

# Reeves all about it

## *Lent Term Review*



Despite the lent term being the shortest of the year it is always one of the busiest and as I look back on the past ten weeks it is hard to envisage just how much has been packed into such a short space of time. There has been plenty of progress with UCAS applications and the boys in Year 11 and Year 13 have sat mock examinations and will return after the Easter break with examinations looming. Details of study leave for both year groups are included in the dates to the right. As always, the boys have participated fully in all aspects of

school life and some of their achievements have been documented throughout this newsletter. My thanks as ever go to those boys who have represented the house in a wide variety of music and sporting events this term some of which have led to more success than others as ever, but the boys remain keen and enjoy the opportunity to represent Reeves. The College magazine has now added a house section which allows us to report on the house twice per term as well and my thanks go to Cass Stallion for all his work on this front. As we are now at the end of the term attention will turn to the summer term. Cricket, tennis, or athletics will be likely sports for many with more house competitions on the horizon with the boys keen to push on and try and secure the house cup. At the end of the term, we look forward to welcoming back Year 11 and Year 13 boys for sports day and Speech Day and hopes are high for a result like last year. I am looking forward to having house BBQs and the return of yard cricket as we benefit from the lighter evenings. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the tutors and Kay for all their hard work throughout the term and thank you the parents/ guardians for your continued support. I hope you have found the weekly emails useful, and you enjoy hearing about what is happening in the house on a weekly basis. Below is a snapshot of some of the house and wider achievements this term. I hope that you have a fantastic Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you on the side line in glorious sunshine in the summer term. Matt

## *Key dates for summer Term 2023:*

### **Monday 17 April**

House open 10am-8pm

### **Tuesday 18 April**

New term begins for all.  
HM Assembly

### **Monday 1 May**

(Bank holiday) Normal Monday (all pupils at school)

### **Friday 5 May (coronation exeat)**

Exeat – term ends at 2.35PM

### **Monday 8 May**

School closed.

### **Tuesday 9 May**

Term resumes for all pupils

### **Monday 15 May**

Year 11 study leave

### **Monday 22 May**

Year 13 study leave

### **Monday 26 May**

Half term

### **Monday 5 June**

Term resumes for all pupils

### **Saturday 1 July**

Term ends for ALL pupils.

### **Wednesday 30 August**

New pupil induction day.

### **Thursday 31 August**

Terms starts for ALL pupils.

## Academic repor

During the course of the term, there have been examples of outstanding academic achievement and effort that deserve our collective recognition. Year 13 have been receiving plenty of offers from their UCAS applications and are working towards their firm and insurance options ahead of the 8<sup>th</sup> of June deadline.

In January, pupils in Year 11 sat their mock GCSE exams with a level of performance that bodes very well for the summer. The top performer in Reeves and one of the top performers in the College was Noah Titterton-Manos with an average score of 8 or above. January also brought news of offers from Oxbridge and we congratulate Karam Al-Robaie on his offer to read Mathematics at Jesus College Oxford. In February the Year 13 boys sat their mock exams. Leading performers included Karam Al-Robaie and Ben van Noort who secured at least two A\* grades. Karam was the leading performer in the College with four A\* grades.

In February, Isaac Ellwood was offered a place on the Trinity College Cambridge Language, Power, and Cultures Programme. A considerable achievement competing amongst more than 200 applicants. In the Schools Challenge Quiz Isaac, took part in the first edition of this competition and equipped himself very well against Stockport Grammar School.

In the UK Chemistry Olympiad, Isaac Ripley and Karam Al-Robaie achieved bronze awards. While In the Physics Olympiad, Ewan Clark and Isaac Ripley achieved Bronze 1 awards and will receive their certificates in the summer term. In economics, eight Year 12 pupils entered two teams into the Institute of Economic Affairs' annual Budget Challenge – giving their own views on how they would manage the economy if put in the Chancellor's shoes. Zizie Ndlovu and Alex Weame were part of the team that managed to progress through to the semi-finals of the competition.

In mathematics, there were some fantastic results from the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, sat by pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 and we await the results in the summer term.

In modern languages, Reuben Mace took part in the UK Linguistics Olympiad.

### **Best eRC Lent Term 2023**

Year 9 – Hector Lawson

Year 10 – Tom Hoskinson

Year 11 – Noah Titterton-Manos

Year 12 – Isaac Ellwood

Year 13 – Jacob Kremer

### **Most improved ErC**

Year 9 – Freddie Timlin

Year 10 – Felix Boyes

Year 11 – Oguz Karaca

Year 12 – Charlie Jenden

Year 13 – Ptolemy Ridge

### **Praise marks Roll of honour – Lent Term 2023**

#### **Top 5 pupils in each year for this academic year\***

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
1. Hector Lawson – 45	1. Felix Boyes – 16	1. Billy Mannion – 9	1. Zizie Ndlovu – 13	1. William Goddard - 9
2. Freddie Timlin - 32	2. Cameron Pert – 15	2. Christopher Mallmann-Wettem - 8	2. Alex Weame – 12	2. Dylan Pearson - 6
3. William Fellows -30	3. Tom Hoskinson – 13	3. Edward Olley – 7	3. Ewan Clark - 7	3. Ptolemy Ridge – 6
4. Barney Bathard-Smith – 27	4. William Travers - 13	4. Olly Beatton – 6	4. Isaac Ellwood - 7	4. William Liggett - 5
5. Aaden Wong – 23	5. Kieran Clark – 21	5. Oguz Karaca – 6	5. Alexander Farlam – 3	5. Alex Cardoza – 4

\*Two reward points awarded for a Show HsM. 1 Point awarded for praise.

## Creatives Report

It has been a busy term for many of the boys in music and drama. Zizie Ndlovu (pictured, right) and Oguz Karaca kicked off the year with the EBCTV premiere of *Surviving School* to a packed house in the JWA. The boys are now hard at work on episode two which will be due after the Easter holidays. Zizie was also involved in the recent Gold Arts Award performance of *Heathers the Musical*.



In Drama, it's academic performance season and both GCSE and A-level cohorts performed a variety of scripted pieces. Well done to Noah Gould, Oguz Karaca, Finlay Eadie, Billy Mannion and Noah Titterton-

Manos for their performances. GCSE Drama pupils also enjoyed a recent trip to London to attend a performance of *Medea*. While in art Harrison Deller and Al Maclaumin have visited the Tate Modern to make use of their diverse exhibitions to help them with their GCSE projects.



Hector Lawson (pictured above, left) was part of a group of Year nine drama scholars who made an exceptionally strong debut in their performance of Michael Frayn's *Matchbox Theatre* in *Le Brocq* – future star of the college stage no doubt. Hector was also part of the music scholar's performance in the earlier part of this term. Christopher Mallmann-Wetterm performed at the GCSE music recital while Felix McAndrew and Hector Lawson were part of the annual Prep School Orchestra Day which was a great success. At the end of term assembly Nima Sorooshian (pictured, left) was presented with his grade 6 certificate in the piano.

The term ended with the annual House a Cappella Competition. As ever, this was a hotly contested affair with the team putting their own twist on *Lean on Me*. My thanks (team pictured, below) to Daniel Caroe, Hector Lawson, Felix McAndrew, Louis Poulton, James Katz, Eddie Anderson, Noah Gould, Sebastian Pearson, Isaac Ellwood and Zizie Ndlovu who gave up a lot of their time to rehearse and represent the house. It is never easy to sing in front of a large group of people. Made even more difficult when you do not have a backing track. The boys were rightly pleased with some very encouraging feedback from the judge and plans are already forming for our song for next year.



## House Dinner

This year we shared our house dinner with Blackwater house. Each year group were asked to dress up as a personality/ character or celebrity that had a name that started with the same letter as their name. Each year group made a strong effort, and the boys enjoyed the chance to socialise with the Blackwater girls while enjoying a buttermilk chicken burger and some brownies thanks to the College catering team.



## Sport Report

This term has seen 17 sports playing over 350 fixtures with almost 85% of pupils having now played a fixture for the College this year. Almost all the Reeves boys have been involved in fixtures this term and pictures of some have been included below alongside some pictures from the house competitions that have taken place this term. Pictured below left is William Goddard Captain of boys' hockey receiving his full colours and below right Cass Stallion vice-captain of boys' football receiving his full colours from the headmaster.



Sports colours have Been awarded to:	Sport
Oliver Tutt (half)	Hockey
Dylan Pearson (half)	Football
Charlie Jenden (half)	Football
William Goddard	Hockey
Cass Stallion	Football
Theo Bathard-Smith	Football

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI boy's hockey team have played some superb hockey in all competitions. They have averaged almost 3.5 goals a game and have been involved in many exciting matches. Well done to Oliver Tutt and William Goddard who have been part of the term this season. There have been an impressive 150 goals scored by all the teams this term with U14As winning 11 of their 14 matches and reaching the regional playoffs and scoring 32 goals.

The U14 Boys pictured below were also crowned County Champions earlier this term. Well done to Daniel Caroe, William Fellows ©, Barney Bathard-Smith and Vincent Marten who were part of the team.





The U15As of Neffion Myles-Hal, Rowan Bell, Henry Hollands, and Monty Dean completed an unbeaten 100% winning Saturday season and based on some outstanding performances for the team this season Henry Hollands has been invited to join the College's gifted and talented sports programme. The U15Ds consisting of Kieran Clark and Jonah Ripley played out a 6-5 thriller against Hurst. Congratulations should also go to Oliver Tutt who was one of six 1<sup>st</sup> XI players who qualified for the national club T2 final at Nottingham with Eastbourne Hockey Club. James Katz, Billy Curtis, Henry Hollands and Rowan Bell were part of the U16 hockey team who made it through round three of tier two national cup. Jack Etheridge and Reuben Mace (pictured, left) were part College equestrian team qualifying for the national finals again.

The cross country team of William Liggett (pictured bottom left), Mark Mckie, Elliot Hibbert and William Fellows competed in the Sussex Champs. Zizie Ndlovu, Isaac Ellwood, Karam Al-Robaie and Oguz Karaca



have been part of the basketball team and have one more league game next term to finish the season while the U14 boys Fives team of Barney Bathard-Smith, William Fellows and Teddy Dean competed in the south-east regional competitions.

Mark Mckie (pictured, right) has been part of the College swim team that broke school records at the national 150 schools Bath Cup at the Olympic Park. Mark competed in the freestyle and medley events and qualified for



the finals. The boy's finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the freestyle and 7<sup>th</sup> in the medley. Mark was also part of the junior boys' swim team and competed at The Weald and Download where he won all of his individual events to help the junior boys' team come 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. A just reward for the early morning and evening swimming which goes unseen but recognised.

The football season, unfortunately, got hit hard by the weather in the first half of term but continued in the second half with fixtures against Cranleigh, Bede's, Worth, Charterhouse, Tonbridge, and Brighton. Special mention should go to Noah Titterton-Manos, Dylan Pearson, Cass Stallion, Theo Bathard-Smith, and Charlie Jenden who have represented the 1<sup>st</sup> XI this term.



Jack Pincus, Karam Al-Robaie, Louis Fisher, Noah Gould, Seb Pearson, and Eddie Anderson have been part of the senior boy's rugby 15-a-side league playing under floodlights in Horsham before switching to Sevens in the second half. Karam Al-Robaie competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> team and Eddie Anderson U16s at Rosslyn Park this week and were very unfortunate not to get out of their group and into day 2 but always a great experience in the world's largest rugby tournament.



Details of house sports overall results this term are detailed below. At the end of this term, Reeves sit 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the house sports cup standings. Highlights included 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Year 9 boys in house hockey with first place finishes for the Year 10 and senior teams. The senior boys were also victorious in the house football tournament in the final week of the term.

Hockey	Water Polo	Football	Chess
1.Reeves	1.Gonville	1.Wargave	1.Pennell
2.Craig	2.Reeves	2.Gonville	2.Wargrave
3.Pennell	= Wargrave	3.Reeves	3.Reeves
4.Gonville	3. Craig	= Powell	4.Powell
5.Powell	= Pennell	4. Pennell	5.Gonville
= Wargrave	= Powell	5.Craig	6.Craig





The house chess team managed to produce another strong performance but this year they were unable to go all the way but a strong third-place finish contributed vital points to the house cause. Well done to Daniel Caroe, Freddie Timlin, Alex Weame and Karam Al-Robaie who were part of the team. Match reports from the quarter-final and semi-final fixtures are detailed below.

**Quarterfinal** - Reeves against Craig was slightly rugby-delayed but both teams play pretty fast and furious, so their games ended well before many others. On board 3 (Freddie v Orlando) and board 2 (Alex v Matteo) Craig put up a good fight but was eventually overwhelmed by the Reeves players. Board 1 was the last of the three to finish and Victor (playing black for Craig) held a clear advantage over Karam for much of the middle game. However, he had to deal with a messy, complex position and a dangerous double rook attack from Karam and couldn't quite see how to defend it accurately. Suddenly his queen was lost and a few moves later, Victor resigned.

**Semi-final** - Reeves v Pennell - Board 1: **Alex** v Pieter (White)

An aggressive game and both players brought their queens out early. Alex left it a little too long to castle and Pieter checked the king – leaving a black rook trapped in the corner (see diagram below). Pieter thought he'd seen a queen sacrifice that would see Alex checkmated but Alex found the only move to defend. This gave him the chance to win a rook for a knight, but he was running out of pawns! There was a clever pin on the pawn protecting the black king at one end, but a knight and queen attack at the other meant both players were fighting for their lives! Alex forced a queen swap and now the endgame started with Alex a rook up but Pieter with three extra pawns. If he could queen them the game would be over – however, Alex was solid in defence and Pieter couldn't see any option to break through. Finally, after 75 minutes the players needed to leave, and it went to a judge's decision. The extra material for black and the lack of opportunity for white to queen a pawn gave the victory to Reeves.

Board 2: **Karam** (White) v Victor - An early queen swap led rapidly into the middle game. A neat knight attack from Karam (on white) won two pawns and undermined the fianchettoed bishop protecting Victor's king. That knight, supported by a bishop, caused Victor no end of problems and since Karam hadn't castled, he was able to push a pawn with rook protection all the way to h6, only blocked by the trapped black king. However, Karam's unconventional position meant that when Victor managed to hold off the attack the game was very evenly matched, even with a slight material advantage to white. Karam's king was horribly exposed and suddenly Victor found a bishop fork (that would have won his knight) and Karam resigned.

Board 3: **Freddie** v Cedric (White)

Cedric was able to build a quick advantage on this board and his queen and rook rapidly invaded the seventh rank. This was impossible for Freddie to defend, and his king was trapped – checkmate.

Result: 2-1 Pennell

