

Gonville House Newsletter

Summer Term 2024

Once again we approach the end of the holidays and, with the backdrop of change under a new government, it is reassuring to look back at the wonderful moments, achievements and experiences that have made up the last term and, in fact, every term. It is heartening to see the quality of those leaving the school and knowing that they are confident, personable and thoughtful young men, equipped for whatever life throws at them. Certainly not perfect, but very good company. Each year I wonder at how they will be replaced and each year the next vintage step effortlessly into the breach (I do hope I haven't jinxed this year!)



The policies of the new government and the potential impending fallout will be at the forefront of everyone's minds I am sure, but the impacts of screens and social media have nearly had as many column inches. Links made between the lack of boundaries online, social anxiety and mental health are clear. We are all better without this addiction. Until such a time as there is legislation to reduce the access of young teens to these devices, I believe it is in the interests of all to spend more time off screens learning what school was like in the past for us old(ish) fogeys. I know that the school is planning to reduce some access to phones, but I

KEY DATES:

MICHAELMAS TERM 2024

Wednesday 28 August

12pm New pupil induction day (year 10,11 & 12)

5pm New year 9 return

6pm Other boys return

Thursday 29 August

Lessons begin

Friday 20 September

U6th parents' meetings

Exeat begins

Sunday 22 September

Boys return after 6pm

Friday 18 October

L6th parents' meeting

Half term starts

Sunday 3 November

Boys return after 6pm

Friday 22 November

Year 9 drama followed by parents' meetings

Exeat starts

Sunday 24 November

Boys return after 6pm

Sunday 8 December

Gonville Christmas Supper

Friday 13 December

Term ends!



am also keen to maintain the time after prep and before bed for face to face interaction, without screens. This might reduce some of the calls home, but I always had the sense that the boys didn't call as much as you all might have liked anyway.

Of course the antidote to screens is the outdoors, competition and your friends. The term has been full of garden games, 3v3 basketball and an appropriate number of calls for quiet from the neighbours. The official house competition finished on a high with Gonville second at sports day and third for the summer term. The overall position for the year was 4th, agonisingly close to third place and closing the gap on the 'big three' of recent times. I sense a change in the pecking order is imminent. Could 2024/5 be the year that Gonville pick up the house cup? You wouldn't bet against it.



Academic Review

eRC (effort) Wall of Fame

Year 13

Henry Tang	6.50
William Daniels	5.83
Adrian Chan	5.54
Riccardo Verger	5.40
Otto Klosterfelde	5.31

Most Improved:

Otto Klosterfelde	+ 0.93
Adrian Chan	+ 0.66
Riccardo Verger	+ 0.4

Year 12

Joshua Yip	5.72
Felix Muellershausen	5.60
Archie Stephens	5.39
Ryan Liu	5.31
Yannick Riedrich	5.30

Most Improved:

Lucas Jayaraj	+ 0.91
Ryan Liu	+ 0.38
Harry Prescott	+ 0.38

Year 11

Isaac Lee	6.17
Samuel Lee	5.74
Jack Carr	5.45
Feliz St John Parker	5.45
Dean Zhang	5.32

Most Improved:

Rowley Emus	+ 0.35
Herman Ris	+ 0.33

Year 10

Connor Morrell	5.51
Tom Robins	5.44
Alex Chapman	5.28
Seanan Wong	5.28

Most Improved:

Valentine Gage	+ 0.31
Tom Robins	+ 0.22
Connor Morrell	+ 0.16

Year 9

Herbert Phillips	6.08
Felix Fox	5.62
Robert McPherson	5.41
Gachechek Kenyua	5.39
Jonny Robinson	5.35

Most Improved:

Milo Deniz	+0.48
Alexander Tidswell	+0.36
Gachechek Kenyua	+0.31

Show Hsm Roll of Honour (brackets denote Praise)

Herbert Phillips	11 (6)
Connor Morrell	7 (3)
Felix Fox	6 (9)
Felix Muellershausen	6 (3)
Seanan Wong	6 (3)
Martin Ris	4 (5)
Alexander Tidswell	3 (7)
Milo Deniz	3 (6)
Tom Robins	3 (4)
Robert McPherson	2 (12)
Gachechek Kenyua	2 (8)

Prize-giving

Henry Tang was again crowned the outstanding academic performer, this time in year 13. In the last few days he secured his place at Oxford and a wonderful 5 A* grades. **Isaac Lee** was also retaining awards, this time both the RG Dyer junior art prize and the NJ Hill junior textiles prize. **Gachecheh Kenyua** won the Year 9 drama prize and **Herbert Phillips** won both the Year 9 Spanish and physics prizes. **Harry Prescott** won the Martin Steel prize for play production. **Dean Zhang** won the junior mathematics prize, but more impressively he was also the best performer in both his year and the school at the Hamilton Olympiad with a score of 130/135. This qualified him for the Maclaurin Olympiad, where he went on to achieve a bronze medal and book prize, finishing in the top 100 nationally. Quite something!



William Daniels	Cricket	Half
Jimmy Hall	Cricket	Half
Oliver Bearcroft	Tennis	Half
Max Crowther	Athletics	Half
Harry Prescott	Drama	Half
Otto Klosterfelde	Photography	Half

The table alongside shows the colours awarded this term in sports and creative arts. Congratulations to everyone who regularly contributed to the school's creative and sporting reputation.



House Awards

Academic Performance: **Herbert Phillips**
 Sportsman of the Term: **Milo Deniz**
 Matron's Award: **Felix St John Parker**
 Year group Awards:
 Year 9: **Felix Fox**
 Year 10: **Connor Morrell**
 Year 11: **Samuel Lee**
 Year 12: **Archie Stephens**
 Year 13: **Henry Tang**
 Gonvillian of the Year: **Ryan Liu**



The following pupils were awarded their class effort prizes for outstanding and sustained focus and work:

Jimmy Hall - Year 12 - Business
Felix Muellershausen - Year 12 - Maths
Barley O'Conor - Year 12 - Product Design
Ryan Liu - Year 12 - Business
Felix St John Parker - Year 11 - Maths
Felix St John Parker - Year 11 - English
Tom Robins - Year 10 - Biology
Alex Chapman - Year 10 - PE
Connor Morrell - Year 10 - Spanish
Felix Fox - Year 9 - Geography
Gachecheh Kenyua - Year 9 - Dance
Robert McPherson - Year 9 - Art

In addition **Herbert Phillips** was highly commended in the Kirk-Greene French Reading Competition. **Gachecheh Kenyua** received a Departmental Commendation from drama for his "generous, collaborative and inventive" work this year.

Creatives review

Otto Klosterfelde and **Oliver Du Feu** were successful in achieving their Arts Gold Award. Some of Otto's work is shown here alongside a painting from Valentine Gage's GCSE portfolio.



Otto Klosterfelde was also a part of the highly original and personal 'Gaze' exhibition in collaboration with five other year 13 pupils. **Olly Du Feu** assisted Ms Martin in the curation of the main Arts Award exhibition and also featured in a highly professional Arts Award magazine produced by School House pupil Holly Mitchell with photographs by Otto.



The term ended with the usual fanfare of concerts both at the Bandstand in town, and in more traditional school venues. **Gacheheh Kenyua** was involved in the orchestra who played so memorably at Speech Day. The Dell Play this year was *The Good Doctor* which brought the curtain down on this year's drama with much acclaim. Congratulations to the cast and to **Harry Prescott** who was once again providing sound and lighting for the performance.

Service report

Harry Prescott, William Rennie, Ben Whiteley, Archie Stephens, Oliver Bearcroft, Oscar Fox and Heston Symonds all completed their silver Duke of Edinburgh award. Three have continued onto gold. All enjoyed a celebratory BBQ in the Headmaster's garden alongside the other fifteen to have completed the award. The numbers of pupils involved in D of E remains remarkably high with over fifty pupils in year 11 embarking on silver this year.



Neatly linking creatives and service, the house band were headline acts at the Big Band night, in aid of Mary's Meals, the Chapel Charity. They reprised their Sweet Child of Mine (again) and also played Hotel California as £505 was raised. Once again the band was led by **Oscar Fox** on lead guitar with **Samuel Lee** on the drums, **Felix Muellershausen** on bass, **William Rennie** on guitar and the vocals and abundant energy provided by **Gacheheh Kenyua**. Congratulations also to **Connor Morrell**, the house charity rep, for his hand in organising the event.



The new Leadership and Personal Development course (LAPD) offered to 6th form pupils saw **Yannick Riedrich, Ryan Liu, Will Rennie** and **Ben Whiteley** achieve qualifications in leadership, safeguarding and sailing (among other opportunities).



135 members of the Lower Sixth have been carrying out a wide range of S@S activities this term. Mentors from the Coastal Schools Partnership homework clubs, including **Felix Muellershausen**, have done a magnificent job helping pupils from local secondary schools with their GCSE revision. Local elderly residents have been enjoying their weekly entertainment of bingo, quizzes and afternoon tea at Wednesday Club hosted by **Ben Whiteley, Ryan Liu** and **Will Rennie**. The Green Team, including **Jimmy Hall** and **Will Beadell**, have been clearing an increasing amount of litter from the seafront as more people have been using the beach during the warmer weather, and the recyclers have expanded their collections. The Stag team (**Connor Morrell**) have regularly produced superb editions of the College magazine and a number of pupils have been supporting sports and activities with junior pupils at the College and in local clubs. Through their S@S activities participants have been able to gain valuable skills for their own future whilst making a difference to the local community.

Congratulations to **Alex Chapman** who, along with three others raised over £3,700 in a cross-house effort for the Cancer charity, "Race for Life".



In May, **Ryan Liu**, **Oscar Fox** and **Archie Stephens** delayed the start of their half term to help wait tables at the fundraising lunch for St Wilfrid's Hospice.



House Debating

With external adjudicators on zoom and the need to both debate with and against different rivals, this competition was more hotly contested than ever. Junior and senior teams competed in a single competition. The early form of **Heston Symonds** and **Henry Tang** was blistering, but then a misunderstanding led to a shock defeat in round two. The 'junior' team of **Herbert Phillips** and **Connor Morrell**, progressed through two rounds to the semi final where they lost out to the eventual winners, Watt seniors, which is hardly a disgrace! All our lads impressed the debator in residence and with three of the team returning, I hope that we can have even more success next year. Although no one delivers a point of interest quite like Henry. He will be missed.



Sport Review

Gonville had a healthy representation in all areas of the College's sporting life this term. In athletics, pupils competed in the Diamond League against five other Sussex independent schools. **Milo Deniz** came 4th in the long jump and **Lucas Gorrill** came 1st in the 1500m, breaking the record with a time of 4 minutes 17 seconds. In cricket, **Jimmy Hall, William Daniels** and **Jayden Matsikenyeri** represented the 1st XI and getting further than ever in the National T20 competition. During exams, Will decided to play a game against Bede's for the 2nd XI and scored 162. He also got the wicket of Michael Carberry when the Lashings World XI came to town. While talking cricket, it is worth



noting that Gonville tutor, Mr Sands, was the winner of the Fantasy Cricket League for the second year in a row: a remarkable achievement when you consider there are over 200 entrants. In tennis, **Daniel Li, Nazarii Dmyterchuk, Jack Carr, Herman Ris** and **Oliver Bearcroft** all represented the U18&A team at some point in a successful season. The greatest national achievement came in the pool where **Joshua Yip** and the swimming team. He was part of the Medley Relay that won the Bath Cup and also had a string of personal bests swimming 200m, 100m and 50m breaststroke. He recently broke his own school record at 50m. **Harry Prescott** has also been getting back to his best in the latter stages of the season, gaining some satisfying wins over Eastbourne rivals at club events. **Lucas Gorrill** was victorious in the Eastbourne triathlon where Mr Fellows and Mrs Wingfield Digby should also be congratulated for finishing strongly.



The Rothesay International saw **Archie Stephens, Oliver Bearcroft, Oscar Fox** and **Yannick Riedrich** working as ball crew, while **Rohan Van de Ven** won an internship at the LTA for the duration of the tournament. The boys were regulars on centre court and even got some airtime on the BBC coverage. Alongside this, Madison Keys (last year's winner) conducted an interview with Eastbourne tennis players including **Nazarii Dmyterchuk** again for the BBC.



There were house competitions this term in cricket, tennis and golf, as well as sports day. Cricket was limited to just year 9 and 10. 50 ball games with 8 per team were hotly contested over two afternoons with Gonville coming 3rd. In tennis, the senior team of **Daniel Li, Herman Ris, Heston Symonds** and **Jack Carr** claimed the title in a tiebreak over Powell. Year 9 and 10 acquitted themselves well and the house came 2nd overall. In the golf, **Oliver Bearcroft, William Rennie** and **Yannick Riedrich** came 4th, but had a remarkable start with both Rennie and Bearcroft birdying the 2nd, before the latter drove the par 4 3rd and popped in the putt for an Eagle. On sports day, the house was magnificent in coming 2nd overall. Year 9 won with wins in the Hurdles (**Herbert Phillips**), the javelin (**OT Ekiugbo**), the 100m & 800m (**Milo Deniz**),

the quadrathlon (**Milo Deniz**) and the 4x100m relay (**Felix Fox, Alex Tidswell, Milo Deniz** and **Gachechek Kenyua**).

Other winners were **Barley O'Connor** and **Tom Robins** (100m), **William Daniels** (shot-put), **Rowley Emus** (800m) and the year 10 4x100m relay (**Tom Robins, Jerry Pang, Nazarii Dmyterchuk** and **Arnold Yan**). A complete set of results is shown on the next page, but only tells part of the story. I am proud to say that every single Gonvillian present competed in at least one event that day. The second place was won by over 40 different athletes and, while only the best distances and times are recorded for posterity, all can take great pride in being the house with the best representation and no missed events. It was a wonderfully joyful way to end the year's sporting endeavours.



	Senior	Time	Place	Inter (year 11)	Time	Place	
Hurdles	William Rennie	19.7	3rd	James Mattison	22.6	5th	
1500m	Harry Prescott	5min 47	4th	Rufus McCourt	5.22	2nd	
400m	Willam Daniels	01:09.5	5th	Jack Carr	01:04.8	2nd	
200m	Heston Symonds	26.69	5th	Jayden Matsikenyeri	27.56	4th	
100m	Barley O'Conor	11.24	1st	Rowley Emus	12.85	4th	
800m	Yannick Riedrich	2min 33	5th	Rowley Emus	2min 24	1st	
High Jump	Barley O'Conor	1.5m	4th	Felix St John Parker	1.40m	5th	
Long Jump	Henry Tang	3.87m	5th	Rowley Emus	4.36m	4th	
Triple Jump	Heston Symonds	10.03m	3rd	Rufus McCourt	8.47m	4th	
Shot	William Daniels	11.24m	1st	Harry Doe	DNT	6th	
Discus	Max Crowther	20.75m	2nd	James Mattison	11.10m	6th	
Javelin	Lucas Jayaraj	19.70m	4th	Jayden Matsikenyeri	20.6m	4th	
4x100m Relay	Joshua Yip	52.93	5th	Jack Carr	53.11	3rd	
	Heston Symonds			Jayden Matsikenyeri			
	Ryan Liu			Harry Doe			
	Barley O'Conor			Rowley Emus			
Overall Standing			4th	Overall Standing			3rd
	Year 9	Time	Place	Inter (year 10)	Time	Place	
Hurdles	Herbert Phillips	13.52	1st	Janson Lau	19.1	3rd	
1500m	Felix Fox	6min 00	4th	Nazarii Dmyterchuk	5min 25	2nd	
400m				Alex Chapman	01:11.6	3rd	
300m	Sebastian Bailey	51.69	5th				
200m	Gachechek Kenyua	29 sec	2nd	Jerry Pang	27.62	2nd	
100m	Milo Deniz	11.83	1st	Tom Robins	12.03	1st	
800m	Milo Deniz	2.23	1st	Conor Morrell	2min 55	5th	
High Jump	Herbert Phillips	1.4m	3rd	Nazarii Dmyterchuk	1.35m	3rd	
Long Jump	Milo Deniz	4.75m	2nd	Conor Morrell	4.29m	3rd	
Triple Jump	Herbert Phillips	9.06m	1st	Martin Ris	7.32m	5th	
Shot	Felix Fox	7.4m	5th	Conor Morrell	7.2m	5th	
Discus	Jonny Robinson	15.95m	2nd	Alex Chapman	16.8m	3rd	
Javelin	OT Ekiugbo	32.58m	1st	Valentine Gage	12.74m	5th	
4x100m Relay	Felix Fox	57.19	1st	Arnold Yan	52.5	1st	
	Gachechek Kenyua			Jerry Pang			
	Milo Deniz			Nazarii Dmyterchuk			
	Alex Tidswell			Tom Robins			
Overall Standing			1st	Overall Standing			3rd

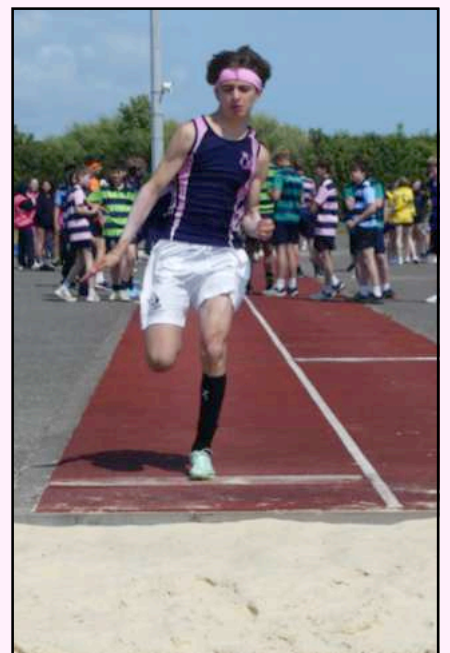
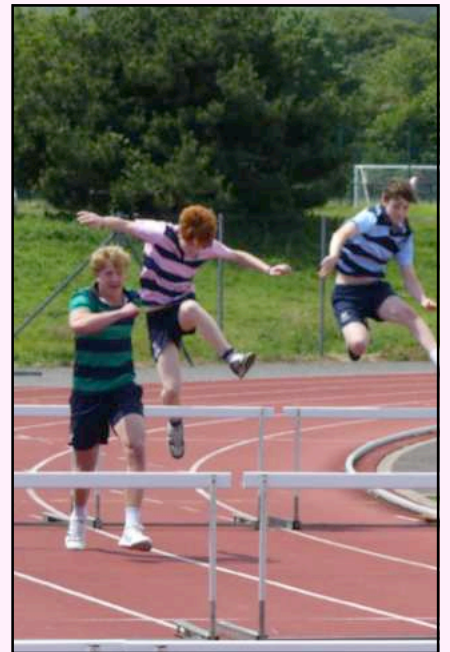


Quad-rathlon								
	Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12/13	
Event	Milo Deniz		Connor Morrell		Rowley Emus		Ricky Verger	
100m	11.83	1st	13.75	5th	12.85	3rd	12.4	3rd
800m	2.23	1st	2.55	5th	2.24	1st	2.39	6th
Long Jump	4.75m	2nd	4.29m	3rd	4.36m	4th	4.39m	4th
Shot	7.27m	3rd	7.20m	5th	DID NOT COMPETE		8.10m	3rd
Overall Standing	1st=		5th		3rd		4th	
Final Overall Sports Day Position							2nd	





SPORTS DAY







2ND OVERALL
YEAR 9 1ST PLACE





HOUSE CRICKET



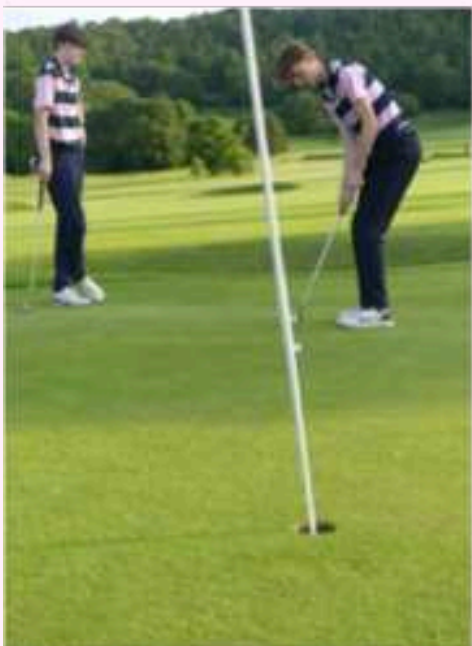
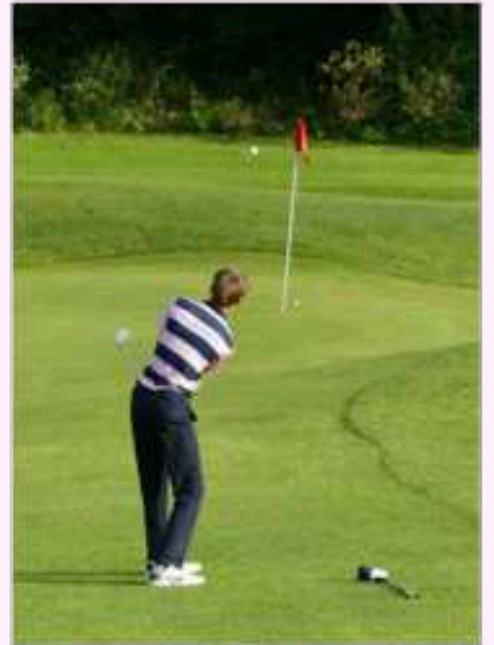
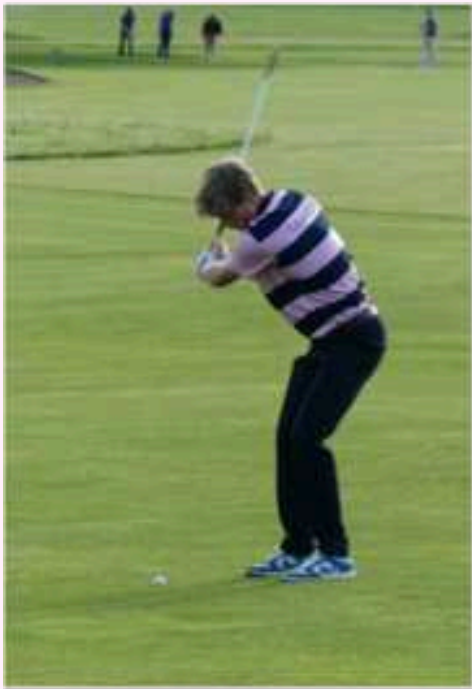
YEAR 9





HOUSE GOLF







HOUSE TENNIS



YEAR 9



YEAR 10





SENIORS - WINNERS





OVERALL - THIRD



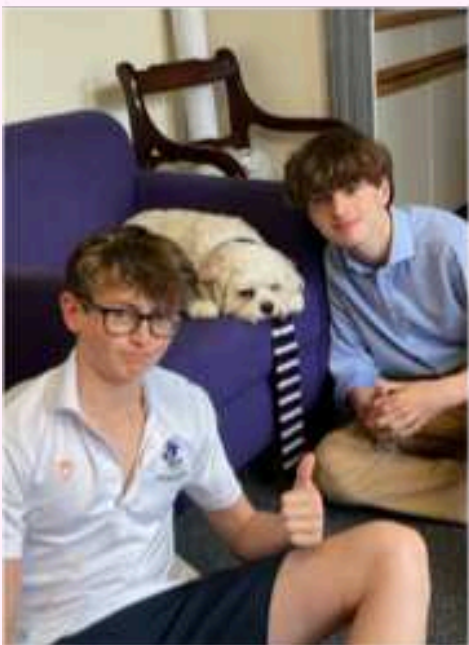
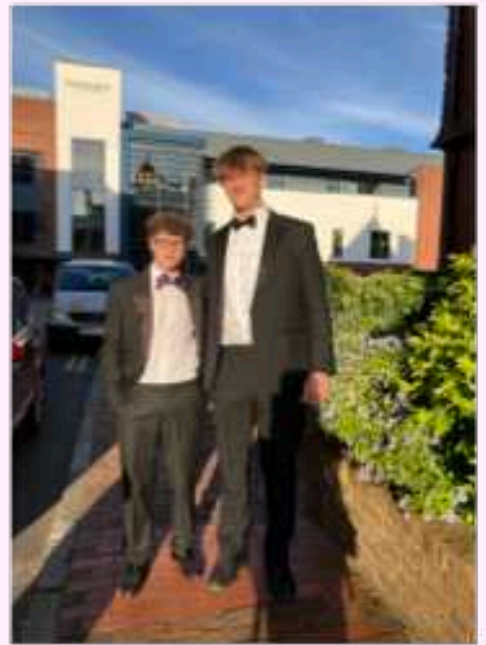
AROUND THE GROUNDS





HOUSE ACTIVITIES









BALLOON DARTS

YEAR 11 GARDEN GAMES





PLANE THROW



APPLE BOBBING



APPLE BOBBING



NO HANDS DOUGHNUTS



NO HANDS DOUGHNUTS

COLLECT POINTS....



....AND POINTS MEAN ROLLS FOR PRIZES!



BOARDERS' BBQ







VALE



Lee Gash: Of all the Resident Tutors that I have worked with in the last five years, he is definitely top three! Lee has been a wonderful addition to the house, bringing an enthusiasm for all aspects of physical activity and real interest and investment in the boys. His military eye on room tidiness and shoe polishing will also be missed. He leaves to take the next step in his teaching career and we say goodbye with sadness and thanks.

Charlie Watt: There is a corner of the foyer that will be forever “Watt’s spot”, where Charlie conducted his tutoring and, often, his house duty. A wonderfully enthusiastic and optimistic member of staff (unless coaching rugby) whose passion for life and the boy’s development was as clear as the emotions he wore on his sleeve. With a story for every occasion, I hope that he has lots of Gonville memories to regale the pupils with at King Edward’s Bath.



Adrian Chan: Rumour has it that Adrian will still be trying to dunk a basketball in 15 years. A fine player, he represented the school many times, but every time I watched him practise from my kitchen he would just lack a little spring! Adrian arrived for the 6th form having left Hong Kong for the first time. Despite the sudden change, he has thrived and I have no doubts that he will continue to develop and have great success.

Max Crowther: Over five years, Max can claim a victory as he slowly grew himself a more and more horrid mullet despite my best efforts. I will miss the cheery “hello sir” at my office door – the precursor to some negotiation about a loophole in some area of school policy. Be careful....debates can last hours or days if not carefully managed. That said, he never took himself too seriously and showed some real tenacity to become a 1stXV stalwart. Chats were never dull and we will miss him greatly.

Will Daniels: Must be one of the great transfers in Eastbourne history. Reeves’ loss was Gonville’s gain as Will showed himself to be adept at almost everything (not singing though!). While rugby and cricket were the main focus, it was easy to underestimate him on the fives or squash court. He also had an eye for goal on the football and hockey pitch. A wonderful role model in terms of hard work and how to treat others, he will be missed as he marches his size 17 feet up to Newcastle.

Oliver Du Feu: A born performer, although he tried to forget this in year 9 and 10, Oliver was inspirational in coordinating singing, concerts and speaking to the house. He is an example of how some of the best leaders are unaware of their ability. He was liked and respected by all and I am sure he will have success in the music industry, or wherever he chooses to end up. I am keeping fingers crossed for future VIP passes.

Otto Klosterfelde: Underestimate Otto at your peril. He may look half-dressed and asleep, but this camouflage masks a great kindness for others, a load of talent and self-motivation. His excellent work in the 6th form at Eastbourne has set him up for a successful career in creatives, whether photography, art or some other area.

Leo Makarov: Lo Base will, I hope, be a huge name in the music industry. If not, he can fall back on his wonderful charm and self-deprecating sense of humour (but probably not his expertise in philosophy and ethics). While he avoided sport and sunlight more than I would have ideally liked, Leo was ever-supportive of house events and could be relied upon to bring a brilliant atmosphere to any room he was in.

Henry Tang: We will never see his like again! Henry had the most focused work ethic I have ever seen, but still found time for a role in the school play, any house event he was asked to get stuck into and the CCF. His love of gadgets was useful for the house concert props and, at times a little disconcerting. It is not everyday you walk the dog in the garden and stumble on someone wearing full night vision. 5 A* grades see him comfortably into Oxford and we wish him the very best as a future CEO!

Ricky Verger: The man who offered to cook me his signature pasta for just £15! I declined and cooked for myself for free. As he heads into hospitality I wonder if I will regret this. I wish him well with his continued efforts to eat all the organic avocados in existence and talk his way out of any jam he finds himself in. We will miss him once the house stops smelling of his family perfume – my promised bottle of the ‘Riccardo’ must still be in the post.

Rohan Van de Ven: He proves that anyone can bounce back from adolescence. The rogue and grumpy year 10 became deputy head of house. A transformation in attitude that made him a wonderful role model, loyal friend and great servant of the house. We wish him well in Reading with his on-going battle for his mother to continue letting him play rugby and his continuing love of Mr Bean and Top Gear (despite the fact that neither has been on the TV in years).

Felix Muellershausen: Felix squeezed a remarkable amount out of his time in the UK. He spent much of it conquering the waves (although his efforts in the Round the Island Race this year were halted by strong winds). He showed tenacity to represent the school 2nd XI hockey despite not having played since he was 7 (and even then in goal). He also went real-life School of Rock by turning his cello through ninety degrees and “Cello, he had a Bass” guitar in the house band that played throughout the year.

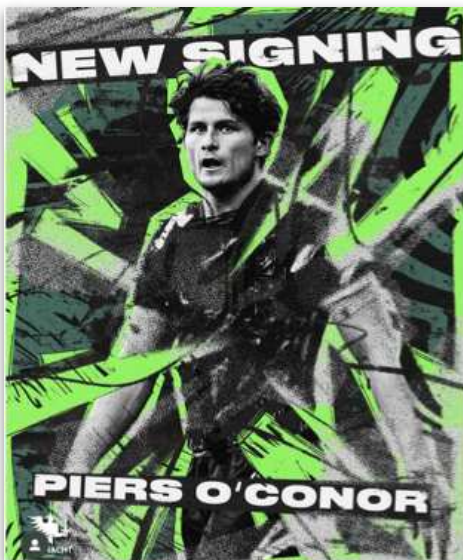
Yannick Riedrich: It is hard to believe that Yannick was just with us for a year. He settled so quickly into life at school with his easy-going nature. I big hit in football and basketball, he also ensured that he got stuck into rugby with some success. We wish him luck with his 6th form in Germany.

Jack Carr: A wonderful all-round talent, we will miss Jack as he heads to Hurst for the 6th form and the chance to be a day pupil. His focus and hard work will undoubtedly ensure that he is a success, though I am afraid he might have to take up rugby again to have any chance of a sporting win over Eastbourne...

Lucas Gorrill: After two years and many victories for Gonville, we will now need to applaud through gritted teeth as he switches to Reeves to better manage his training regime. His reliability has been quite extraordinary and, despite his enormous commitment to triathlon, he has been a valued addition to the house. We hope he will pop in (when he has time).

Old Gonvillian News

Once again **Tawanda Muyeye** was part of the Oval Invincibles squad that won The Hundred this August. He continues to play a key role for Kent in their One day competitions and has started to break into their 4-day side too. We wish **Piers O’Conor** well in his move to Connaught Rugby following 137 appearances for Bristol Bears and 35 tries. Recent leavers **Theo Wong, Arthur McKay and Herbert Keung** recently climbed Ben Nevis. Hard to believe this was June this year!



So another year of newsletters are done and dusted just in time to start the new year. It is wonderful to see each reincarnation of school life. So much is the same year after year, but the cast is varied and the outcomes gloriously different. As always, it gives me the most pride to see the boys heavily involved in the service elements of our community. To find time for others in our busy lives is the ultimate in developing as a useful member of society. It is also so easy for the boys to take it easy on themselves and only do the compulsory elements of school. What joy can be found with a little commitment to music, the theatre or some other personal and enriching challenge. So as the new school year approaches I would encourage all Gonvillians, whether long in the tooth or brand new, to commit to serving others and always being busy!

In the meantime, I wish everyone a happy end to the summer, a successful Michaelmas term and good health.



(please forgive Toby's mouthful.....the Shabba photobomb was too perfect)