms that we enjoy today, and often take for granted. I am very pleased that it has been bought by a museum and will now be seen by future generations.'

It was fitting that during Black History Month in October 2020 we were made aware of the fact that the first black British officer to be killed in action in the First World War was an Old East-bournian, Euan Lucie-Smith (Gonville 1905-06).

This came to light because the war memorial plaque honouring Lt Lucie-Smith was to be auctioned in November in London.

Not only was Lt Lucie-Smith the first black officer casualty of the war, but he is also believed to be the first black officer to be commissioned into a British army regiment during the war, in September 1914. His story has essentially rewritten black history of the First World War, as it was previously thought that the first black officer casualty was Walter Tull, who was killed in March 1918.

Lt Lucie-Smith was born at Crossroads, St Andrew, Jamaica, on 14 December 1889, the son of John Barkley Lucie-Smith, the Postmaster of Jamaica, and Catherine 'Katie' Lucie-Smith (née Peynado Burke). He had a mixed heritage background; his father was a white colonial civil servant and his mother the daughter of the distinguished



Get-together in Hong Kong

A group of OEs got together in Hong Kong in July to celebrate their College connections. Under the Covid-19 regulations at the time they were allowed a maximum of eight people at the Hong Kong Club. Charles Dickson (Wargrave 1965-69) tells us that they enjoyed a magnum of excellent wine provided by Tim Freshwater (School 1958-63), after which they spent the remainder of the evening in the Bowling Alley Bar of the Club.

Others who attended were George Wong (Gonville 2002-07), Roger Leader (Pennell 1969-75) and Mark Pierrepont (Powell 1969-74), who welcomed Maddie Eckert (School 2002-07), Ben Colyer (Wargrave 2002-07) and his fiancée Fiona Taylor (Watt 2007-11) to the Club.

The photo was taken after Tim had left, and shows, left to right, Maddie, Mark, Charles, Fiona, Roger, George and Ben.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS 2019–20 – INTRODUCTION



Ethos

We recently celebrated our 150th anniversary, and it is worth taking a look back at the aims of the founders:

'To provide a classical, mathematical, and general education of the highest class.' **Memorandum of Association, 1867**

'To open a school here owing to the remarkable healthiness of Eastbourne.' **Object and Plan, 1867**

'In Eastbourne, out of Eastbourne, alike, let your character be known for good... Be brave, be generous, be pure, be true.'

Headmaster Revd James Wood's opening address to pupils, 1867

The academic highlights section of this booklet demonstrates how closely we adhere to the founding challenge to provide an education 'of the highest class.'

We still exploit 'the remarkable healthiness of Eastbourne', and see ourselves as the 'blue health school', harnessing our coastal location to the benefit of our children's physical and mental wellbeing.

Finally, we believe Revd James Wood would be proud that Eastboundians 150 years on are brave, generous, true and 'known for good'. Everyone within the College community understands and believes in the following values which form the bedrock upon which every pupil's education stands, providing them with the attitude and personal skills to flourish at the school and beyond:

- Pursuit of excellence
- Participation
- Integrity
- Courtesy
- Kindness
- Taking care of those who take care of us

Our values-based education promotes these traits, and there is nothing like the house system to foster these life-skills. Through house spirit, charitable activities, and creative and independent work, pupils develop into adults who are good people who other people want to be with.

Key facts

Eastbourne College is a co-educational, boarding and day school for pupils aged 13–18. The College is an educational community in its broadest sense rather than just an academic institution. It offers a huge range of opportunities outside the classroom, and provides the time, space, care and expertise to enable children to benefit fully from everything available.

- Number of pupils 650
- Boarding to day ratio 45:55
- Staff to pupil ratio 1:7
- Average class size 14

Scholarships and bursaries

The College awards academic, all-rounder, art, art textiles, design and technology, drama, music, sports, and a variety of other scholarships. These include the Professor Soddy Awards (named after the eminent former pupil and Nobel Prize winner in chemistry) worth up to 100 per cent for pupils from maintained schools who achieve outstanding results and wish to attend the sixth form. Means-tested bursaries are also available.

Flexibility

A minibus service takes day pupils to school in the morning and home at 6.00pm or 8.00pm. Pupils can choose on the day when they wish to leave, and most stay late several evenings a week. Day pupils may eat supper at the College on any weekday. Flexible overnight accommodation is also available for day boys and girls.

Shape of the week

The school has developed a finely tuned timetable following feedback from parents, pupils and staff. The new timetable optimises educational contact time, and provides a guided optional Saturday morning enrichment programme of academic and other activities as opposed to compulsory lessons. Lesson time devoted to each subject is increased on weekdays, with plenty of breathing spaces and variety along the way to maintain a healthy, whole-of-learning approach. The changes create tangible benefits for an increasing proportion of families in which both parents have busy working schedules, and provide new enrichment opportunities for the thriving boarding and day community. The College remains vibrant over the weekends, and there is a rich programme of boarding activities and trips on Sundays.

The school fulfils its stated aims to develop pupils with pursuit of excellence and participation, integrity, kindness, courtesy and a firm appreciation that all people have the same intrinsic worth.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Academic study is the backbone of College life. Pupils are taught in world-class facilities by highly skilled and qualified teachers, inspiring and encouraging those in their care. Small classes ensure that each pupil has the specific stretch and support they need. The results achieved by our pupils are consistently higher than many much more selective schools. Our value-added performance places us in the top tier of all UK schools.



Pupils celebrating 2020 exam results

2020 examination results

Fifty-five per cent of all grades awarded at A-level were A* or A. With pupils taking at least three subjects, all at the gold standard A-level or Cambridge Pre-U level, the overall pass rate was 100 per cent. One in five pupils achieved a clean sweep of A* and A grades, and almost 80 per cent of all grades were A*, A or B. There were outstanding individual performances, including **Chloe Cox** who achieved a remarkable five A*s and is taking up her place to read veterinary science at Cambridge. In all, 29 pupils achieved straight A* and A grades, including **Florence Ji**, **Luke Muschialli** and **Johnson Oh** with four A*s, and **Dasha Gushchina**, **Charlotte Imbert**, **Leila Lopez-Moran**, **Josh Moreton**, **Charlie Reed**, **Joseph Shouksmith** and **James Song** with at least three A*s. Once again, the vast majority of pupils achieved the grades that enabled them to access top courses at leading universities at home and abroad.

At GCSE, almost two thirds of all grades awarded were levels 9, 8 or 7 (equivalent to the former A* or A), with over 40 per cent of all grades at levels 9 or 8 (equivalent to the former A*). Over one in five (22 per cent) of grades awarded were at the highest grade available, level 9. Over a quarter of all pupils achieved ten or more grades at levels 9 or 8. Boys and girls performed extremely well but the girls stole the show: over half of the grades awarded to girls were levels 9 or 8. Top performers included **Liv Reeves**, gaining 12 level 9s, **Saphyre Mills Kennelly**, gaining 11 level 9s, and **Izzy Skarbek**, gaining ten level 9s.

Value added

Rated against all other schools in the country on the basis of 'value added' (comparing the underlying ability of the cohort with its exam results), year on year the College is typically in the top four per cent of schools in the country.

Oxford and Cambridge

In recent years, pupils have been awarded places at Oxford and Cambridge to read subjects as diverse as Asian and Middle Eastern Studies with Arabic, biological sciences, chemistry, classics, economics, fine art, history, law, linguistics, materials science, medicine, music, natural sciences, physics, PPE (philosophy, politics and economics), theology and religious studies, and veterinary science. Our congratulations to those who secured their places in 2020.

GCSE and A-level results track upwards for the third year in a row

A-level results 2020

A*-A	55%
A*, A or B	79%
A*-C	95%
Pass rate	100%
Pupils awarded A* or A as their lowest grade	35%

GCSE results 2020

9 (high A* equivalent)	22%
9-8 (A* equivalent)	over 40%
9-7 (A*-A equivalent)	64%
Pupils awarded five or more grades at 9-7	68%

These great A-level and GCSE grades stand as testament to the hard work and ambition of Eastbourne College pupils. I am delighted that our grades have improved for the third consecutive year, and how our healthy, balanced approach leads to pupils fulfilling their academic potential while developing body and mind through sport, creativity, teamwork and service.'

Tom Lawson, Headmaster

Eastbourne College continues to grow in popularity with over 150 pupils taking A-level exams this year, with record numbers entering Year 9 in September 2020 and with places and scholarships for 2021 hotly contested.

Art and Photography



Trips this year included visits to the Tate Modern, the V&A (to see an exhibition by artist and photographer Tim Walker) and the Towner Art Gallery (to see the work of David Nash). Senior artists worked throughout the year on a programme of life-drawing classes with visiting artists Lindy Dunbar and Garry Titterton. Photography pupils worked with professionals Alistair Guy on portraiture and Clare Dale on stereoscopes. Pupils attended

interactive sessions with visiting academics and current undergraduates learning about foundation courses and different art-related degrees. This year's leavers are intending to pursue careers in architecture, ceramics, design, fashion design, fashion marketing, fashion photography, graphic design, illustration, industrial design, interior design and product design among other courses.



'I have wanted to pursue veterinary medicine for as long as I can remember and while, initially, this was fuelled by a love of animals, my interest in science has grown exponentially during my time at the College. A-level biology, in particular, has really fostered my interest in veterinary medicine. I have loved doing dissections and it amazes me how complicated living creatures are. What I have loved most is that my teachers are always willing to introduce us to new ideas and research areas of interest above and beyond the syllabus.' **Chloe Cox**

Chloe Cox, awarded place to read veterinary science at Robinson College Cambridge

Isobel Mitchell and **Arnold Shum** submitted essays for the Peterhouse College Cambridge Kelvin Science Prize. They both wrote responses to 'The zombie ant fungus *Cordieps* manipulates ants by taking control of their brains. Can the ants evolve a response to this or are they locked into a zombie apocalypse forever?' We await results, and the quality of their work earned **Isobel** and **Arnold** the departmental David Beer Prize for Scientific Curiosity.



Art trip to the V&A

Biology



Chloe Cox was awarded a place to read veterinary science at Robinson College Cambridge. **Anda Kadia** was selected as the biologist in a Bulgarian team taking part in a NASA sponsored international discussion about controlling coronavirus.

Business



Business trip to Amazon

Business A-level pupils visited Amazon's state-of-the-art fulfilment centre at Tilbury to see first-hand the hi-tech facilities used to turn customers' online orders into picked, packaged and delivered products.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Chemistry



Once again there was considerable success in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge with **Florence Ji** receiving the Gold Award and **Chloe Cox, Charlotte Imbert, Ciara Ings** and **Anastasija Timofejeva** winning Copper Awards. Year 12 pupils **Cody Chan, Anda Kadia, Isobel Mitchell, Arnold Shum** and **Mayuri Tambyrajah** competed in the inaugural Cambridge Chemistry Race at the University of Cambridge against pupils mostly from Year 13. **Eliza Jones, Zain Radwan, Wilson Zhang** and **James Zhou** took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench regional competition, finishing fourth. This national chemistry competition attracts the best minds in the 14–16 age range.



Eliza Jones and Zain Radwan at Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench competition

Classics

Pupils have continued to study Greek, Latin and classical civilisation throughout the school. Strong numbers studied Latin in Year 9, and 14 of these pupils also studied *ab initio* Greek. Years 10 and 11 pupils attended the Troy: Myth and Reality exhibition at the British Museum. Sixth form pupils benefited from study days in London on Greek theatre and love and relationships in the Ancient World.



Dance



Amy Shi, A-level dance



James Cousins Company workshop

A-level pupils produced a quartet piece with American Jazz practitioner Mel Simpson, and pupils also took part in workshops with the Royal Ballet, James Cousins Company, Rambert Dance Company and street dancer Bismark Anobah. Pupils attended West End productions such as *Evolution* by Acosta Danza, *Rambert Event* by Rambert and 3 Fall Dance Company.

Debating

Debating at Eastbourne College continued to flourish under the guidance of American Debater-in-Residence Yasmine Abi-Hanna. Seventeen pupils travelled to the Oxford Global Model United Nations attended by over 750 delegates from Asia, Europe and North America. **Jake Ellwood** received an honourable



Yasmine Abi-Hanna with Zain Radwan, Missy Richardson and Oliver Tutt, runners-up in the Ian Gow Memorial Cup

mention for Best Position Paper in the final General Assembly in the Sheldonian Theatre, and **Karina Matei** passed her resolution.

William Brown, Lewis Buckle and **Oliver Wright** advanced to the regional final of the English Speaking Union Mace debate.

Senior debaters attended tournaments at the London School of Economics as well as at the Cambridge and Oxford regional rounds. The junior debaters **Zain Radwan, Missy Richardson** and **Oliver Tutt** finished runners-up in the annual Ian Gow Memorial Cup.



Jake Ellwood (second from right) at MUN

Design



En Goh's visual learning aids for the blind

En Goh designed learning aids for the blind that were highly praised by an East Sussex visual learning teacher. Callum Hynes worked closely with Year 9 and Year 10 scholars preparing for this year's airineers competition. Arthur McKay led a group of pupils designing a human-powered vehicle. Tilly Morgan designed a bedside unit which impressed the management of BLOC hotels so much they are looking to introduce it across their chain. Wilson Zhang progressed to the interview stage of the Arkwright Scholarship Award and we await results. Supported by a visiting engineer, Year 11 scholars worked on a hand washing station that harnesses rainwater to encourage better hygiene for use in Kenya to halt the spread of disease.



Struan Dunlop, Finn Hill and Ewan Clark with human-powered vehicle



Tilly Morgan working on her desk unit...



... and Tilly's final piece accepted by BLOC hotels

Drama



Year 12 performed *Jerusalem* supporting their study of the text ready for their exams next year. A-level pupils saw *Blood Brothers* at the Old Vic, and GCSE pupils went to see *Woman in Black* at the Fortune Theatre ready for their study of the play. Quirky Bird Theatre Company performed the GCSE set text *DNA* in our theatre, watched by our pupils and

pupils from other schools. A Q&A session followed with the actors and the director. Our scholars developed a verbatim piece based on the Grenfell disaster which they took on the road and, during the summer term, they devised a lockdown piece of theatre.



Year 12 perform *Jerusalem*

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Economics



Pupils benefited from visits by a number of high-profile speakers including Lord Tyrie (chair of the Competition and Markets Authority), Toby van der Meer (CEO of Hastings Insurance) and Philip Broadley OE (board director at AstraZeneca and Legal & General). They have also pushed themselves beyond the boundaries of the A-level course with the school's first-ever submission to the Institute of Economic Affairs' Budget Challenge, and are the first group to follow the school's newly launched fundamentals of financial services course overseen by the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment.



Pupils with Lord Tyrie

English

English literature pupils attended the Cheltenham Literature Festival hearing talks by writers including Oyinkan Braithwaite, Richard Dawkins, Sebastian Faulks, Erin Kelly, Denise Mira, Celeste Ng, James O'Brien and Max Porter.



English Department trip to the Cheltenham Literature Festival

They also attended the Hastings Literary Festival and the Brighton Arts Festival where they heard talks by new dystopian authors Joanne Ramos and Season Butler. Theatre trips included *Measure for Measure* at the Barbican, *Twelfth Night* at the National Theatre archives, and *Jane Eyre* at the Devonshire Park theatre. Visiting speakers offered insights into the poetry of Wilfred Owen and *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and Paul Lowden returned to run a day workshop leading to a pupil performance of an abridged *Hamlet*.



Pupils put on *Hamlet* in a day

Extended Project Qualification



Over 100 sixth formers worked towards their level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). The EPQ is highly regarded by universities, and involves pupils submitting a dissertation of 6,000 words on a chosen topic working alongside an academic mentor. Topics this year included:

- *Has the rise of nationalism in politics created a divided society?*
- *How do crime documentaries influence public opinion?*
- *Should the NHS further invest in music therapy as a treatment for autistic spectrum disorders?*
- *What are the philosophical and theological implications of scientific investigation and discovery?*
- *To what extent was Henry VII a successful and just monarch after the Wars of the Roses?*
- *To what extent have neuro-marketing strategies become an intrusive part of everyday life?*
- *Has an increase in immigration led UK culture to become diluted?*

Futureneers



Futureneers trip to University of Sussex

This year saw the launch of the futureneers programme, a series of events and weekly sessions for budding engineers. Pupils attended a day of interactive workshops at the School of Engineering and Informatics at the University of Sussex, and visited Edwards Vacuums, a world leader in developing and manufacturing sophisticated vacuum products for industry.



Futureneers trip to Edwards Vacuums

Geography



Peter Homburger OE addressing history pupils

The College was delighted to host **Peter Homburger OE**, a Holocaust survivor who escaped Nazi persecution on the Kindertransport and was awarded a place and sanctuary at Eastbourne College. Pupils were moved by his recollections and his emphasis on reconciliation and forgiveness. The department continues to foster strong links with HE institutions including the University of Cambridge and University of Sussex. Professor Robert Cook delivered a fascinating lecture on Martin Luther King's role in the civil rights movement. **Rae Greenhow** won a place to read history at St John's College Oxford.

'From the start of Year 10 at the College, I've always been supported and encouraged by the incredible History Department. I was provided invaluable interview preparation and aptitude test practice and was lucky to secure a place at St John's College Oxford to read history. I took a good luck card from the department to the university during the interview process! I'm deeply grateful to both the College and my fantastic teachers.' **Rae Greenhow**



Rae Greenhow awarded place to read history at St John's College Oxford



William Brown, winner of the Geographical Association WorldWise International Competition

William Brown was a winner of the Geographical Association WorldWise International Competition and, as a result, was invited to represent Team UK at the 17th International Geography Olympiad in Istanbul. The competition attracts the best 16–19 year old geography students from across the world. This year's chosen topic was *Conservation and management of the rain-forest ecosystem.*

History



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Mathematics



Among a strong cohort studying mathematics A-level, 41 sixth form pupils also studied further mathematics A-level. Sixteen Year 10 pupils sat their GCSE a year early. Prior to the school being closed owing to the virus **Sam Huang** and **Chorus Yuen** were awarded gold and reached the national level of the Mathematics Olympiad Competition, **Sam** finishing sixth out of 60 predominantly Year 11, 12 and 13 College pupils who took the test despite his being only in Year 9. Eleven pupils reached the plate competition.



Modern Foreign Languages



Mayuri Tambyrajah, Tali Greig, Katherine Linaker, Natasha Symes, Tianlu Wang and **Sandra Fuhrmann** with their UK Linguistics Olympiad certificates

Josh Moreton won a place to read Asian and Middle Eastern Studies with Arabic at Homerton College Cambridge. **Katherine Linaker, Mayuri Tambyrajah** and **Tianlu Wang** were awarded bronze certificates at advanced



level in the UK Linguistics Olympiad (UKLO) and **Sandra Fuhrmann, Tali Greig** and **Natasha Symes** were awarded participation certificates at advanced level. The UKLO represents the pinnacle of applied knowledge in languages. GCSE and A-level pupils enjoyed a five-day trip to Munich, including visits to BMW-Welt, the Olympic Stadium and several museums and galleries, and undertook intensive language tuition from students at the University of Munich.



MFL trip to Munich

'Under the mentorship of the school's MFL faculty I have been given many opportunities – the chance to participate in a foreign exchange to Nîmes and to mentor Ratton School Year 11 pupils preparing for their GCSE MFL exams to name but a few – which have proven invaluable to me. Without the experience and guidance of the MFL faculty I would have found myself in a vastly inferior position with regards to my application to Cambridge. The enthusiasm that permeates the College's languages faculty will prove an indispensable tool, I'm sure, as I move on through life.' **Josh Moreton**



Josh Moreton, awarded place to read Asian and Middle Eastern Studies with Arabic at Homerton College Cambridge

Music



Last year four pupils went on to study music at university. This year pupils pursued a new OCR music A-level course which allowed them a greater degree of choice between composition and performance as part of their coursework. It also offered them a broader variety of musical genres to study, from baroque choral works through to jazz and other 20th century music. Those studying music technology A-level had access to the College's state-of-the-art recording studio utilising Slate Raven MTi multi-touch mixing surfaces, a high spec Apple Mac Pro running industry standard music production software Pro Tools 12 and Logic Pro X, along with high-end audio conversion provided by Universal Audio Apollo16. GCSE and A-level pupils attended workshops with Brighton Institute of Media and Music. Fifty Year 9 pupils opted for music as one of their creative courses though, owing to Covid-19, they were unable to perform their iPad orchestra piece as the previous Year 9 had done in a recital referenced in a House of Lords debate.



Recording studio state-of-the-art control room

PE

The A-level cohort was an exceptionally talented group with several gaining regional and national honours in their chosen sports. A number are looking to study sports psychology, sports science, physiotherapy and other related fields. As part of their revision they attended a conference run by PE practitioners, and during the summer term they received support from physiotherapist **Amelia Planterose** OE.



Pupils continued to benefit from teachers' close links with the University of Brighton whose sports department, based in Eastbourne, is ranked in the top 100 in the world.

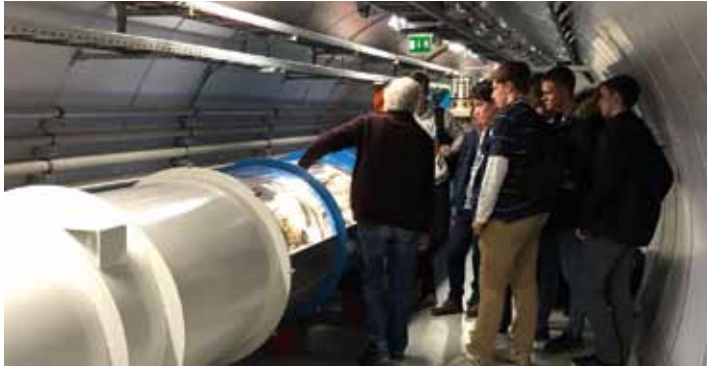
Philosophy and RS

Years 9 and 10 RS pupils developed dialectic skills which many of them put into great effect in the Debating Society. The online Philosophy Society in the summer term was very active with discussions ranging from Marxism and private property to the right of 'anti-Vaxers' to send their children to school. Year 13 particularly enjoyed their study of Sartre and JS Mill this year.



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Physics



Physics trip to CERN in Geneva

Year 13 pupils travelled to CERN in Geneva to explore the Large Hadron Collider to gain experience of the world's largest science experiment and to see cutting edge scientific research in action. **Isaac Chu, Charlie Reed** and **Ben Stotesbury-Byrne** were awarded merits for their entries in the British Physics Olympiad. Year 12 physicists attended the Sixth Form Tonbridge Science Conference to present research projects on an area of personal interest. Year 9 and Year 10 pupils attended an interactive day at the School of Engineering and Informatics at the University of Sussex.



Politics



The year 2019 was extraordinary for British politics, and pupils were able to study first-hand the momentous events unfolding at Westminster. They also witnessed the cut and thrust of political debate in hustings in the Birley Centre and at other venues. On the day of the general election Year 12 politics pupils hosted their own version of a polling station in the dining hall. Turnout of 76 per cent proved to be better than the national average. Using first-past-the-post the Liberal Democrats took six out of the eleven constituencies. However, a more proportional system would have seen the Conservatives win.



Politics pupils run College general election

Casson Scholars Society

Year 12 scholars attended the open day at Oxford in September, staying in St John's College and visiting departments and other colleges during the day. All scholars, and other selected pupils, joined the Casson Society, beginning with



Hustings in the Birley Centre

the annual Casson Society formal dinner to dine-out the Year 13 members and dine-in the new members. Members then met on Monday evenings to discuss talks given by teachers on a range of subjects including the history of thought, the ethics of the value of life and the problem of language.



Casson Society scholars trip to Oxford

Hayman Scholars Society



Dr Steve Hobbs

Year 9 and 10 members of the Hayman Society joined pupils from the Eastbourne Schools Partnership and from St Andrew's Prep in a programme to develop their profound and creative thinking skills run by academic Dr Steve Hobbs on Saturday mornings through the year, supported by colleagues and senior pupils from the College. Pupils developed their understanding on a range of topics including problem solving, modern linguistic theory and epistemology.



Cameron Lindsay, Emily May, Sapphyre Mills Kennelly and Will Neal with David Tutt

Cameron Lindsay, Emily May, Sapphyre Mills Kennelly and Will Neal presented their design for a beach gym to David Tutt, leader of the Eastbourne Borough Council. Their concept of making the flooring out of recycled plastic will make the beach gym a world first.

Textiles



Year 9 pupils were able to opt to study textiles for the entire year including working on a bug project where pupils learnt to use the sewing machine and a wide range of textiles techniques.



Clem Clapp's Royal Opera House design entry

Year 10 and Year 12 pupils entered the Royal Opera House Design Challenge, this year based on Puccini's opera *La Bohème*. Year 10 pupils designed and made millinery for the character Musetta while Year 12 pupils



made costumes for one of the four main characters. All pupils visited the Royal Opera House as part of their preparation. **Sophie Bullock** and **Clem Clapp** qualified as finalists.

Year 13 pupils demonstrated their enthusiasm and efforts for textiles, not letting lockdown hinder their progress.

Sophie Bullock's Royal Opera House design entry

CREATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

At the College, we celebrate young people's creativity, nurturing and developing their skills from the day they arrive. Pupils work with top professionals across all the creative fields. The school has a proud tradition of pupils going on to forge successful careers in the creative and performing arts including architect and designer Sir Hugh Casson, actor and comedian Eddie Izzard, and a number of musicians becoming distinguished contributors in many aspects of the musical world.

Drama

The College enjoys a strong reputation for drama productions which involve pupils from all year groups and houses. With three internal drama spaces and an outside theatrical space, there are endless opportunities for pupils to be involved, be it treading the boards or backstage.



The Crucible

The Crucible was performed before packed houses in December. **Hugo Verelst-Way** and **Uma Carey-Morgan** took the lead roles, ably supported by **Toby Anderson**, **Imogen Carr**, **Audrey Hammer** and **Charlie Pincus**. **James Nicholas** acted as assistant director, and **Georgia Hutcheon** as stage manager alongside a strong backstage team.



Georgia Gills, Darcey Wootton and Elise Arnold in *Memory*

Memory, a Pro Drama play, featured **Georgia Gills, Darcey Wootton** and Elise Arnold in a play written specifically for them. **Darcey** has been awarded a place on the foundation course at the Rose Bruford Drama school. Only 20 or so pupils were awarded places out of 4500 who applied for the foundation and BA courses.



Scholars performing *Grenfell*

Drama scholars devised a piece inspired by the Grenfell disaster which they performed at the College and on the road.

Year 9 drama



Gonville House in *Jason and the Argonauts*



Craig House in *Robin Hood*

Every pupil performed in the annual Year 9 drama festival directed by Year 12 pupils. Craig won the day pupils competition with *Robin Hood* directed by **William Brown** and **Arthur Lewis**. Gonville won the boarders competition with *Jason and the Argonauts* directed by **James Nicholas** and **Rupert Plumtre**.



While studying for her A-levels **Izzy Allen** spent six months this year on location in Brussels, Marseille and Paris filming for her principal role in the Disney series *Find Me In Paris* which will be released in 130 countries on Disney, Hulu and Nickelodeon.

Izzy Allen

Harry Hoderne and **Imogen Smith** performed *Serenity* over nine days at the Edinburgh Fringe. This is the second year that the Drama Department has taken a pupil production to the world-renowned festival. **Harry** and **Imogen** have since gained entry to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts respectively.

Harry also appeared alongside **Tom Watkins** in *Six Minutes to Midnight*, a film produced by and starring **Eddie Izzard OE**, whose cast includes Jim Broadbent and Dame Judi Dench. **Eddie** also performed to a packed house at the College to test out material for his *Wunderbar* Tour.



Harry Hoderne and Imogen Smith in *Serenity*



Harry Hoderne and Tom Watkins filming with **Eddie Izzard OE**

Each year pupils are fortunate to work with visiting professional practitioners, this year including Frantic Assembly, The Paperbirds and Quirky Bird Theatre Company. Pupils are also able to watch an eclectic range of productions put on by travelling companies as part of the Pro Drama series.

CREATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Music

Music is an integral part of life at Eastbourne College. A high proportion of pupils study an instrument and there are numerous opportunities for all to get involved in activities ranging from the Chapel Choir to the Concert Band, from the Symphony Orchestra to the popular Singer Songwriter Club.



Christmas concert

Exam success

As ever, a large number of pupils took ABRSM and Trinity music exams. Due to space, only distinction Grade 8 and diploma results are displayed below:

- **Cody Chan** Violin Grade 8 distinction, piano diploma distinction
- **Thomas Goodenough** Violin Grade 8 distinction
- **Helen Grout** Alto Sax Grade 8 distinction and singing diploma distinction
- **Sophie Nicholles** Singing diploma distinction
- **Ben Stotesbury-Byrne** Singing Grade 8 distinction
- **Tianlu Wang** Singing Grade 8 distinction.



Young Musician of the Year finalists (Cody Chan fifth from the left)

Over 50 pupils competed for Young Musician of the Year.

Frederik Jensen won the Junior Class, **Sapphyre Mills Kennelly** the Intermediate Class, **Cody Chan** and **Katherine Linaker** the Duet Prize, and **Cody** the Senior Class and Overall winner. **Katherine** was also selected for the Mid Sussex Sinfonia.

Singing masterclass

Dame Felicity Lott ran a singing masterclass in conjunction with the Sussex Opera and Ballet Society. A large audience gathered to hear a fantastic array of talented singers from the College benefit from Dame Felicity's considerable experience.



Chelsea Chung

Chelsea Chung gained her Dip ABRSM exam. This is a higher level diploma, two levels above the normal Grade 8.



Sophie Nicholles won a place on the conservatoire singing course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

'My music has really developed at the College. Since I was in Year 9, the Music Department and teachers have supported me and guided me towards opportunities that I wouldn't have found on my own. Their contacts are brilliant, and the facilities, especially the recording studio and the Jennifer Winn Auditorium, make the whole experience more professional.' **Sophie Nicholles**

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Dame Felicity Lott with Millie Cranston, Tianlu Wang and Lana Harffey-Burkhill



Chapel Choir in rehearsal



School House

House singing

In this year's House Singing Competition, Reeves won the boys trophy and School the girls trophy and the overall winners cup.

Singer songwriting

Talented young singer songwriters were interviewed on BBC Radio Surrey and Sussex, and invited to perform the songs they had written in the weekly workshops with Tom Williams. They also performed in a Live Lounge, playing to a packed JWA. The latest singer songwriters Live Lounge album was released on Spotify and iTunes.



Singer songwriters performing on BBC Surrey and Sussex



Music scholars concert

The Jazz Band played at several venues including the Cavendish Hotel for the Children's Respite Trust Annual Ball.

This year **Helen Grout**, **Leah Hallinon**, **Max Walker** and **Luca Wells** continued their music studies by starting music degree courses at Birmingham, the Royal College of Music, Newcastle and King's College London respectively. **Sian Sulke** took up her choral scholarship at St Peter's Oxford where she is studying PPE.

Pro Music concerts included the Galliard Ensemble featuring Owen Dennis and his oboe, and a moving concert led by Tim Laverack and Melody Woodham in aid of a local dementia charity.



Sian Sulke, choral scholarship to St Peter's Oxford

CREATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Art



Erin Banks' illustrations for historical novel

Erin Banks was selected to draw illustrations for a new historical novel. The novelist Calypso Sheppard says: *'Working with Erin has been as good as working with any fully qualified professional illustrator. She has shown great attitude towards my requirements and displayed professionalism, focus and understanding throughout.'*



William Blacker-Stewart with his winning poster design

Eastbourne College was approached by the Lighthouse Medical Practice to design a logo to attract a wider diversity of applicants to represent their Patient Participation Group. **William Blacker-Stewart's** design of a poster reflecting on a time for change was selected and will be used in the foyer of the practice and to illustrate flyers and information for the PPG.

Dance



Street dance workshop with Bismark Anobah



American jazz dance workshop

Pupils participated in workshops with the Royal Ballet, James Cousins Company, Rambert Dance Company and took part in an American jazz workshop run by Mel Simpson, and in a street dance workshop with world-renowned dancer Bismark Anobah.



Design

Liz Helmin made a successful presentation to the Arnold Embellishers and is hopeful that her design proposals for the space around the Winn Building will be adopted. **Sam Williams** created a chair as an extra DT project. He started the project before lockdown but has finished it off at home. He constructed the frame out of scaffolding poles which he bent using the DT workshop's pipe-bending machine, then welded on crossbars to fit the seat frame. Sam then bought a Mini Cooper seat off eBay and attached it.



Sam Williams' chair



Liz Helmin's design proposal for space outside the Winn Building

CREATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Photography



Pupils working with Alistair Guy

As part of an ongoing programme of practitioner workshops, Year 12 pupils worked with professional photographer Alistair Guy on portraiture, making the most of the early sunshine as well as the Towner Gallery mural 'Dance Diagonal'.

Textiles

At the beginning of the year, fashion and textiles pupils arrived from Hetzendorf Fashion Institute in Austria as part of the textiles biennial exchange programme. Unfortunately we were unable to return in March due to the lockdown but we will be visiting them as soon as it is safe to do so. Sixth form textiles pupils were involved in Glad Rags, a charity event for St Wilfrid's. This included modelling a photo shoot and filming for the event. The evening was a great success and raised over £7,500. Local textiles artist and member of the 62 Group, Christine Chester, delivered a screen-printing workshop.



Maisie Williams and Esme Lawton at the screen-printing workshop



Recycled Runway fashion show

Gold Arts Award is the highest level on the Regulated Qualifications Framework, and develops young people's creativity, communication and leadership skills working alongside professional practitioners. This year a record cohort of 26 pupils joined the programme in Year 12. In total, 36 pupils took part, one of the largest groups of any school in the country. Year 13 pupils pursued a wide range of projects including:

- **Mark Burnham** wrote, directed and produced his film *A Lonely Rhythm* which he showcased alongside the work of renowned documentary filmmaker Rene Edwards. **Mark** has subsequently been accepted to study film at the University of Southern California.



Mark Burnham (centre) filming with Smokescreen

'I have loved being a part of the Gold Arts Award programme. Not only did it enable me to pick the brains of a professional filmmaker working in the industry, but it has also provided me with invaluable practical skills and mentoring thanks to the Smokescreen Visuals film course. I thoroughly enjoyed the process and believe that my filmmaking has improved, namely in the fields of cinematography and editing. Without the Gold Arts Award programme it is unlikely that I would have ever been accepted at my dream university for film production, the School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.' **Mark Burnham**

- **Mifrah Faisal** worked with a team to put on an Arts Award event with high profile guests from the creative industries
- **Lily Flint** undertook a workshop in professional make-up techniques
- **Esme Lawton** and **Maisie Williams** ran textiles workshops for Year 9 pupils as part of their leadership delivery
- **Sasha Marlow** designed 90 outfits for her *Recycled Runway* fashion show involving 60 pupils modelling and backstage. Images and costumes from the show were also showcased in the Birley Centre

'I am really grateful for the Gold Arts Award as it gave me the opportunity to do the thing I love which is fashion, and helped me prepare for my future hopefully in the fashion industry. I was lucky to work with professionals, and I am so grateful to everyone who helped, not least all the models and make-up artists. Over the past 18 months, I have learned so much about everything that goes into putting on a big show, from initial concept through to final realisation. I am now much more confident about following this career.' **Sasha Marlow**

- **Fin Carver** developed his photography to produce publicity and backstage images for the *Recycled Runway* project.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

With our world-class facilities, an all-inclusive programme of sport is an integral part of life at Eastbourne College. We celebrate participation, and offer opportunities for all boys and girls either at the highest levels or as enthusiastic members of other teams. Over 90 per cent of pupils represented the College in a fixture this year, while our elite players competed internationally across a wide range of sports, benefiting from individual coaching, a bespoke strength and conditioning programme, advice on nutrition and mental wellbeing, and opportunities to be inspired by guest speakers.



Aquathlon



Pupils competing in aquathlon

The annual inter-house aquathlon took place on a balmy afternoon in September with over 50 boys and girls taking part in the 300m swim and two-mile run finishing on the Western Lawns. **Alex Field** and **Isobel Mitchell** won the senior boys and girls events respectively.



Badminton

Our team has performed well in matches over the last year, a highlight being an epic 5-4 victory against Epsom College. **Justin Chong** and **Alex Fan** were both awarded half colours. The College hosted the IAPS national finals tournament, with games umpired by our senior players on our five Olympic standard courts. With strong players in the lower school our prospects for more success in the future are high.

Basketball



Coached by former England international Samuel Cricelli, the team finished their second full season in the Sussex Schools League with five consecutive wins at the end of the season including first wins over Ardingly, Lancing and Worth.

Boxing

Although boxing is not a College sport, **Billy Hipperson** won the U18 super-heavyweight division at the England National Development Championships. He also reached the semi-finals of the youth championships (one age group above his own) and was accepted on the England boxing talent pathway.



Billy Hipperson, England National Development super-heavyweight champion



Tawanda Muyeye joined an exclusive list as the Wisden Schools Cricketer of the Year. **Tawanda** became the 13th winner of the title since the inception of the award in 2007. He is also the first Eastbournian to do so, hailing a new era for the College as the cricket programme's reputation for developing world-class players expands. Previous winners include England World Cup winners Jonny Bairstow and Joss Buttler.

The 2020 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack says of **Tawanda**: 'He is a player of immense presence, a batsman destined to empty bars. People in the know at Eastbourne College have learned to ask when he will next be playing, so they can feast on his style, which shows the aggressive influence of Viv Richards and Kevin Pietersen, two of his idols. Like them, he intimidates the attack, turning respectable bowlers into fodder for his swinging bat. Muyeye, a popular, hard-working, self-effacing student who hails from just outside Harare, is on a sports scholarship; he has family in the UK, and hopes to qualify for England rather than his native Zimbabwe.'

Director of Cricket Rob Ferley says: '**Tawanda** is also the best off-spinner of his age group in the county, as well as an electric fielder with exceptional hand-eye co-ordination.'

But it is the reliability of his fast, wristy run-scoring that has given Sussex cause to be

interested in his development, and makes him such an exciting prospect. In the citation for the joint award of the Simon Green Cup for Endeavour to **Tawanda** last year, the second



Tawanda celebrating his victory playing for MCC Schools against England Schools Cricket Association XI at Lord's

master described how he 'is the epitome of hard work, effort, humility and kindness. The qualities of endeavour have helped him in breaking two longstanding school records: the first pupil in 150 years of cricket to score two double hundreds, and the all-time run scoring record in one season (of 1,112 runs including 56 sixes).'

'I think a lot of people do not appreciate how lucky we are as cricketers to be in such a world-class environment as Eastbourne College that has the potential to produce countless professional cricketers. The facilities are second to none, but the people involved are the reason these cricketers will realise their dreams. During my two years at the College I worked closely with three people whom I put all my trust in with my game, and I am so glad I let them do the talking because they all played cricket at the highest level. Mr Ferley, Mr Tredwell and Mr Waller have one thing in common: dedication. I have spent countless hours in the sports hall with them taking in as much as I could; their wisdom and knowledge of the game is what I will carry for the rest of my cricketing journey and life. Mr Ferley has not only taught me all things cricket, but he has also urged everyone in the cricket club to buy into a balanced school life. Winning the award to me was special, and being the first boy at Eastbourne to do it is something I'll cherish forever. But it wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the amazing club run by selfless gentlemen.' **Tawanda Muyeye**

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

County cricket



Tom Hinley, Danial Ibrahim, Oliver Carter and Jamie Atkins, Sussex CCC Academy

Danial Ibrahim won the Sussex CCC U15 player-of-the-year award. Danial, Jamie Atkins, Oliver Carter and Tom Hinley were named as four of only ten boys chosen for the Sussex CCC Academy. They are among 20 pupils at the College who played at county and higher representative levels this year.

Sri Lanka cricket tour



Sri Lanka tour squad

The senior boys squad enjoyed a pre-season tour to Sri Lanka, including matches at the Muttiah Muralitharan International Cricket Stadium where Tawanda scored 120 not out off 70 balls, and at the Foundation of Goodness Ground where the team scored 199 off 15 overs including Jani Flind hitting 80 not out off 37 balls.

Bunbury Festival



Danial Ibrahim receiving his Bunbury XI cap from Sir Alastair Cook

The College won the right to host one of the most famous events in the British cricketing calendar. The 34th edition of the renowned England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) David English Bunbury Festival would have played out at Eastbourne College in August. The top U15 players from across the country would have represented the North, Midlands, London & East, and South & West in 50-over and 20-over competitions.

This was the first year that a formal tender process was used to decide the venue for the Bunbury festival. Eastbourne College beat more than 25 schools who had expressed an interest in hosting

The Festival's pedigree boasts over 80 Bunbury 'graduates' who have gone on to win international caps, and hundreds more to play county cricket. Last summer, Danial Ibrahim was selected for the Bunbury XI against the West Indies, receiving his cap from Sir Alastair Cook.

Cross country



The annual steeplechase event saw 550 pupil and staff runners from the College and 20 from St Andrew's Prep take on the Downland courses. Pupils were equipped with the latest Race Result Active and RFID Passive Race Timing Systems provided by Velopace Race Timing, facilitating timing and split-timing accuracy down to 0.01 seconds. Anastasija Timofejeva won the senior girls, and Ben Fox the senior boys and Ben was also crowned King of the Hill for recording the fastest time over the most challenging climb.



Hamish Reilly, nominated for selection for World School Cross Country Championships

Hamish Reilly finished third in the U17 British Championships at Loughborough. The following week he represented Sussex at the U18 English Schools Championships. Hamish was nominated for selection for the World School Cross Country Championships in April which was cancelled owing to Covid-19. Jonny Peate and Cameron Wallace-Carville ran for Sussex at the South East Schools inter-county race at Writtle University Chelmsford, Essex.



Girls at Sussex Champs before...



... and after Storm Brendan



Tom Evans OE

Named by Red Bull as one of the best 10 ultra-runners in the world, **Tom Evans OE** won the Tarawera 102km race in New Zealand, breaking the course record.

Equestrian



Charlie Pincus, national champion

The equestrian team of **Megan Bassett, Amelia Dipper, Callum Hynes, Olivia McKeown, Charlie Pincus, Liv Reeves and Will Reeves** once again secured team and individual qualifications for the NSEA National Finals at Addington Manor House Equestrian Centre. **Charlie Pincus** rode to victory in the 1m JWS becoming national champion. **Charlie** also took second place in the 1.10m JWS. Later in the season **Amelia Dipper** secured her individual qualification for the nationals next year.



Olivia McKeown at the nationals

Fives

The girls fives team competed in the U18 national finals with **Amelia Dipper** and **Bella Park** winning the doubles plate, and **Bella** also finishing runner-up in the U18 singles plate. The U18, U16 and U15 girls teams all competed in the South East regionals at Christ's Hospital, with **Bella** and **Megan Linden** finishing third in their year group. The most exciting fixture for the boys was the 1st IV beating Tonbridge by a single point (95-94) in the final game.



Amelia Dipper, Bella Park, Charlotte Stanworth and Liza Thwaites

Football

The College fielded five senior teams in the Lent term and two 'rec' teams in the Michaelmas term. After a tough opening fixture, the 1st XI played an attacking brand of football drawing against



Christ's Hospital, King's Canterbury and Bede's before worsening weather and the virus brought the season to an end.

Golf



Jerome Convert, George Pepper, Toby Lock and Victor Advincula, winners of the West Sussex Invitational

Boys and girls played social and competitive golf at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, receiving lessons from PGA professionals. Following their success in reaching the ISGA National Finals last year, this year the boys golf team won the West Sussex Invitational Foursomes for the first time in the competition's history, with **Toby Lock** and **George Pepper** finishing second in the gross pairs competition. This was against top golfing schools including Charterhouse, Cranleigh, Eton, Harrow, Tonbridge, Wellington and Westminster. The team also finished runners-up in the Smarden Bell Trophy, with **George** winning individually overall against some of the finest young golfers in the south of England. Earlier in the year **George** qualified for the European Golf finals in Spain, following in the steps of past finalists Luke Donald and Justin Rose.



George Pepper, winner of the individual Smarden Bell

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Hockey



Girls pre-season hockey tour to Holland

Hockey remains strong at the College under the guidance of Olympian Director of Hockey Rob Hill. The girls enjoyed a pre-season tour to Holland, and the girls 1st XI reached as far as the fourth round in the National Plate Competition. Among the season highlights, the 2nd XI won 11 and drew one of their 13 fixtures as they won their Sussex League. **Tilly Fox** was a Regional Performance Centre player, a step closer towards achieving international honours.

The boys 1st XI played some of the best hockey the College has seen at this level. By the time the season was brought to an early close by the virus, they had won 12 consecutive matches and were through to the national finals of the Independent Schools Cup and the regional final of the EHA national cup. They scored 70 goals, averaging over five goals per game. **Hugo Askaroff** top scored with 21 goals, followed by **Oliver Carter** (12), **Chris Arecco** (9), **Ben Fox** (9) and **Cameron Swatton** (8). The senior indoor boys hockey squad were just one win away from the national finals and finished fourth in the south east. The U15As scored 29 goals in five wins from seven. The U14As reached the Sussex Cup semi-final.

Ben Fox represented England U18 in the Six Nations and trained with England U21s, as well as playing for Sevenoaks in the national league. **Eddie Casselden** was selected for the Futures Cup, and **Chris Arecco** and **Hugo Askaroff** were both Regional Performance Centre players.



Ben Fox, England U18

‘The College has been pivotal in allowing me to have represented England hockey at both U16 and U18 levels. Most of this stemmed from a great understanding of the commitment required which allowed me to balance my work alongside the sport. Throughout my time at the College, Mr Hill has dedicated lots of extra time to my hockey whether this be one-on-one sessions or liaising with my external coaches to organise my commitments. Together, we have worked hard to develop my game, especially my distribution. The new sporting facilities such as the gym also aided the physical side of my game. While at Eastbourne I was fortunate enough to play with some very good players which allowed us to have a very successful final season. This was very much down to the fun but professional atmosphere created by both Mr Hill and Mr Sands which allowed the team to play with so much freedom.’ **Ben Fox**

Toby Brooks OE won his second Blue, representing Cambridge in their victory over Oxford in the varsity match. While **Toby** has achieved two wins from two, the Brooks family have notched up a total of five varsity titles between them. **Sam Brooks OE** (Toby’s elder brother) was part of Cambridge’s varsity-winning hockey team three times. Both brothers are goalkeepers.



Toby Brooks OE, Cambridge Blue

Netball



Eliza Reynolds, captain of netball

Netball has enjoyed one of its most successful ever seasons under the direction of former England and Superleague player Lisa Price. The 1st VII completed an impressive season, winning 14 matches against some of the best teams on the circuit, including a third place finish at SISNA, the Sussex Cup, and making it through to the last 16 in the Independent Schools Netball Competition, the furthest ever reached in this national competition. The 1st VII also won the Plate at the Seaford 7s tournament. The 2nd and 3rd teams won four from the five played. The U16A came 3rd in the county cup (SISNA) just missing out on a spot to advance to the regionals. The U15A made it to the semi-finals of the Independent Schools Netball Plate.



1st team and U16A at SISNA

Lily Harley represented U17 London Pulse Superleague Academy. **Eliza Jones**, **Sophie McDonald** and **Ava Talman** played U14 club level in the Brighton and East Grinstead areas. Several girls played for Hornets in the Eastbourne Ladies’ League every week. Eastbourne College hosted the U11s IAPS in March.



Lily Harley, London Pulse

Rugby



The 1st XV won eight games and enjoyed a cup run to the National Vase Quarter Finals. The U14A XV also enjoyed a successful season including wins over Brighton, Cranleigh and Hurstpierpoint. The senior Sevens Squad won the Trophy Final at the Shiplake Tournament, and the U16 squad reached the semi-finals of the Sussex Sevens Tournament.



1st XV National Vase Quarter Final

Having represented Wales U18 in wins over France and South Africa last year, this season **Theo Bevacqua** represented Wales U19 in their win over Scotland, and Wales U20 in their wins over England and France in the Six Nations. **Theo** signed for Cardiff Blues and appeared for Cardiff Blues A against Ospreys A and Munster A.

'When I arrived at Eastbourne College, I always had the desire to try and pursue a rugby career but I never really knew how. As well as excellent coaching and experiences Mr Torri gave me answers, actions and, most importantly,



Theo Bevacqua, Wales U20

opportunities to try make it a reality. An outstanding gym and fitness facility meant I could really push myself physically. The school also paired this up with great support from all my teachers offering constant help and communication when I was away at training camp. I could train and put my best foot

forward knowing I had great support all around me back at school whether on the rugby pitch, in the classroom or at the boarding house.' **Theo Bevacqua**

County honours include **Reubin Hart**, **Zak Hebron** and **Henry Turnbull** at U18, **Sean Collett** and **Spike Gleave** at U17, **Teddy Groves** and **Regan Law** at U16 and **Toby Bright**, **Connor Gorman** and **Hector Summers** at U15. **Jack Greig** and **Samuel Hamilton** were in Kent DPP.

Piers O'Connor OE enjoyed his second season with Bristol Bears. **Piers** has won ten caps for England U20 and earned a senior England call-up for the June victory over the Barbarians at Twickenham after a breakthrough year in the Gallagher Premiership.



Piers O'Connor OE

Squash



Boys squash team



Girls squash team

The boys and girls squash teams were fortunate in being able to complete their seasons without impact this year, competing in 11 fixtures. It was the strongest showing from the boys team in recent memory, putting in highly creditable showings against even our best opponents. The girls played with great spirit and our number one, **Liz Helmin**, put in some outstanding performances.

Swimming



Benefiting from training in the new 25-metre pool, for the second year in succession the boys relay team of **Teddy Groves**, **Jack Kennedy**, **Hamish Reilly** and **Harrison Tagg** qualified for the national relay finals at the Olympic Park, finishing in the top 30 out of 128 schools. The team recorded three personal bests with **Harrison** beating the previous school record held by one of the College's best-ever swimmers, **Josh Pankhurst**, in 2012. The senior boys also finished runners-up at the Wealden Downland Trophy competing against some of the best schools in the south east. They returned with the girls to the Olympic Park for the Bath Cup where **Aimée Wood** led **Rosie Clifford**, **Amelie Kleine** and **Chloe Maidens** in the 4 x 50m freestyle relay to finish 16th overall with **Aimée** breaking the 30-second barrier and the others achieving personal bests.



Bath Cup swimming squads outside the Olympic Pool

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Tennis



Eastbourne College Sussex Tennis School of the Year



Luke Milligan coaching Summer Reeves on the College indoor court



Brett Hounsell, part of the boys team who reached the national finals

Under the guidance of Simon Gent and his team of coaches including Luke Milligan (ex-Davis Cup player and recently appointed U14 ILTA National Coach) the boys and girls tennis squads have enjoyed an exceptional year. Pupils received professional coaching through the year on a variety of outdoor and indoor surfaces, and the girls attended a winter training camp in Tenerife. Eastbourne College is being seen increasingly as the school of choice for elite players as well as for children of tennis playing families.

The girls were crowned Sussex Tennis School of the Year at the Tennis Sussex Awards Ceremony held at the AMEX Stadium. The award recognised consistent excellence including gaining direct entry to the National Schools Finals since 2017, and reaching the quarter-final or better in each year, while also being semi-finalists at the Independent Schools LTA U19 Girls National Final. The senior girls A team were pre-seeded at the National Finals again with the B team hoping to join them at Nottingham.



National champions (SE) Elo Quitmann, Antoinette Chastang, Aria Wang and Anda Kadia

For the first time, both the boys and the girls squads reached the LTA schools winter tournament National Finals. In the regional rounds, the teams beat all their rivals in the south east including Bede's, Hurst and Sevenoaks. In the finals, the boys finished fourth and the girls, through victories over Framlingham and Wycombe Abbey, took the national title. A notable first place for the College. The senior girls team also won their division of the winter Sussex adult club league winning all 40 sets played and not losing one.

Bella Moen reached semi-finals and finals in ITF Tennis events around Britain and Europe this year.



Tegan Heaton, Wales U18 (third from left)

Phoebe Watton was selected for the Independent Schools Representative Team that played against the All England Tennis Club at Wimbledon in July. **Tegan Heaton** represented Wales in the Four Nations Cup and gained singles and doubles victories to help Wales defeat Ireland, Scotland and England to finish in top position. **Tegan** was also selected for South Wales to play in the U18 counties cup, as were **Emily Gordon** (Sussex), **Mel Griffiths** (Lancashire), **Bella Moen** (Hertfordshire) and **Summer Reeves** (Kent).

US tennis scholarships

Summer Reeves has won a tennis scholarship to Carson Newman University in Tennessee and **Charlotte Imbert** has won an academic and tennis scholarship to Pomona University in California. From September 2020, there will be six Eastbournian pupils playing tennis and studying at USA Universities. Four more pupils are applying for tennis scholarships to the US in 2021.



'I am so glad I made the decision to move to the College for the sixth form. I was attracted by the opportunity to balance my tennis with academics through Mr Gent's year-long training programme. This helped improve my tennis game as I was playing every day alongside girls of a similar level. I would never have been able to apply to university in the USA without the unwavering support of the Futures Department.'

Charlotte Imbert

Charlotte Imbert, who also achieved A* A* A* at A-level

Nature Valley International Tennis Tournament



Clare Balding with Leila López-Morán, Charlotte Imbert and Billy Nicholles

The College has forged a strong relationship with the organisers of the annual international tennis tournament staged at Devonshire Park. Pupils acted as ball crew for the first time, receiving training in the months leading up to last year's tournament. **Morola Oyefesobi** gained experience working as an intern in the press office, and **Charlotte Imbert, Leila López-Morán** and **Billy Nicholles** were able to interview **Clare Balding**. Players also used the school's state-of-the-art gym and other areas during the course of the week.

Triathlon

Hamish Reilly became the U17 British Triathlon Super Series champion. He was selected for the GB team and finished sixth in the U17 European Triathlon Championships in Austria, and then won Bronze in the U20 ETU Junior European Cup in Latvia, Riga. **Jack Kennedy** represented Ireland at the European Championships.



Hamish Reilly, U17 British Triathlon Super Series champion



Jack Kennedy, Ireland U17 (centre)



College sponsors Eastbourne triathlon

Eastbourne College was the headline sponsor of the Eastbourne Triathlon which won the Triathlon England Commercial Event-of-the-Year Award at the Triathlon England annual awards. This is the event that **Noah Canby** won the year before during his final year at the College. The College work closely with Team Bodyworks, one of the best hubs for triathlon excellence in Great Britain.

Watersports



Watersports remain popular at the school as pupils take advantage of the unique coastal location. This year pupils who had never sailed before took part in their first regattas. Pupils sailed Picos, RS Fevers and Dart 16 catamarans. Alongside sailing, a number of pupils chose windsurfing and stand-up paddle boarding, both during the week and as part of the Super Saturday Programme.



Sam Williams, UK WA coastal champion

Sam Williams was crowned UK Windsurfing Association coastal champion for the second year in a row. **Sam** has won several other national titles and was selected to represent the British Sailing Team's National Junior and Youth Squads for European and World Championships.

Emma Marsh won the gold medal in the windsurfer 5.8 fleet at the British Youth Sailing Regional Junior Championships, beating all the boys as well as the girls. **Emma** also won the silver medal at the National Windsurfing Championships, competing against girls several years older than her.



Emma Marsh, runner-up at National Windsurfing Championships

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

From the day they start at the College, pupils have time to participate in a breadth of activities that enrich and broaden their experience and give them opportunities to develop teamwork, leadership and other important life skills.



Wargrave 24-hour rowathon raised over £3,500 in aid of Eastbourne Foodbank

Charity

Pupils, staff and the College community organised a broad range of initiatives in support of a variety of charities. The whole school collection at the beginning of term, charity lunches, retiring collections and Harvest Appeal raised £2,500 towards the Chapel Charity Fund shared between the Winter Night Shelter, Eastbourne Foodbank and to support local refugees. The charity revue was a sell-out and raised £600 for World Wildlife Fund in Australia to help animals rescued from the bushfires.

- Powell raised funds for Embrace East Sussex which helps those with special needs and the disabled
- Reeves supported Volunteer Zambia
- School sold Valentine Flowers in aid of local Children's Variety Charity
- Wargrave completed Rowathon in support of Eastbourne Foodbank
- Watt ran cake sale for Children in Need.

Other initiatives included sixth form textiles pupils taking part in a Glad Rags charity event for St Wilfrid's, Tim Laverack and Melody Woodham organising a concert in aid of a local dementia charity, and a large number of pupils joining Jess Simmonds for a neon aerobics session to support Great Ormond Street.



Watt cake sale in aid of Children in Need



Elo Quitmann and Liv Jayaraj, charity revue

Houses raised money for a variety of causes:

- Blackwater sold candy canes at Christmas for You Raise Me Up, and also raised funds at their house revue
- Craig raised awareness and money for Kawasaki disease
- Gonville raised money towards Mental Health UK at their house revue
- Nugent contributed towards the Sam West Foundation and the NHS
- Pennell supported Eastbourne Foodbank



Neon aerobics in aid of Great Ormond Street

Community



Ella Woodford, Wednesday Club

Some 125 Year 12 pupils were involved in a wide range of activities in the community. They helped in charity shops, visited residential homes and helped with activities sessions for disabled adults at the Chaseley Trust. In a new placement this year, pupils have been visiting elderly residents at the Tweed care home and entertaining them with much appreciated musical interludes. At St Andrew's Prep they have worked as classroom assistants in the Prep and Pre-Prep. Homework Club sessions ran on Monday afternoons, where College pupils mentored Year 11 pupils from a variety of local schools and, on Wednesday afternoons, our linguists ran conversation sessions in French, German and Spanish for pupils from another local school. A small group of pupils were involved in campaigns on human rights issues through the College Amnesty Group, while others have organised bingo

sessions and quizzes for local elderly residents in the Wednesday Club. Some pupils helped out in the College community, assisting with junior sports and activities, and directing Year 9 drama productions.

Pupils maintained wheelchairs in the Arndale Centre for the Shopmobility service and, during the colder months, helped to set up the Winter Night Shelter for homeless people in Eastbourne. Members of the Gardening Group and the Green Team worked to improve the environment, including undertaking gardening projects at Chaseley and taking part in weekly beach-cleaning sessions and other environmental initiatives.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Under the leadership of Everest mountaineer Dan Tebay, the College Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award scheme is bigger and more successful than ever. Since its inception in 1956, the scheme has been an integral part of the school fabric. It is highly respected by employers who value the soft skills that are developed as part of the Award which sees pupils helping the community, becoming fitter, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, for the Gold Award, working with a team on a residential activity.

This year, pupils at the College were over six times more likely to complete the coveted Gold Award than pupils on average across the south east. Fifteen completed their Gold Award which is more than any other school in the county. The director of WildCountry Consultants who worked with our pupils during their four-day assessment on the Brecon Beacons said: *'One of the best Gold groups yet, they really took it seriously and performed well. A credit to the College.'* Thirty-five pupils also undertook their practice Silver assessment in the New Forest.

In March, 25 new Golds and 35 new Silvers were enrolled onto the programme. **Anastasija Timofejeva** and **Will Harris** were appointed as DofE ambassadors for the College.



Gold DofE assessment, Brecon Beacons



Gold DofE pupils, Brecon Beacons



Silver DofE pupils, New Forest

COMBINED CADET FORCE

With over 320 cadets and 25 officers, the College Combined Cadet Force remains one of the largest tri-service units in the country. College CCF Contingent Commander Colonel Anthony Lamb was appointed as the CCF Colonel Cadets for the country, acting as an advisor on CCF matters to the MoD's Cadet Branch. He sits on the officer selection board for Sandhurst, and in 2017 was awarded an MBE by HRH the Prince of Wales in recognition for his work for the wider cadet movement and services to the UK and Overseas Territories.



Remembrance Day 2019

Army



The Army section conducted a Method of Instruction Cadre as part of their potential NCO programme. Eighteen Year 11 cadets successfully passed the course. Special commendation goes to Corporal **Max Hanison** who was top pupil. Section leaders are looking forward to working with these pupils as NCOs in the coming years. The performance of three new Year 12 pupils was notable, with Lance Corporals **Leonardo Fu** and **Katherine Linaker** leading sections alongside their more-established peers, while Corporal **Josh Heal** brought his considerable ACF experience to bear within A Company.

Year 11 members of A Company completed a challenging overnight Field Day in Ashdown Forest where they were not cowed by the elements, while B Company benefited from a short but immersive day of worthwhile recruits training.



Field Day, Ashdown Forest

RAF



RAF cadets at RAF Benson (6 AEF Squadron)

The RAF section was honoured to lead the College's representation at the town's Remembrance Day parade. Year 10 cadets completed their First Class training specification including Air Experience flying and live firing. Six Year 11 cadets completed their leading cadet training and have been promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal. All Year 12 cadets completed their Advanced Training and Methods of Instruction Course, and were awarded the Instructor Cadet lanyard.

RAF Cadet Sergeant **Ethan Hackett** has been selected to be the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet (CCF) for East Sussex. The Lord Lieutenant's Cadet is seen as the aide and representative of the cadet forces to the Royal Family and the Lord Lieutenant, and **Ethan** is the second pupil in the College's history to have been selected for this position. Having completed the national leadership course at RAF Cranwell last year, **Ethan** was invited to attend the South East Area NCO training to act as one of the directing staff at the course. **Ethan** also worked towards becoming the first ever pupil to reach the level of Master Cadet. **Eugene Jackson** was awarded an RAF Cadet Pilot Scholarship which equates to ten days of individual flying tuition leading to solo wings. **Cameron Wallace-Carville** applied for the RAF national leadership course at RAF Cranwell this summer.



Ethan Hackett

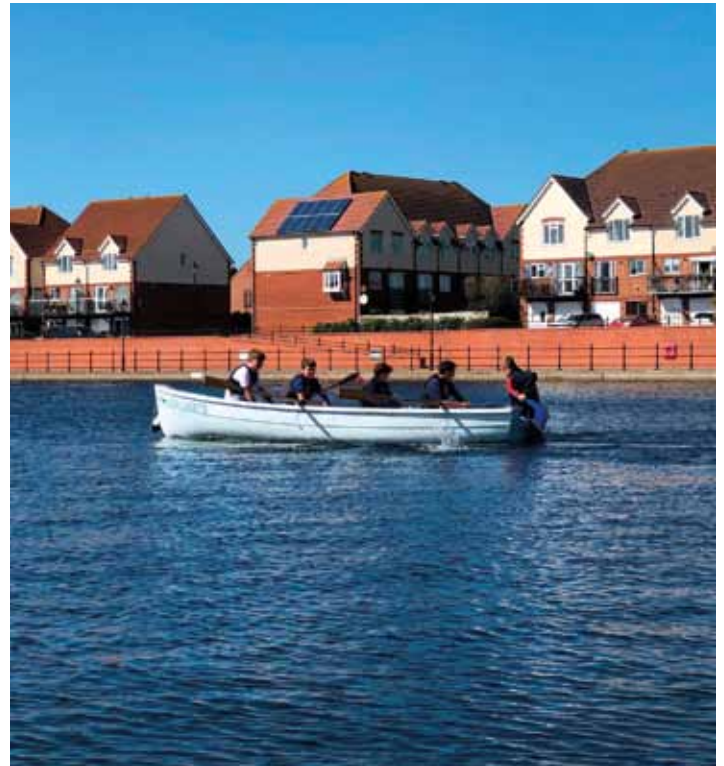
Navy



Max Woolmer

Although curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic, all Year 10 Royal Navy cadets were able to complete their Ordinary Cadet syllabus and made good progress towards being promoted to Able Cadet. Changes in command meant that senior cadets were given more responsibility, which saw **Georgie Lock** and **Cody Chan** promoted to Cadet Petty Officer, and **Alex Freeman** promoted to Leading Cadet.

As the section senior cadet, **Max Woolmer** was able to develop further his leadership skills. Having earned his bronze wings last year, **Max** was selected for and subsequently completed his silver and gold wings courses at RNAS Yeovilton. Building on links with the Sea Cadet Corps, this year's Field Day saw the cadets complete taster sessions in powerboating and fixed seat rowing.



Three sections working together

A small cohort of volunteers from all three sections also learnt new fieldcraft skills associated with working in a built-up area including tunnelling and house clearance. Range Day allowed participants to gain some good shooting experience and develop their marksmanship skills. The annual CCF mess dinner was a wonderful celebration of the contribution of our NCOs to the contingent.

PARTNERSHIPS

Pupils benefit from the College working in partnership with several local groups including the Eastbourne Schools Partnership, placing the school very much at the heart of the community. We truly value our relationships with local schools, and are delighted that six head boys and girls from these schools were among those who joined Year 12 last year.



Eastbourne Schools Partnership

'The Eastbourne Schools Partnership provides an excellent model for how schools can work together for the mutual benefit of all pupils and staff. The way you collaborate across sectors, pool resources and share expertise offers genuinely exciting opportunities to young people, while at the same time having a real impact on the community.'

Lord Agnew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education

The Eastbourne Schools Partnership (ESP) is a group of 13 secondary schools and colleges located in the Eastbourne area, originally set up by the College with a small number of state schools in 2014. The ESP exists for the mutual benefit of all its pupils, and for the benefit of others across our region. The ESP comprises 15,000 pupils. The College was shortlisted last year for the Times Educational Supplement Independent Schools Partnership Award.

During the year, College pupils benefited from their involvement in a wide range of ESP projects, developing leadership and communication skills by helping to run events, and taking part in other trips and initiatives which were made available to pupils by the College's being part of this larger group of schools.

Roy's weekly Homework club

College sixth form and Year 11 pupils acted as mentors helping pupils from Cavendish School, the Causeway School, Eastbourne Academy and Willington Community School with their GCSE subjects. Local pupils who took part last year all saw an improvement in science grades among other subjects.



'Willington students really benefited from the regular support from the weekly homework club, and I would hope the club can continue as it clearly had an impact on student progress and achievement.'

Lee Gordon, Willington Community School

MFL club

Every week, native French, German and Spanish College pupils, as well as others studying languages at A-level, ran one-to-one conversation classes for Year 11 pupils from Rotton School. Last year 57 per cent (12 out of 21 pupils taking part) improved their results.



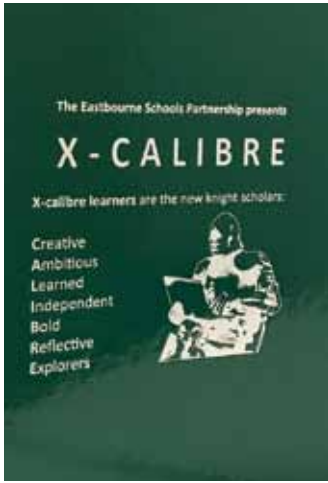
'Going to the College has had an important impact on our most vulnerable pupils. Three pupils could not sit their GCSE mock exams for anxiety reasons but the regular visits to the College gave them confidence to sit the actual exam.' **Ielena Clement, Rotton School**

ESP scholars

Through the year, 90 pupils from ten ESP schools, including pupils from the College and St Andrew's Prep, took part in Saturday morning enrichment sessions run by Dr Steve Hobbs, supported by senior pupils and staff from the College. The focus of the sessions was to develop pupils' profound and creative thinking skills in a mutually supportive atmosphere. The pupils took part in talks and inter-active workshops, developing an appreciation of lateral problem-solving, epistemology, linguistic theory and educational philosophy.



Dr Steve Hobbs



Each pupil received an X-Calibre folder highlighting the qualities of a scholar linked to the original meaning of the word which was a 'learning knight'.

'Learning about transhumanism was really groundbreaking and opened up a new topic that I'm really interested in. I will definitely be researching this more in the future.'

Matt, Willingdon Community School

'My WOW moment today was learning about the idea of "unlearning".'

Rachel, Ratton School

'It was excellent because there was free exploration, diverse opinions and new concepts.' **Alex, Eastbourne College**

'We linked history with the English language which are both subjects I enjoy and it was interesting to learn about the origins of our language.' **Amovi, St Richard's Catholic College**

'I never leave a session without the feeling that I have learnt something new and this makes the ESP scholars project a huge joy and I am glad I helped run the sessions.'

Sandra, Eastbourne College Year 12 pupil



Your Town Your Ideas Your Future

ESP pupils presented their ideas for improving the town and surrounding area during workshops attended by business and council leaders. These ideas included new cycle routes, an outdoor cinema and a beach gym. Pupils from the College subsequently attended the town's carbon free exhibition in the Welcome Centre to present their idea for a beach gym.



Pupils with Sir Tim Smit (fourth from right)

Eastbourne Eden Project

As part of the ESP, College Pupils met with Sir Tim Smit, the founder of the world-famous Eden Project, and discussed ways in which new initiatives could be introduced to Eastbourne to enable young people to re-connect with their local environment. Sir Tim confirmed that he was keen for the Eden

Project to work with ESP pupils and others to introduce new facilities in Eastbourne and its surrounding areas.

Beach clean



Building on the success of the STEAM project last year, ESP pupils joined together to do a beach clean followed by a symposium on environmental issues at the Birley Centre.

University visit



Over 70 ESP pupils, including College pupils, took part in a series of interactive workshops with undergraduates, postgraduates and academics at the University of Sussex School of Engineering and Informatics. The university is keen to promote engineering as a career for women and at least

half the pupils who attended were girls. The ESP has developed close links with the university, and look forward to arranging similar visits to other departments in the future. Pupils from ESP schools also attended the Futures Fair hosted at Eastbourne College.

Art-related degree talks



Dylan Carbonell-Ferrer

ESP pupils, including College pupils, attended an afternoon of talks by current undergraduates studying a range of art-related degrees including fashion, fine art, graphics, illustration, textiles and 3D. Pupils were able to interact and ask questions, and listened to a talk by Dylan Carbonell-Ferrer from East Sussex College Art Department.

Rambert dance workshop



ESP pupils, including College pupils, took part in a dance workshop with the internationally renowned Rambert Dance Company leading to a showcase in the Birley Centre.

ESP teachers working together



Neil Stocker, Ratton School, addressing NQTs



Will Longden speaking to pupils at Shireland Collegiate Academy

NQTs from ESP schools met during the course of the year to share experiences and ideas about their year. A group of teachers visited Shireland Collegiate Academy in Birmingham to learn about innovative teaching strategies and technologies from Chief Executive Sir Mark Grundy. College teacher Will Longden ran a series of Zoom meetings with ESP colleagues to share good practice about remote teaching and learning. Members of the ESP teaching and learning committee worked on a joint Eastbourne curriculum to enable pupils to re-connect with the local environment. They were invited to join the strategy consultation group for the new OCR natural history GCSE.

FUTURES

The Futures Department has continued to ensure pupils across the school have access to the right careers and higher education information when they need it, helping them develop their skills and gain valuable experience for life after College.

Over the year, a wide range of events and activities have taken place such as networking events, careers insights evenings, work experience opportunities, the annual Futures Fair and a Futures Day. All of these have given pupils a chance to start thinking about their plans for the future.

Over 250 pupils have had the chance to engage with industry professionals across a wide range of sectors from the creative sector to planning, and from engineering to law. The College has welcomed over 20 universities who have spoken collectively about the opportunity that university can offer. We have welcomed speakers and organisations who champion study outside the UK, support gap-year planning and who help prepare and advise pupils on getting ready to join the world of work.

Pupils in Years 9 and 10 were able to explore careers and skills development through PSHE lessons. Pupils in Years 11 and 12 received personalised careers reports to help them make more detailed choices about suitable next steps after GCSE and A-level study. BridgeU software for the sixth form has helped to make the daunting task of choosing suitable university options a little easier for all involved.

Futures Fair

Around 70 exhibitor stands covered a range of career pathways from accountancy to aviation, from law to live-event management, from marketing to medicine. There were also 14 representatives from universities and colleges, as well as gap-year providers and other support services.



Networking events



Legal careers networking event, Middle Temple

Pupils attended careers networking events in London organised through the Eastbournian Society. They were able to meet with leading professionals in sectors including banking, broking and asset management, insurance, law, sales, marketing and public relations, and shipping.



Insurance careers networking event, Lloyd's Building

University visits



Pupils visit UCL and King's College London open days

As well as organising their own university visits, pupils were able to join trips organised by the Futures Department.

US and other international universities



Pupils attend the Fulbright US College Day

The Futures Department also advised pupils keen to study abroad. Yasmine Abi-Hanna, herself a graduate of a US university, offered pupils guidance through each step of the application process to study in America.

Futures Day



The Futures Department hosted an online interactive Futures Day during lockdown attended by all of Year 12, including presentations from universities and employers about how to become more future focussed and prepared for next steps after College.

Eastbourne College School of Pre-Medicine



Dr Emily Miller, School of Pre-Medicine

Pupils aiming to study medicine, veterinary science, dentistry or allied health degrees received ongoing support including guidance with work experience and preparation for admissions exams from resident Dr Emily Miller. A number of medical practitioners spoke with pupils during the year including Dr Andrew Skyrme (consultant orthopaedic surgeon), Dr Emma Pickering (junior doctor at Eastbourne DGH) and Dr Mark Barnes (former GP and clinical director for East Sussex Better Together).

There were 32 aspiring medics in the sixth form. By April 2020, seven Year 13 pupils had received offers to study medicine, and over half of these had received four out of four offers. Three Year 13 pupils received offers for veterinary medicine including Chloe Cox who received four out of four offers including an offer from Robinson College Cambridge. Two recent leavers also received offers to study medicine this year, and three pupils had offers to study physiotherapy. In Year 12 there were 14 pupils on the medics programme with three keen to study veterinary medicine. Several pupils were on the young clinical volunteers programme at St Wilfrid's hospice, while most of the Year 12 aspiring medics volunteered at the Chaseley Trust, caring for people with severe physical disabilities.



'Getting into Cambridge to study medicine has been one of the biggest accomplishments of my life. Dr Miller pushed me to be the best I could possibly be. She consistently put in work to prepare me for interviews, entry exams and applications. She helped me understand the complex process of an application to medical school and made me feel a lot less lost. Miss Gordon in the Futures Department was always positive, helpful and kind. Most importantly she never once let me give up on myself.'

Abby McNally who takes up her place to read medicine at Sidney Sussex College Cambridge in September



'I am very grateful to Dr Miller for arranging for me to spend a week shadowing a consultant anaesthetist at Tunbridge Wells Pembury Hospital. I was lucky enough to attend eight operations, including a three-hour colostomy operation. It was amazing to witness the synergy and teamwork between the three surgeons and the nurses, and it has only made me more keen to apply to read medicine and become a surgeon myself.'

Cody Chan, Year 12