

# Powell House Newsletter

## Summer Term Review

A packed leavers' service, extraordinary music, speeches, picnics and a hot air balloon, it was delightful to end the term with a wonderful 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. 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 with:

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



The Dell Play (p.7)



Sports Day (p8)



Senior tennis success (p12)

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### INTER-HOUSE

Senior Tennis

1st place in the strong senior inter-house tennis victory!

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### UPPER SIXTH

We wish the 14 U6th leavers the best of luck for the future.

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### SPORT

600 sports fixtures have taken place in 18 sports this year.



## 2023-24 Prize Winners

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

- Yoting Wang - English Year 9 Prize
- Matthew Arnold - Latin Year 9 Achievement Prize
- Zach Perry - Junior Vocal Competition Winner
- Matt Clark - PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Boys' Sport and the Langer Cup for Achievement in Water Sports
- Esteban Boruel-Lopez - Lower Sixth French Prize
- Oliver Rivett - Headmaster's Award
- Michael Timmis - Lower Sixth Music Technology Prize
- Reuben Booth - Lower Sixth Religious Studies Prize
- Alex Davies - Broadley Prize for the Heads of School
- Michael Abourous - Elizabeth Hurst Senior Mathematics Prize
- Oliver Edmead - Ellis Firkins Senior Design and Technology Prize
- Laurence Callow - Headmaster's Award
- Tom Arnold - Powell House Grimaldi award
- Alexander Edwards - 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 chemistry, an unprecedented 15 Year 9 pupils made Silver Crest Award submissions, while in the Chemistry Olympiad there were 3 gold awards, 4 silver and 17 bronze - the department's best performance in the last ten years. In debating, Matty Arnold and 3 other Year 9 boys won the UK school Challenge Intermediate Plate Final, as well as winning the Handcross Park School Debate Competition. In business and economics, we congratulate Reuben Booth and other pupils for successfully completing their Chartered institute for Securities & Investment qualification this term, alongside their A-levels studies.

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 end of year exam performers:

Year 9 - Matty Arnold with an av. grade score of 7.60.

Year 10 - Henry Lawrence with an av. grade score of 7.44.

Year 12 - Joint winner - Michael Timmis (A\*AAB) and Oliver Rivett (A\*AA)

### Top praise points for the Summer Term:

Year 9 - Jack Hart - 30 points.

Year 10 - Guillaume Becker - 17 points.

Year 12 - James Rimington and Michael Timmis - 22 points.

**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: Matty Arnold (English), Teifi Wolstenholme (DT), Oliver Rivett (Further Maths), Michael Timmis (Biology), Michael Abourous (Art), Frederik Jensen (Class Civ), Christopher Johnson-Bird (French).

## PRAISE MARKS – 2023.2024

Top 3 pupils in each year group this academic year

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Matty Arnold (81)	Shaun Van Niekerk (58)	Tobey Braithwaite and Alfie Lulham (39)	Jossi Pears (48)	Christopher Johnson-Bird (35)
Yoting Wang (68)	Zach Perry (49) and Oscar Elliott (49)	Teifi Wolstenholme (36)	Oliver Rivett (45)	Oliver Edmead (25)
Jakob Hughes (65)	Henry Lawrence (47)	Matt Clark (35)	Michael Timmis (44)	Matt Woodall (18)

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

## House Assembly

The Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award saw 9 pupils from the College invited to Buckingham Palace on the 13 May to receive their certificates from HRH Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh. Congratulations to Frederik Jensen on receiving his certificate at the palace.

### The following pupils completing their gold DofE this term:

Oliver Edmead and Oliver May

### Half Colours were awarded for their outstanding contribution to sport as follows:

In tennis: Sergio Vieira and Reha Akinlosotu

In golf: Archie and George Shakespeare

### Half colours were awarded in house for their outstanding contribution to the creative arts as follows:

In Art to Michael Abourous

In drama to Esteban Boruel-Lopez

In Photography to Jossi Pears

Special mention to Sam Hamilton. It has been recorded Sam has made a total of 46 1st XV rugby appearances over the last three years (not including 7s fixtures). He has not missed a single match and progressed to represent Kent U18 and London and South East U18 rugby. This is likely to be a 1st XV record and will no doubt stand for a very long time.

Well done to Toby Tomlin for achieving his grade 5 clarinet with distinction.





# Bandstand Concert



## Creative Arts

The Summer term has seen another fantastic variety of musical opportunities. Jazz Day led by Mr Laverack, was enjoyed by pupils from Brambletye, St Andrew's and Vinehall and members of the College Jazz Band. A new event, the Big School Band Night, saw 14 acts take to the stage in Big School, in aid of St Mary's Meals. With an open floor downstairs, and parents and guests sensibly enjoying drinks in the upstairs balcony, pupils were able to enjoy a BBQ on College Field and pop in and support their friends rocking some classics! Members of the Jazz Band then popped back early from half term to provide some background easy listening during the Lashings cricket match, whilst straight after the break, the Night at the Musicals concert in the JWA, in aid of the charity Young Minds UK, saw 15 pupils singing popular show tunes from shows such as My Fair Lady, Les Miserables, Dear Evan Hansen and Hamilton. The annual Y9 concert saw more class bands than ever, with many pupils performing on instruments for the first time. The Foundation Day musical interlude, after a rousing service to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Chapel, featured a number of music scholars. Over 50 entrants from the preliminary rounds were whittled down to 12 singers in the Vocal Final and 16 instrumentalists in the The Young Musician Final. Zach Perry won the junior class vocal competition. The Summer Concert was a fitting tribute to Philip Broadley and his unwavering support of the Birley Centre and Music Department, in particular. The programme included Alice Younger playing a Mozart violin concerto, Vaughan Williams's English Folk song suite, some English string miniatures by Elgar and Bush, and then by way of contrast, some film scores and a rousing rendition of Sussex by the Sea! The final week of term began with the Bandstand Sessions, where the Singer Songwriters and Tom Williams launched their new album, the crowd got behind Tiger and the G's in their final outing at EBC and the Jazz Band finished off proceedings with a bang.

In DT, Oliver Edmead, our current Arkwright Scholar, has also been successful in reaching the interview stage for a Quest Undergraduate Scholarship, provided by the Institute of Civil Engineers and worth up to £8000, to support the brightest and best talent entering a career in Civil Engineering.

The summer term in drama has been a busy one. First congratulations must go to recent EBC alumnus Ben Young on winning his place at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. The term has seen much success with the



# Powell boys in action



# Sports Day 2024







completion of some innovative and original A level and GCSE academic performances tackling hard-hitting issues such as the failure of the care system in the UK to the worsening of inequality during the pandemic. On a lighter note, this year's Dell play, *The Good Doctor*, has proved an hilarious hit featuring some highly skilled comic performances from the ludicrously talented year twelve cast. As ever, our doors have been open to the best in the industry. We invited Ed Bennett, who played Hamlet in the West End, to lead a Shakespeare masterclass with scholars, as well as Gecko, a leading physical theatre company to exhaust our younger scholars in some high-octane exercises. *The Night at The Musicals*, in collaboration with the music department, was a massive success, raising £350 for leading mental health charity Young Minds UK and surfacing the next generation of talent for the college musical in years to come.

## Service

The College's spirit of service has remained undaunted this term. In the CCF, Captain Martin wishes to thank Regimental Sergeant-Major Alex Davies and Company Sergeant-Major Laurence Callow for continuing their support of B Company training into the summer term. Also very deserving of acknowledgement is Gregory Ashley-Taylor and the 11 lower sixth NCOs who have led B Company



sections through this past year, preparing lessons, often weekly, to deliver to the Year 10 cadets. Seven of our top Y10 cadets and one L6 NCO again experienced the thrills of aerobatics for 30 minutes with an RAF pilot, followed by a visit to the command bunker that controlled the battle of Britain in our termly field day. A highly successful four day camp saw all year 10 cadets experiencing fullbore live firing, orienteering, a high ropes course, field cookery, and camouflage and concealment activities, as well as a trip to the cinema and Bicester designer outlet village.

A cross-House effort by Alex Chapman, Tom Stoner, Ben Davies and Will Fellows raised over £3,700 for the Cancer charity, "Race for Life".



## Sport

We have seen 18 sports competing through the year. 90% of the pupil body competed for the College's 100+ teams in over 600 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, was unleashed during the term with many superb performances and results including six centuries and a number of five wickets hauls, all of which have counted towards the fantasy league competition. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys have once again played some very exciting cricket with victories over King's, Bede's, Tonbridge and Whitgift, as well as reaching the semi-final of the Sussex Schools Langdale Final and the furthest the College has ever gotten in the national T20 in the regional final. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI enjoyed a superb season yet again with six wins from seven with just a 3 run loss to Tonbridge. Despite much of the season disrupted by rain and opposition teams unable to raise 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI teams, these two teams played great cricket when they could. The U15As won half their matches and reached the semi-final of the county cup. Congratulations to a unique achievement by the U15Bs who put on a masterclass in winning close matches and won all five of their fixtures and a 100% win record. This has only been achieved twice by any teams in the last 10 years alone. All three U14 teams worked hard throughout the season and will be looking to continue to improve over the winter in readiness for next year, as has been proved by this year's U15Bs who only won twice last year. A huge thanks to all the boys cricket staff who give up long hours to give us incredible opportunities on the field.

The Tennis teams have had an outstanding summer term yet again. There have been county titles won again by the U16 and U18 girls. The 1<sup>st</sup> team girls retained their Sussex County title, won their regional final, and went onto the national finals at Nottingham. This is the seventh time in eight years the senior girls have won through to the national finals. There were block fixtures with some Saturdays seeing all 25 College courts in action and over 100 boys and girls competing, and we were able to field a large number of boys teams as many have been enjoying tennis and competing hard. The boys 1<sup>st</sup> VI had a very good season, reaching the last rounds of the County Championships and beating most local opposition. After the end of term, the squads will play in the Independent Schools finals at Eton. The athletics team continue to go from strength to strength in the hugely successful Sussex schools diamond league and 17 athletes qualified for the Sussex championships with some going through to the nationals. There have been 6 gold (Ben Fellows in the Long Jump), 2 silver and 4 bronze medals won in the diamond league along with personal bests, new College and new diamond league records.



Other impressive achievements and highlights include the amazing success of the golf team reaching the national finals for the second consecutive year finishing in the top 20 from 130 schools entered. George and Archie Shakespeare have been competing in the England Open U16 Golf competition (McGregor Trophy), with George placing 13th (+1 after 4 rounds at West Essex GC) and Archie 36th, an outstanding effort from both.



Powell's swimmers have been training hard and we wish Stanley Yeats and Matt Clark the best of luck in the Swim England National Summer Meet. Live coverage can be found here: <https://www.swimming.org/sport/swimming-live-stream/>



# Inter-house Sport



# Powell boys in action



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## Caffe Sospeso Film



### Date for the diary:

Eastbournian Society Annual Dinner 2024

Friday 6 September 2024

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Annual Dinner 2024

📍 The Grand Hotel, Eastbourne

📅 Friday 06 Sep 2024

🕒 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

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## Final thoughts of the term

My sincere thanks to tutor team and for all the guidance and knowledge they have shared with the boys over the course of the academic year in Powell and the support they have given me.

I thank Dr Tomos Evans for his excellent pastoral support to a number of boys' in Y11 Powell in the lead up to the GCSE exams. We will miss his kindness and warmth and wish him well as he adds further letters to his name, as he commences a prestigious research role at one of the Ivy League's top institutions, Princeton. I also thank Mr Jon Bathard-Smith for his outstanding pastoral service as a duty tutor over the last 10 years in Powell and we wish him the best of luck in his new role as the Director of Marketing and Admissions for the charity.

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.

Emma, Max and I wish the whole Powell community a relaxing summer break.

Sam



### Dates for the diary:

#### Michaelmas Term 2024

Wednesday 28 August - House open 10am - 6pm/Induction day for new pupils

Thursday 29 August - Michaelmas Term begins

Friday 20 September - Exeat (commences at 14.15) and U6 Parents meeting 14.45

Friday 18 October - Half term (commences at 14.15) and L6 Parents meeting 14.45

Monday 4 November - Second half of term begins

Friday 22 November - Exeat (commences at 14.15) and Y9 Parents meeting 14.45

Friday 13 December - Term ends (15.45)

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