

Wargrave House News

Summer Term Review



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Key dates for Michaelmas Term 2022 Please note that the whole house is expected to stay in for those events marked with an asterix

18th August – A Level results available from 8am

25th August – GCSE results available from 8am

31st August – 5.30pm new Y9 boarders arrive
6pm for existing boarders

1st September – first day of term.

23 – 25th September – first exeat. U6th
Parents meeting 15.15 on Friday 25th

1st October – Wargrave House Concert (Big School) *

14th October – 15.15, Y12 parents meeting

14th – 30th October – half term

18th – 20th November – second exeat. Y9
Parents meeting 15.15 on Friday 18th

3rd December – House Dinner (on site) *

16th December – term ends 15.45

Academic

Two fifths of the house have been sitting public exams, and I am happy to report that the general tone of the house since May has been one of industry and focus. We wish them all the best with their results, and a reminder that both Miss Gordon and I will be on hand on Thursday 18th August and Thursday 25th August to assist with any issues arising for A Level and GCSE results respectively. Please do get in touch if needed.

The Headmaster was pleased to commend James Zhou for winning the Cambridge University Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology Davidson Award. James and his team worked independently through the project with their 'lzy solution'. Congratulations to James.

The Headmaster was also pleased to commend Justin-Bonneau Diesce who co-jointly successfully edited and produced issue 1 of the first ever academic magazine, *Symposium*, featuring articles sourced from pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. This has been some considerable feat of engagement and persistence and it makes for excellent reading.

Named subject prizes were awarded by the Headmaster to the following:

Miguel Santos de Quevedo Cardiel – Broadley Prize for Heads of School

Leo Shen – Elizabeth Hurst Senior Mathematics Prize

Benjamin Hutt – Lower Sixth French Prize

Isaac Tam – EC Arnold Lower Sixth Biology Prize

Leander Walters – Lower Sixth Geography Prize

James Zhou – Lower Sixth Chemistry Prize & Alex Coates Lower Sixth Physics Prize

Bob Zhao – NJ Hill Junior Prize for Computing & Tunstall Junior Chemistry Prize

Toby Wheatley – RG Dyer Junior Art Prize

Ian Tam – Chemistry Year 9 Prize & English Year 9 Prize and Religious Studies Year 9 Prize

Winners of **end of year class effort prizes**, signifying that they are the most industrious pupil in the set are as follows:

Kachi Edet – Art

Aman Shah – Chemistry

Freddie Jones – Physical Education

Congratulations to all.

Praise marks League Table 2021/2 as it stands * Leading three pupils for the house yearly competition.			
Year	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
9	Ian Tam (76)	Aman Shah (48)	Elliot Freeborough (44)
10	Dan Sasao (47)	Jason Mo (42)	Daniel Hammond (37)
11	Ivan Wong (45)	Toby Wheatley (45)	Bob Zhao (42)
12	Justin Bonneau Diesce (34)	Adrian Wong (33)	James Zhou (31)
13	Miguel Santos de Quevedo Cardiel (16)	Marmaduke Carr (13)	David Wang (10)

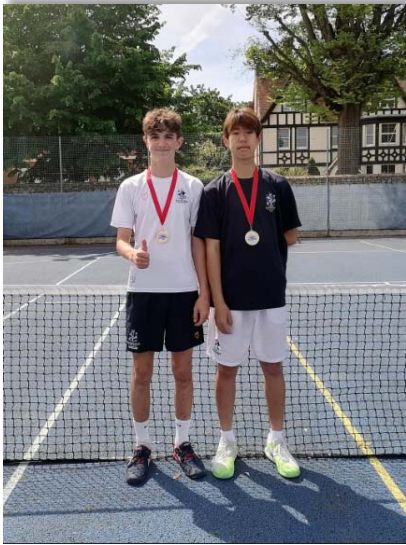
* 1 point for a piece of praise, two points for a show hsm (where tied, the fewer sanction points makes the difference in placing)

Sporting Success

Summer Term means three things: Cricket, Tennis, Athletics!

Wargrave's tennis pedigree continues with notable successes throughout the term for Miguel Santos de Quevedo Cardiel, Luca Dumas, Maksim Drozd and Moritz Bauer.

Luca and his partner, Daniel Li from Gonville, (pictured) got through to the regional final of 'The Road to Wimbledon' players event. Having been successful they got the chance to play at Wimbledon next to some very notable tennis stars who were training nearby. Unfortunately, they were knocked out at this stage, but what an achievement to even get there! Luca's sights are set on next year already.

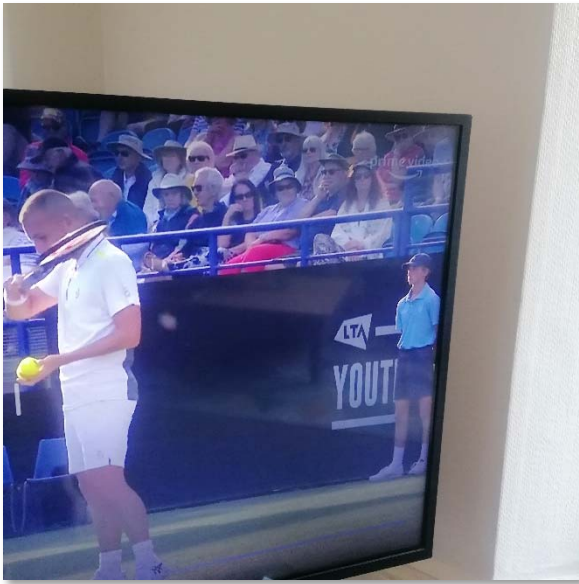


Although a bit of a damp start to the season, there have been some excellent cricket scores racked up. Most notably in Y10 with Felix Mann scoring his century on College Field against Claremont (see pic) and Ben Perry scoring 75 not out on the same piece of hallowed turf against Tonbridge, for the UI5Cs (see pic). Great memories made for both of them.



Rothesay International LTA

Once again, Eastbourne was abuzz for a week with tennis action and I was reminded once again of what a wonderful town we are fortunate enough to live in. To have an international tennis tournament of this scale right on our doorstep is a real privilege, and I was delighted that many of the Wargravians managed to snuffle out a ground pass or two here and there to head over and experience some of the world class tennis. The school has a strong relationship with the tournament and we provide a large majority of the ball crew for the event. This year, those Wargravians involved were Miguel Santos de Quevedo Cardiel, Maksim Drozd and Brooke Haycock. Well done to them for a grueling week in some high 20 degree heat – the Sunshine Coast really did pull out the stops for our guests. All three boys have been putting in the evening hours since about March, training for all the signals and dexterity that they need up on Beresford AstroTurf. It is a real commitment and they therefore thoroughly deserve the treat of having front row 'seats' on Centre Court to see the likes of Serena Williams, Jelena Ostapenko, Dan Evans, Cameron Norrie etc. I made it over for a grand total of 26 minutes in between lessons so unfortunately all of the photos of the ball crew below are either from my TV screen or taken by colleagues who were fortunate enough to get to watch. I'm not bitter at all, not in the slightest.....



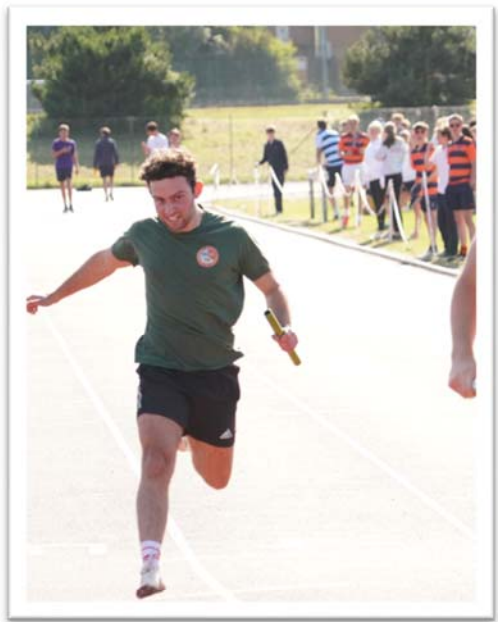
Sports Day

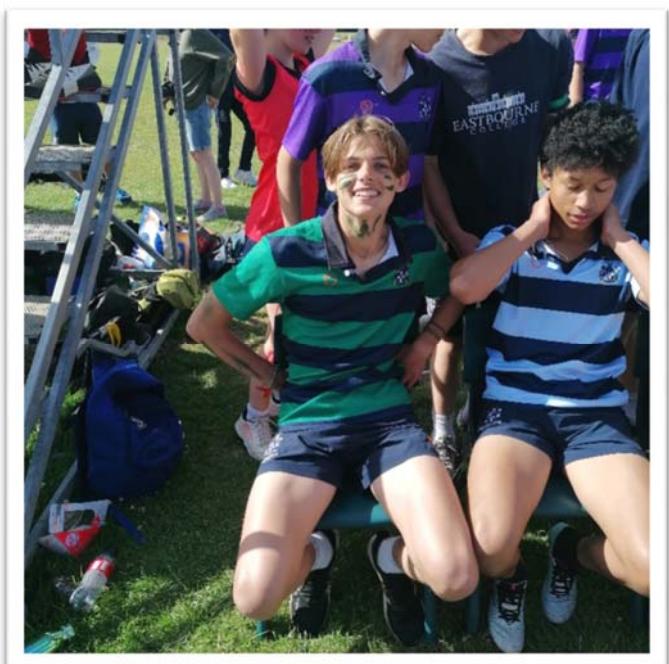
Too much to mention in total here, but Eastbourne Sports Park was abuzz with activity for our annual sports day on the penultimate day of term and we were once again very successful on the podium. It was particularly pleasing to see plenty of house spirit on display, and next year's set of prefects did well to get the emerald green war paint on the boys. My enormous thanks to Mrs Price and Mr Harrison, both of whom put an enormous amount of effort into organizing such a slick occasion.

The biggest congratulations must go to Tsola Temi-Omatseye who won *Victor Ludorum* – signifying that he was the best male athlete on the day. Other notable winners of races/events below:



Event	Placing	Time/Distance
400m Y11	Sean Foster (1st)	1.07.87
Senior High Jump	Toby Bright (1st)	1.75m
Senior Shotput	Connor Gorman (1st)	9.70m
Y9 Triple Jump	Will Plimsoll (1st)	10.11m
Y10 Long Jump	Will Coleman (1st)	5.37m
Y11 Long Jump	Tsola Temi-Omatseye (1st)	6.21m
Y11 200m	Kachi Edet (1st)	24.59
Y11 100m	Tsola Temi-Omatseye (1st)	11.61
Y11 800m	Luca Dumas	2.30
Y11 Triple Jump	Will Steed	10.35m
Inter 100m relay	Tsola Temi-Omatseye, Kachi Edet, Will Coleman, Will Steed (1st)	47.87
Y9 Hurdles	Elliot Freeborough	12.54
Y9 300m	Will Plimsoll	42.76

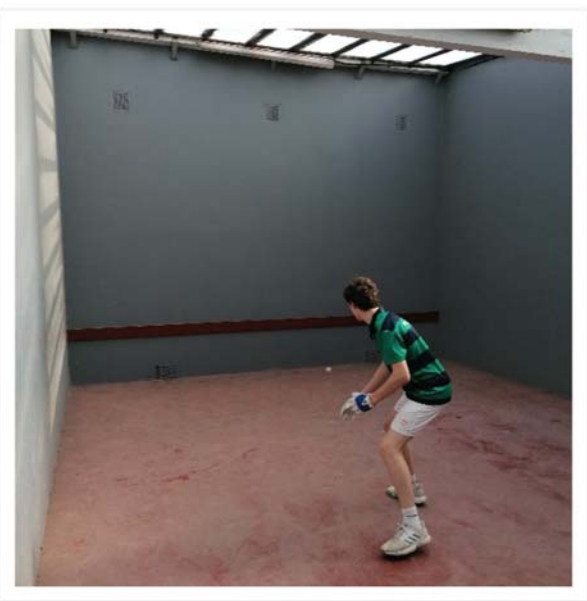




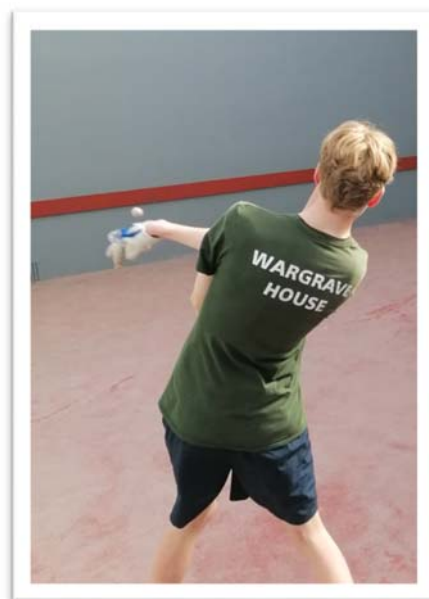
Interhouse competitions

I thought that the Lent Term saw the majority of our house competitions, but how wrong I was! This term has been jam-packed with badminton, tennis, cricket, basketball and fives. Happily, we have been victorious in more than one of these. Unhappily, my congratulatory pizza budget has taken a real hammering this term. Dominos now recognise me by voice!

Interhouse tennis saw the winning combination of Miguel, Luca, Moritz and Maksim for the seniors, Jason Mo, Felix, Dan H, Ed and Paddy for the Y10s and Brooke, Will Plimsoll, Will Bligh and Elliot for the juniors. Some hotly contested matches, well executed.



Ed Nolan was back on the court, but with a significantly different ball in the interhouse fives tournament. Playing with Will James, the two also won their tournament. Adrian and Isaac came narrowly close to winning interhouse badminton. The junior basketball team put in a sterling (and sweaty) performance to come third overall and the swimming team did excellently to win in the seniors and come 5th in the junior competition. It was particularly excellent to see the elite swimmers – Jack Evans and Zach Howard compete in a gruelling 'skins' race (too complicated to explain here, but do ask them!) to push them to their athletic limits.



We didn't place in the interhouse golf tournament (run by our very own Mr Roberts), but Aman Shah, Steven Zhang and Ben Hutt had a good time trundling around the Royal Eastbourne course nonetheless. The interhouse competitions closed on the penultimate week of term with the Y10 boys once again proving their sporting prowess by winning cricket convincingly on College Field against Reeves Y10 (see photo of a core of the team below). Arguably even more hotly contested than interhouse sport has been the *many* quick cricket matches taking place in the Wargrave back garden this term (see pic). It is great for the boys to be able to down tools and blow off some steam in such fashion and many of my afternoons plugging away at emails in the office has been punctuated by enthusiastic cries of 'Howzaaaaaat????!!!!'. **I'm also hugely happy to announce that all of the above accumulated meant that we won the Sporting House Cup, which was announced on Speech Day to rapturous applause from the boys. One very proud housemaster right here.**



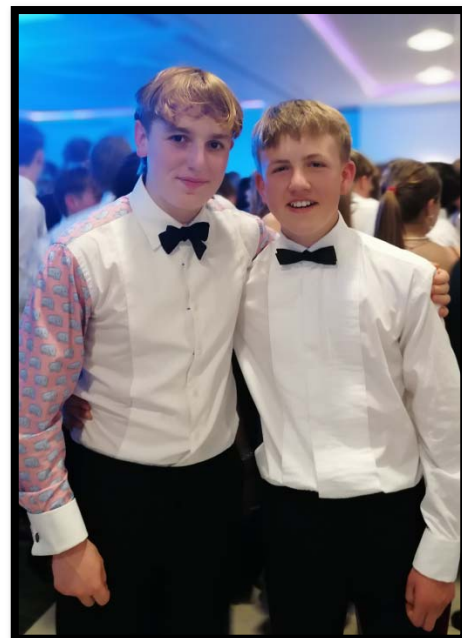
A quick run-down in table form of all the interhouse competitions is as follows:



Event	Placing
Tennis (Senior)	1 st
Tennis Y10	1 st
Tennis Y9	1 st
Fives	1 st
Basketball (Junior)	3 rd
Basketball (Senior)	
Badminton (Senior)	2 nd
Badminton (Junior)	4 th
Cricket (Senior)	(not placed, no playoffs played)
Cricket (Y10)	1 st
Cricket (Y9)	(not placed, no playoffs played)
Swimming (Senior)	1 st
Swimming (Junior)	5 th

The Boarders' Ball

Certainly one of the highlights for me this term was kicking the summer schedule off with a bang with the boarders' ball. Organised by Miss Burford and kindly nudged over the line by Miss Gordon, the evening was a huge success. It was lovely to be able to have the entire boarding community - c.260 at last count, I think – all together under one roof. It was also excellent to have a more formal occasion after last term's more casual (but still brilliant) house dinner with Nugent. Thank you to all of you for sourcing dinner jackets and the like for the boys. They looked incredibly dapper (see below). It was equally brilliant to see them boogieing away on the dance floor and to let their hair down to the resident band 'The Big Kahuna' who were incredibly well received. A spontaneous conga line ensued, which was a joy to witness! A brilliant evening was had by all, and my thanks to the tutors for giving up their first Saturday night of the term to help make the evening happen.



Service

Year 12s have just come to the end of their Service at School (SAS) programme. So I am now on the hunt for responsible dog walkers in Y11! Feel free to get them in a training regime over the summer, please!

A large cohort of Y10 have begun their silver Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, and the following Y11s are just about to head off on their Silver DofE expedition to the New Forest to round off their time with the award: Tom Burn, Sean Foster, Kachi Edet, Will Steed, Jack Evans, Josh van Overstraeten, Luca Dumas, Toby Wheatley. Will James and Will Pollington also head on their Gold Expedition to Wales. Here's hoping the weather stays fine for them for the next few days.

Brooke Haycock, Miguel Santos de Quevedo Cardiel and Maksim Drozd have all given their 'service' of sorts to the Eastbourne LTA tournament. Rubbing shoulders with the stars, having a front row seat for world class tennis and a load of free kit to boot doesn't seem like the most arduous type of 'giving back' in my books, but all jokes aside, they have worked hard over long hours in the blistering summer sunshine (see the piece above) and I know that the tournament organisers are very grateful for the relationship we have built up with the tournament (held at Devonshire Park just across the road) over the years. See above for pictures and a brief review of their experience.

Those Y10s not involved in Mr Ferley's cricket tour to Cambridgeshire spent the last week of term on CCF camp at doing daily activities at Buzz Active Cuckmere, Oggs Wood overnight activities, Buzz Eastbourne and a rotating trip up to the Imperial War museum in London. My thanks to Colonel Lamb for organising these great opportunities for them.

Creatives and the arts

There have been some excellent musical events throughout the term, with one of the highlights being the Y9 concert in early June. I am amazed by the 'synth' noises that can be produced from an iPad and it was particularly excellent to see Aman lead a trio of boys from the piano in a rendition of 'Eye of the Tiger'.



Jack Evans was in the spotlight playing a bit of Arctic Monkeys with Herbie Sleep as the mid-course entertainment at the Y11 dinner, to rapturous applause. My thanks to Jack for this as I organised the event.

Leander Walters came first in a national photography prize for the Boarding Schools Association (for work showcased in the Lent Term newsletter) and happily he is now starting to get paid commissions from

governors and magazines for his work. Don't forget the little people when you become famous, Leander!



Once again, Ian Tam was centre stage for many informal concerts organised by the music department. Amazingly, he performed his own composition 'Be Like You', at the Singer Songwriter's launch of their most recent Spotify album at the Undercroft on Monday 27th June. I am always astounded by how brave he is to perform in front of such big audiences. Do give the album a listen, there is an envious amount of talent on display.



Ben Hutt was also in action on the guitar for the Year 12 band playing a bit of Arctic Monkeys. It was like having our very own mini-Glastonbury on our doorstep, and a great way to round off the cultural events of the term.



Farewell Photos





Mr Mahony (2021-22)



Mr Chan – (2019-22)



Fr Merceron (2019-2022)



Final thought for the term

Phew, well done for reading if you have got this far as it has been a jam-packed term with a lot to run through. As ever, I have been astounded by how well the boys have coped with the many stresses and strains that term has thrown at them. The dawning of study leave filled me with a bit of dread at the beginning, but the sense of industry and purpose that blossomed was really excellent and left me inspired that the boys really are maturing and back on an even keel after the past few years of disruption.

Teaching is such a cyclical job, rolling with the seasons, and whilst we are in these balmy sunnier days with nature in full flow it seems odd to be thinking of finality. Despite that, farewells are the order of the day at the moment and I would like to take the opportunity here to thank my U6th for the incredibly good grace with which they have welcomed me as their housemaster, and for the gentlemanly calm that they have added to the top end of the house. Here's hoping that the other year groups imbibe that and emulate their top notch attitude in the years to come. Although it is goodbye to them, it is not farewell. They remain Old Eastboumians and Wargravians for life and are always welcome to visit. I hope that the Wargrave cufflinks that I will be posting their way in the coming weeks (dam the production bottleneck of the company) will get worn proudly on many an occasion at university or in the world of work in years to come. I am excited by the prospect of the current Year 12s taking on their mantle and leading from the top of the house from September.

It is also a goodbye *of sorts* to Mr A. Roberts, who thankfully remains in the house as a duty tutor, but moves just a few miles down the road in Eastbourne to the house that he has bought with his partner Rachael. Good luck for a summer of gardening, Mr Roberts! We are so thankful for his service as resident tutor since 2019 and are delighted to welcome Miss Garrett and Mr J Roberts jointly in his place. Mr Chan moves on to pastures new in London to take a little break from the classroom, and Mr Mahony moves on to take up a position as teacher of history at Canford School in the South West. After nine years at Eastbourne, Mr Ferley moves to Bradfield College to take up the role of Director of Cricket there. All three have been excellent tutors to their charges and they will be greatly missed. Fr Merceron moves sideways to fill a spot as duty tutor in Gonville House.

Both Jenni and I would like to thank you once again for your enormous generosity at the end of term, we were very touched. I will be writing to thank you all personally, but unfortunately a few bottles were left anonymously in the mêlée, so I apologise if this was you and you don't receive a personal thank you. We wish you all a very happy and relaxing Summer holidays, and we look forward to welcoming the boys back on August 31st. I do hope that any of your planning on heading abroad have a smooth and safe journey and look forward to hearing the tales of the summer from the boys on their return. I'll leave you with a beautiful shot of College Field at the start of this term. It really is a special spot and we are so lucky to live in such beautiful surroundings. If EasyJet cancel our flights (again), at least we have this vista to appreciate! As always, have a super break.

All the best,

Tim

