

# Powell House Newsletter

## Lent Term Review



Proud a Cappella performance (p4)



Bath Cup success (p7)



Inter-house results (p13)

The Lent Term has been an intense 10-weeks of College life, full of hard work and industry. The participation in all inter-house competitions; ranging from water polo to chess has been fiercely contested and I thank all those who have invested time and effort in these events. The introduction of the new TV has continued to be a huge hit; it has been joyous to watch the common room come alive with boys from all year groups bonding together, whilst chess and jazz pianists have add to the ambience of the space. Long may this continue. Beyond the walls of Powell, there has been a remarkable amount of productivity, endeavour and success to celebrate, which I hope to capture some of which, in this newsletter.

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### INTER-HOUSE

Senior squash and football

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### OVERALL STANDINGS

4th place in the inter-house standings at the end of term.

350

### FIXTURES

The number of fixtures over 17 sports during the term



## Academic Review

Over the course of the term there have been many examples of outstanding academic achievement and effort that deserve the houses recognition. In January, pupils in Year 11 sat their mock GCSE exams with a level of performances that bodes well for the summer, with U6th pupils doing likewise in mid-February.

Academic olympiads have been going strong this term, both in Physics and maths, whilst further mathematicians took part in the Summer Project Prize, submitting entries related to rocket science, knot theory and hyperreal numbers, among others. In Years 9 to 11, 134 pupils took part in the intermediate maths challenge with Archie Shakespeare being one of the leading performers.

In modern languages, nine pupils took part in the UK Linguists Olympiad, including eight at advanced level and one at intermediate. During the departments visit to Berlin, A-level and GCSE German pupils immersed themselves in the history and culture of Germany's iconic capital. They visited the major sites including the Brandenburger Tor, the Bundestag and the holocaust memorial, as well as the DDR museum and a Stasi prison. Year 10 pupils in French have written to their pen pals in Saint-Jean-de-Luz and are awaiting their next replies.



In English, Mr Poole, Miss Curren and Mr Young took Year 12 pupils to see Harold Pinter's 'The Homecoming', who found it a valuable experience that will help inform their NEA. In dance, the GCSE pupils enjoyed an American Jazz workshop from Jodie Clark, the assistant director of The Brit School. A-level pupils watched a spectacular performance from New York City Ballet at Sadlers. Wells. In chemistry, a record 50 pupils took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad and expect the outcomes to arrive soon. Best wishes to all those sitting exams this summer, the very best of luck in their GCSEs and A-levels.

## PRAISE MARKS – LENT TERM 2024

Top 3 pupils in each year group this term.

Four reward points for class effort prize or department commendation. Two reward points awarded for a Show Hsm. One point awarded for praise comments.

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Thomas Bower (24)	Ethan Van Niekerk (16)	Tobey Braithwaite (14)	Sergio Vieira (14)	Christopher Johnson-Bird (11)
Hugo Stevens (20)	Oscar Elliott (15)	Myles Luther (11)	Jossi Pears (13)	Oliver Edmead (7)
Matty Arnold and Jakob Hughes (19)	Shaun Van Niekerk and Zach Perry (13)	Matt Clark (10)	Michael Timms and Max Williams (11)	Alex Davies (5)

## Creative Arts

As always, our creative arena continues to be packed full of opportunities and achievements. As part of the Turner Prize celebrations, Eastbourne has been coming alive, with various public works of art popping up around the town, including our own Casson Art School which has been wrapped in colourful vinyl.

The College dancers were fortunate to host a workshop from Daniel Hay-Gordon, co-director of the renowned LGBTQ+ dance company, Thick and Tight. Whilst pupils from year groups have been working towards the new Rambert Contemporary graded syllabus, the end of term finished with an outstanding showcase. In DT, both GCSE and A-level pupils have been completing their coursework projects, evidencing complex designs created using 3D modelling software.



The music department began the term with Alice Younger's fantastic recital, who has accepted a place at the Royal College of Music. Music scholars from Years 9, 10 and 12 performed in a Tuesday night concert, which was closely followed by the quadrennial appearance of the Giant Jazz Leap. The Jazz Band entertained a packed audience in the JWA, whilst the inaugural EC Soundly gig which was most probably audible from Hastings saw College U6th pupils and a special guest international DJ collaborate together for an evening of rave in the JWA. The penultimate



day of term saw the outstanding A Cappella concert, which was a wonderful event with the Powell boys (Frederik Jensen, Sam Hamilton, Jossi Pears, Alfie Edwards, Dmitry Bykov, Toby Timlin, Zach Perry and Hugo Stevens) producing another outstanding performance. Congratulations to Craig (winners) on this occasion.

In Art, senior Art scholars, Alex Davies and Missy Richardson have been working on a commission for the reception area at St Andrew's prep. Both Androvians, they decided to collaborate on a diptych painting which captured the school and its

surroundings. They were delighted to be invited to St Andrew's to present the work to Headmaster, Mr Gregory and the Androvian art scholars. Year 12 photographers have worked with artist in residence Tallin Aylward on photographic screen printing as part of their workshop series.

In drama, the term has been another busy one with both Year 11 and 13 completing their scripted exam performances and hosted workshops from RSC actor Edward Bennett and the theatre company Paper Birds. Year 11 were treated to a trip to the Bush Theatre in London to see the new play, Shifters and Year 9 scholars have performed a series of short scenes around the theme of 'Old Times'. Auditions have taken place for the Dell Play which this year will be the comedy 'The Good Doctor'. We are delighted that EBCTV are recording again on Saturday mornings and look forward to the next episode.





# House A Cappella



## Service

The College's spirit of service continues to go from strength to strength. 135 members of the Lower Sixth have been involved in service activities this term, by either supporting internal college activities or working with organisations outside of school. Members of the CSP homework clubs have been supporting pupils at local secondary schools with their preparation for the upcoming maths and languages GCSEs and Literary Club mentors have been helping Year 8 pupils from the Turing school with reading and comprehension skills. Visitors to the residents at Chastely Trust have been involved in social and craft activities and physiotherapy programmes with severely disabled adults. Wednesday Club helpers have been serving up afternoon tea, bingo and quizzes to local elderly residents and a small team has helped to maintain wheelchairs for the shopmobility service in the Beacon Centre. The Green Teams have been carrying out beach cleaning operations and a recycling service across the College campus.

Charity continues to be an important aspect of College life with £216 being raised in donations at the Sweeney Todd musical at the end of last term, as well as further contributions during another successful charity lunch, Y9 quiz night and a fantastic charity renew with the money being split equally between the chapel charities: Mary's meals and YoungMinds, the mental health charity for children, young people and their parents. The stand-out in Powell, was Sloane Tennant who individually raised over £1,700 for WaterAid, having taken on a rowing challenge (virtual) of 500 miles of the Zambezi River. His efforts will go towards the charity's work to provide clean water and sanitation in 34 low-income developing countries.

The Royal Navy cadets to continue to impress with a highlight being the opportunity to visit the patrol ship HMS PUNCHER in Sovereign Harbour. Year 10s have applied their competitive spirit and their knowledge of ships, specialised branches and weapons systems to create a task force equipped to cope with real-life scenarios. Meanwhile, Year 11s have focused on chart work and navigation techniques to understand the challenges faced when working at sea. Dmitry Bykov amongst other Year 11s were recognised in the end-of-term assembly for his commitment, leadership and application skills. In the army section, Henry Lawrence has been implementing his ACF training he undertakes outside of school to amazing use in the unique challenge of instructing peers in his year group. This is a remarkable achievement that was recognised in the end-of-term assembly. In March, 22 cadets, army NCOs and navy ratings took part in a voluntary exercise, sleeping out overnight in the Ashdown Forest. The exercise was a terrific opportunity to gain valuable blank-firing fieldcraft experience. RAF cadets in Year 10 completed training and testing on the full bore rifle, ahead of live firing marksmanship training on camp next term. They have also learnt how to use a map and compass and how helicopters fly, demonstrating how difficult they are to control using the model helicopters. In Year 11, Alfie Lulham amongst other cadets have now completed leading cadet, methods of instruction and the advanced training syllabus and so are promoted to Instructor Cadet status. Miss Godley has applied to join the RAF as an officer and we wish her every success, and Flying Officer Ambler has been appointed to the national RAF consulting group in recognition of her outstanding knowledge and experience. Sergeants Tom Arnold and Oliver Edmead were also mentioned in the end-of-term assembly for the excellent standards they have set, in leading the outstanding unit, that it is today.



The DofE team continue to support the very large number of pupils doing the award. Congratulations to Fred Jensen and Oliver May who have completed their Gold DofE award.



# Lent Term Sport



## Sport

This term has seen 17 sports playing over 350 fixtures with almost 90% of all 650 pupils having now played a fixture for the College this year.

The 1st XI boys hockey have played some superb and high quality hockey in all competitions. Their standard has meant they have completed with some of the best teams in the South-East with an impressive strike rate and average of 4.5 goals a game with 57 scored in the season. There were big wins over Hurst and Bede's and so many close games which were won and lost with the team only two matches from the T2 national plate final. The U15A and U14A teams completed in the national cups and plate competitions and won half their matches. Finally, the Year 11 teams scored over 140 goals and with many exciting matches played as well as prospects for the future. Well done to everyone involved and good luck to the 1st XI at the Bath Festival.

Throughout the term, 17 sports have competed in fixtures, as well as national competitions. Highlights include the golf team consisting of three Year 11s (Archie and George Shakespeare included) qualifying for the national finals for the second consecutive year. The cross-country team competed in the Sussex champs with several runners qualifying through to the nationals. The basketball team have continued their undefeated league season thanks to the cohesive unit they have become. Three matches next term will decide if they can win the title. The boys and girls Fives teams completed the South-East regional competitions with the girls U18 and U14s winning gold and silver plate medals in singles and doubles and will compete in the nationals next term.

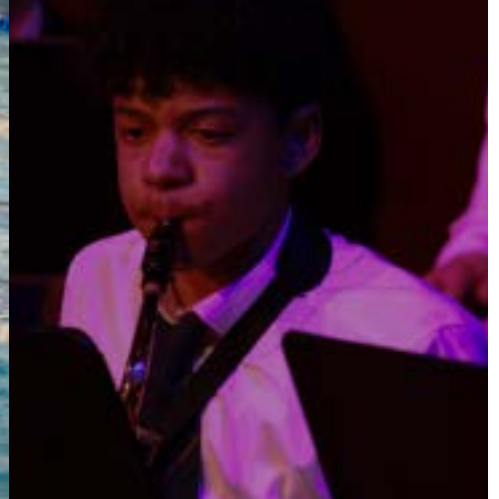
The football season, considering the weather and cancelled fixtures, managed a full training programme with help from access to the local 3G pitch and still competed in 30 fixtures against Tonbridge, Brighton, Bede's, Worth, Cranleigh and King's. Some great football played and great to see six teams out competing when possible. The senior boys rugby played some 15-a-side fixtures under floodlights in Horsham before switching to Sevens this week for Rosslyn Park National 7s. The 1st team and U16s both completed in close matches and enjoyed a great experience in the world's largest rugby tournament. The U15As had a superb run in the national bowl but ended at the quarter-final stage in amazing game losing 41-36 and almost taking victory at the final whistle.

The swim team have been involved in the schools super league this term which involved swimmers from Year 6 at St Andrew's all the way up to our seniors competing against 32 schools in the South-East. Having qualified 7th, the whole team of 32 swimmers managed to finish 5th overall, an impressive first outing. The national 150 school Bath Cup at the Olympic Park was an extraordinary success (photo of the Stanley Yeats, Charlie Evans-Shephard and Matt Clark to the right). The boys Bath Cup team won a unique and impressive double winning the freestyle and medley relays in style. Only 6 teams since 1982 have managed this and only one school has achieved back-to-back doubles, the challenges has been laid down. This is all just reward for all the swimmers, for all the early morning and evening training, which goes unseen but is hugely recognised.





# Powell boys in action this term









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# Inter-house Sport

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# HOUSE RESULTS

BOYS HOUSE RESULTS - LT24 STANDINGS

**CRAIG**  
**88 POINTS**



**2**

**WARGRAVE**  
**98 POINTS**



**1**

**PENNELL**  
**79 POINTS**



**3**

**POWELL**  
**74 POINTS**



**GONVILLE**  
**73 POINTS**



**REEVES**  
**69 POINTS**



### Overall Hockey

- 1. Craig
- 2. Reeves
- 3. Wargrave
- 4. Gonville & Powell
- 5. Pennell



# HOUSE RESULTS

Junior	Senior	Overall	Year 9	Year 10
Water Polo	Water Polo	Water Polo	Basketball	Basketball
1.Pennell	1.Powell	1.Gonville	1.Pennell	1.Wargrave
2.Craig	2.Gonville	& Pennell &	2.Craig	2.Gonville
3.Wargrave	3.Wargrave	Powell &	3.Wargrave	3.Craig
4.Gonville	4.Craig	Wargrave	4.Gonville	4.Powell
5.Powell	5.Pennell	2. Reeves	5.Powell	5.Pennell
6.Reeves	6.Reeves	3. Craig	6.Reeves	6.Reeves

Senior	Overall	Year 9	Year 10	Senior
Basketball	Basketball	Hockey	Hockey	Hockey
1.Gonville	1.Gonville	1.Craig	1.Craig	1.Wargrave
2.Reeves	2.Craig &	2.Reeves	2.Reeves	2.Reeves
3.Pennell	Pennell	3.Wargrave	3.Wargrave	3.Craig
4.Craig	3.Wargrave	4.Powell	4.Powell	4.Pennell
5.Powell	4.Reeves &	5.Gonville	5.Gonville	5.Gonville
6.Reeves	Powell	6.Pennell	6.Pennell	6.Powell

Overall	Year 9	Year 10	Senior	Overall
Chess	Football	Football	Football	Football
1.Wargrave	1.Pennell	1.Powell	1.Wargrave	1.Powell
2.Pennell	2.Craig	2.Gonville	2.Powell	2.Wargrave
3.Powell	3.Wargrave	3.Craig	3.Pennell	3.Pennell
4.Reeves	4.Powell	4.Wargrave	4.Reeves	4.Craig
5.Craig	5.Gonville	5.Pennell	5.Craig	5.Gonville
6.Gonville	6.Reeves	6.Reeves	6.Gonville	6.Reeves

# Headmaster's Assembly

## Sporting achievement

Full colours for rugby were awarded to **Frederik Jensen** (1st XI GK for 3 seasons), having consistently performed at an excellent (match winning) level, showing first-class work ethic in practice, combined with a positive mental attitude.

Half colours for football were awarded to **Alex Davies**.

Half colours for swimming were awarded to **Charlie Evans-Shephard and Matt Clark**.

## Creative achievement

Half colours for music were awarded to **Jossi Pears**.

## Other notable achievements:

Congratulations to the following who mentioned in the assembly for completing their Duke of Edinburgh award:

- **Frederik Jensen and Oliver May** - Gold DofE



**Dates for the diary:  
Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15 April - House open 10am - 6pm  
Tuesday 16 January - Summer term begins  
Saturday 4 May - Y10 Parents meeting 9am  
Monday 6 May - Bank Holiday (no school)  
Friday 24 May - Half term (commences at 14.15) and Y9 GCSE options meeting  
Monday 3 June - Second half of term begins  
Saturday 29 June - Term ends after Speech Day  
<https://calendar.eastbourne-college.co.uk/>