

Powell House Newsletter

A packed leavers' service, extraordinary music, speeches and picnics, it was delightful to end the term with a full-fledged Speech Day. Whilst I congratulate the success of all those who were awarded prizes at the end of term, I am equally proud of the personal achievements of all Powellians, during a busy Summer Term. Exams have been centre stage this term, but co-curricular commitments have continued to provide boys with a much-needed distraction from the books. The end-of-term socials cemented what a privilege it is to be a housemaster in a tight-knit community and observing the growth and development of individuals and groups has been hugely positive over the course of this academic year, with College life back to full tilt. The leaving Powell U6th will be hugely missed in house and around the College. I wish them all the very best for the future and I hope they cherish the words that the Chair of Governor, Mr Broadley finished his address on Speech Day:

“In Eastbourne, out of Eastbourne a like, may you character be known for good, be brave, be generous, be pure, be true”.

Summer Term Review



**Young Musician
Matthew (p.4)**



**Sports day snaps
(p6)**



**Year 9 cricketers
succeed on
College Field**

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INTER-HOUSE

Golf

Powell gained 1st and 2nd place in the annual inter-house golf.

68

BOYS OF POWELL

Next year the house is growing to 72 boys (we are full).

300

SPORT

300 sports fixtures have taken place in 14 sports this term.



Academic Achievement

During the Headmaster's end-of-year prize winners assembly, prizes were awarded to the following Powell boys:

- Dmitry Bykov - Physics Year 9 Prize
- George Hoad - JL McIntosh Year 9 History Prize
- Esteban Boruel-Lopez - Spanish Year 10 Prize
- Gregory Ashley Taylor - Grade 8 Piano Recital
- Laurence Callow - GG Mohring Junior German Prize
- Sam Hamilton - Seymour Junior Singing Prize;
Intermediate vocal winner
- Noah James - Simon Green Cup
- Matthew Wakefield - Young Musician of the Year award;
creative arts full colours; Lower Sixth music award
- Henry Duke - Buckland Award for 1st XV Rugby
- James Grout - RW Nicholson Instrumental Prize
- Joseph Kettle - Sculpture Prize; creative arts full colours
- Tobias Lloyd - CS Smallman Senior Chemistry Prize;
Professor Soddy Oxbridge Science Park; Langer Cup for
Achievement in Water Sports
- Christopher O'Hanlon - Creative Arts full colours
- Dexter Richardson - LG Chater Senior French Prize
- Joseph Muschialli - Martin Steele Award for Play
Production
- Zak Prawanna - Full Colours for tennis
- Tom Pedley - Powell House Grimaldi award
- Harry Johnson - Powell House John Lush award



Academic Review

Having endured unprecedented disruption to their learning over the last two years, I reflect to think about all those pupils that have shown so much resilience having faced GCSE and A-level exams this summer. I wish all the boys every success and hope happy results days await in August.

Around the departments, in drama we congratulate Chris O'Hanlon on winning a place at the acclaimed Bristol School of Acting. In Biology, all Year 12 pupils competed in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad and we eagerly await their results at the end of the month. Year 9 and 10 pupils took part in the annual Kirk Greene French reading recital in front of a panel of judges. Pupils recited texts in French from Jean de la Fontaine and Marcel Pagnol. There were some excellent performances in the recent end of term examinations for Years 9, 10 and 12. Special mention goes to those below, who were top performers in their respective year groups in Powell, however I must congratulate all the hard work and preparation for these exams and the firm foundations that have been laid, whatever the level, and that further excellence will abound from September.



Top performers: Year 9 - Dmitry Bykov, Year 10 - Esteban Boruel-Lopez, Year 12 - Daniel Guldmond

Class Effort Prizes: are awarded at the end of the academic year to pupils who show outstanding effort throughout the academic year in the classroom. Congratulations to the following: Tobey Braithwaite (Art), Dmitry Bykov (Art), George Had Bertie Kane (English), Max Williams (Geography), Michael Abourous (Physics), Oliver Edmead (DT), Fred Jensen (Class Civ), Christopher Johnson-Bird (Maths, English, French and Geography), Charlie Carpenter (Business), Noah James (PE), Harry Johnson (History), Will Neal (Class Civ),

PRAISE MARKS – ST 2022

Top 3 pupils in each year group this term

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
George Hoad (19)	Max Williams (15)	Christopher Johnson-Bird (20)	Noah James (8)	Harry Johnson (7)
Tobey Braithwaite (15)	Jasper Simpson (12)	Michael Abourous (7) Sam Hamilton (7)	Ben Young (6)	Henry Duke (4) Will Neal (4) Chris O'Hanlon (4)
Daniel Abourous (14) Dmitry Bykov (14)	James Rimington (9)	Oliver Edmead (5)	Charlie Carpenter (4)	Tom Pedley (3)

Creative Arts

The music department has been hugely busy with over twenty different musical events this term including a vocal masterclass with international opera singer and OE Mark LE Brocq as part of the Creative Arts Circus week. Jazz and singer song writers in the Undercroft was back, as was the prep school orchestra day and the hugely impressive Summer Concert in All Saints' Church, featuring the choir, symphony orchestra, soloists and the jazz band, with some well-known film favourites, including *Gladiator*, *Jurassic Park* and the *Pirates of the Caribbean*. The Young Musician of the Year Competition was extremely competitive and was won by Matthew Wakefield.



In DT our Year 9 and 10 scholars have been designing frames for micro-drones. The College has recently been awarded the top Platinum Arts Mark award by the Arts Council for England, in recognition for excellence in and commitment to arts and cultural education. Very well done to all involved in enabling the College to gain this prestigious award.



begun rehearsal for a prep school tour of the *Lion*, *The Witch* and the *Wardrobe*.

In art this term, pupils were invited to meet Lindy Dunbar, a local artist who demonstrated some of her painting techniques for pupils to incorporate into their own practice. Meanwhile Junior art scholars and Year 9 pupils also produced some excellent ceramic work to be displayed along the South Downs as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

In drama, the first ever pupil-led Loerr Sixth Dell Play 'Audience' by Michael Frayn was a huge success in the last week of term, with Ben Young play a leading role and next term we look forward to the first episode of the new Eastbourne College TV series, as well as the College play *Nell Gwynn*. Year 9 and 10 scholars have





Undercroft Concert



Service

The College's spirit of service has remained undaunted this term.

Around school and in chapel, charity giving continued this term. Overall this year, individual houses, and the school more widely have done great work in fund-raising - and our total of approx. £18,000 in giving this year takes us back towards our pre-COVID levels of engagement. Our thanks to all members of the charity society, staff, pupils and parents in their support this academic year.

In the CCF, the term began with those successful Year 11s completing the Army Section's Leadership Development Programme, many receiving promotion to Lance Corporal. My congratulations to Alex Davies who promoted to Corporal. RAF cadets participated in the first RAF camp in 3 years, whilst the CCF Y10 activity week included an overnight exercise, survival skills, fieldcraft, water sports and trip to London, Portsmouth Historical Dockyards and as RAF base.



Again we were proud to see achieve our 60% completion rate of all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh award's, unprecedented in the South East given that nearly all our pupils are direct entry. At the end of term, 63 pupils embarked on the next stage of their expeditions to the New Forest and Wales, with significant number of Powell boys involved.



Sport

We have seen 20 sports competing through the year. 90%, or 580 pupils competed for the College's 100+ teams in over 700 fixtures. A huge thanks to the ground staff, house, medical, catering, bursarial, transport, foundation and marketing staff, for all their vital but unseen support.

In boys cricket, the hard work during the winter nets paid off. The 1st XI have once again played some very exciting cricket with victories over Whitgift, twice, winning 7 of 9 Saturday fixtures on a very strong circuit. The 2nd XI enjoyed 7 wins from 11 and were crowned the inaugural County 2nd XI champions in a thrilling final. The 3rd XI and 4th XI played six games with two wins for the 3rd XI. The U17s beat Eton in the quarter final of the national 35 over competition. The U16s won 3 from 5 and played some exciting cricket, showing great depth in the talent ranks. The U15As had a hugely successful season making two finals and winning one ECB U15 national cup county final, which took them to the regional playoff. The U15Bs recorded the most successful season of any boys team with six wins from 7, well done to the squad and those who played in the C team. The U14 teams all worked hard during the season and will be looking to continue to improve over the winter to be more competitive next year.

The tennis teams have had an outstanding summer term yet again and congratulate all the boys who were in action on the courts over the summer. The U16 boys won in the College's first Sussex title and then they finished runner's up in the LTA county round. The U18 boys also finished runners in the county competition. In the first week of the holidays, squads played in the Independent Schools finals at Eton College with Reha Akinlosotu reaching the Quarter Finals in the Springthorpe Cup. The athletics team had a highly successful Sussex Schools diamond league season, with Jasper Simpson being the highlight of the season with a 800m gold medal.



Wilf Batham-Read is included in the Harlequins U18 rugby squad, whilst Ollie Wigman tours with Canada Rugby U18 over the summer months.

Matthew Clark has continued to make a splash in the College pool, but also on the national stage. We wish him the very best as he competes in the English Nationals (200m individual medley and 100m butterfly) and the British Championships (50m butterfly) this summer.

George and Archie Shakespeare have not only led the College golf team to the national plate finals, but they have raised a combined £25,000 for Prostate Cancer UK as part of the REGC team who completed a marathon of 72 holes.



Sports Day 2022





Inter-house Sport





Adventure Golf Socials





Prefect Wellbeing Initiatives



Final thoughts of the term

My thanks to all the guidance the tutor team have given over the course of the academic year in Powell and the support they have given me.

I thank Kat Slaymark for her excellent pastoral support to a number of boys' in Powell during her time in the house. We will miss her positivity around school, her inspiration in the drama department and leadership in the Be You group as she starts a new role at Downe House school. I also thank Jon Medlycott for his pastoral service as a duty house and tutor over the last 4 years and wish him the best of luck as he becomes Housemaster of Nugent. My thanks also to Ella Livingstone-Greer for her superb support of those in the Sixth Form, who transfers over to Blackwater to tutor, come September.

My thanks to Julie (everyones favourite Powellian) for all that she continues to do for the house, not only from a cleaning perspective, but for the good nature and humour she brings to the house.

I will be retreating down to the South-West, to avoid the airport chaos - good luck all. Emma, Max and myself wish the whole Powell community a relaxing summer break.

Sam



Dates for the diary:

Michaelmas Term 2022

Wednesday 31 August - House open 10am - 6pm/Induction day for new pupils

Thursday 1 September - Michaelmas Term begins

Friday 23 September - Exeat (commences at 14.35) and U6 Parents meeting 15.15

Friday 14 October - Half term (commences at 14.34) and L6 Parents meeting 15.15

Monday 31 October - Second half of term begins

Friday 18 November - Exeat (commences at 14.35) and Y9 Parents meeting 15.15

Friday 16 December - Term ends

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