

WARGRAVE HOUSE NEWS

Summer Term Review



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Key dates for Michaelmas Term 2024 Please note that the whole house is expected to stay in for those events marked with an asterix

15th August – A Level results available from 8am

22nd August – GCSE results available from 8am

28th August – 5.30pm new Y9 boarders arrive
6pm for existing boarders

29th August - first day of term.

20th – 22nd September – first exeat. U6th
Parents meeting 14.45 on Friday 20th

27th September – Wargrave House Concert
(Big School) *

18th October – 14.45, Y12 parents meeting

18th October – 3rd November – half term

22nd -24th November – second exeat. Y9
Parents meeting & Y9 drama 14.45 on Friday 24th

13th 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 15th August and Thursday 22nd August to assist with any issues arising for A Level and GCSE results respectively. Please do get in touch if needed, I am at your disposal.

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

Jack Evans – Biology Y10 Prize

Timothee Dodard – German Y10 Prize

Kelsen Wang – Physics Y10 Prize

Ian Tam – NJ Hill Junior Prize for Computing & Seymour Junior Singing Prize

Derren Lai – Lower Sixth Economics Prize & Green Lower Sixth Mathematics Prize & Lower Sixth Chemistry Prize

Maksym Matviievskiy – Computing Upper Sixth Prize

Toby Wheatley – EE Morris Painting Prize & Senior Business Prize

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

Zac Bonehill – Design and Technology

Rory Staunton – History

Derren Lai – Biology

Marcus Ho – Maths

Umi Miyazawa – Art

Congratulations to all.

Praise marks League Table for Summer Term 2023/2024 as it stands * Leading three pupils for the house yearly competition.			
Year	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
9	Wilbur Lewis (75)	Ollie Davidson (59)	Jama Ismail (51)
10	Jack Evans (64)	Marcus Ho (61)	Timothee Dodard (43)
11	Ian Tam (64)	Brooke Haycock (37)	Will Bligh (36)
12	Derren Lai (68)	Dan Sasao (26)	Theo Cruttenden (25)
13	Toby Wheatley (15)	Kachi Edet (12)	Finn Hill (11)

* 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 Luca Dumas, and Brooke Haycock. The standard that they play to is very impressive and I have had many a nail-biting moment watching them in action on Powell tennis courts.

Although, as you will no doubt remember, there was an incredibly damp start to the season, the weather finally evened out and there have been some excellent cricket scores racked up. Most notably with no less than four members of the house consistently playing for the 1st XI: Jack Greig, Paddy Cooper, Ed Nolan and Daniel Hammond. Jack Greig now has 40+ caps for the Eastbourne 1st XI, and the team reached the semi-final of the Sussex Schools Langdale Cup and the furthest the college has ever progressed in the national T20 regional final. Harvey Nolan played consistently in the U15As who won half of their matches, and the U15B cricket team won 100% of their fixtures. Sean Foster scored a century for the 3rd XI in one of the closing matches of the season. Will Mclean also scored a century for the U14As.



Will Plimsoll has had the occasional call up for the 1st XI and both he and Elliot Freeborough have been pivotal members of the 2nd XI cricket team. See Will seemingly flying in action as he bowls in one of the photos below!



Finn Hill has, once again, been one of the most decorated athletes on the athletics circuit this season clocking up Gold in Long Jump, High Jump and Javelin in the SISDL league. Enough to push him through to national levels.

Congratulations to the following who were all awarded half or full colours by the Headmaster in the end of term assembly:

Finn Hill – Athletics – Full Colours
Luca Dumas – Tennis – Full Colours
Jack Greig – Cricket – Full Colours
Paddy Cooper – Cricket – Full Colours
Ed Nolan – Cricket – Full Colours
Aman Shah – Golf – Half Colours

Congratulations must also go to Jack Greig for his triple stag and for winning the Buckland Award for 1st VX Rugby and the Maurice ER Sims Prize for contribution to boys' sport.



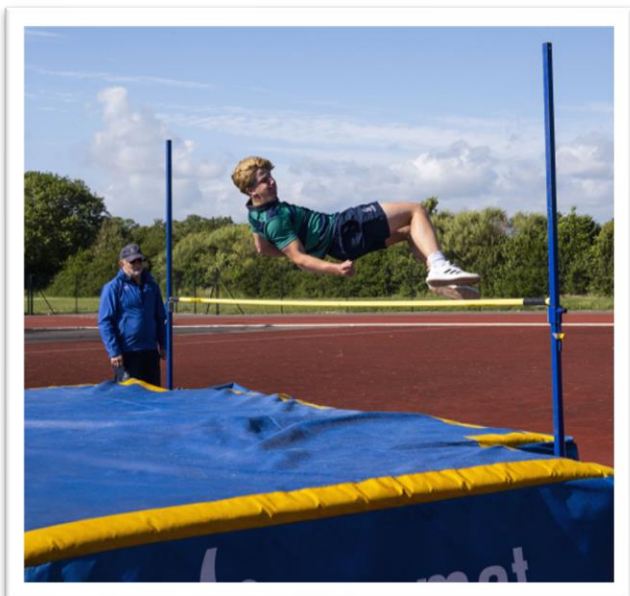
Sports Day

As ever, 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. It was much better weather than last year and we were once again very successful on the podium. It was particularly pleasing to see plenty of house spirit on display. My enormous thanks to Mrs Price and Mr Harrison, both of whom put a great amount of effort into organising such a slick occasion. Thank you also to incoming Head of House, Paddy Cooper for his role in rallying the troops and making sure all events were filled. This task can sometimes feel like herding cats, as I am sure Paddy can attest. This year we were able again to include heptathletes who could compete in six events on the day. An exhausting affair, but my thanks and awe in this regard goes to:

Finn Hill, Will Plimsoll, Tim Dodard and Will Mclean all of whom competed very hard. Mrs Ambler spent many hours crunching through the numbers and referring to school records, so I now have the pleasure of announcing particular successes in a number of areas as follows in the table below. Given our success I only have space to mention those who came 1st, but there were plenty of 2nd and 3rd places on the podium too. What is particularly pleasing to note is that we clearly have a huge depth of sporting talent in the house, but impressively, plenty of the boys securing the gold medals in certain events do not even take athletics as their main summer sport option, a testament to their inherent sporting abilities.

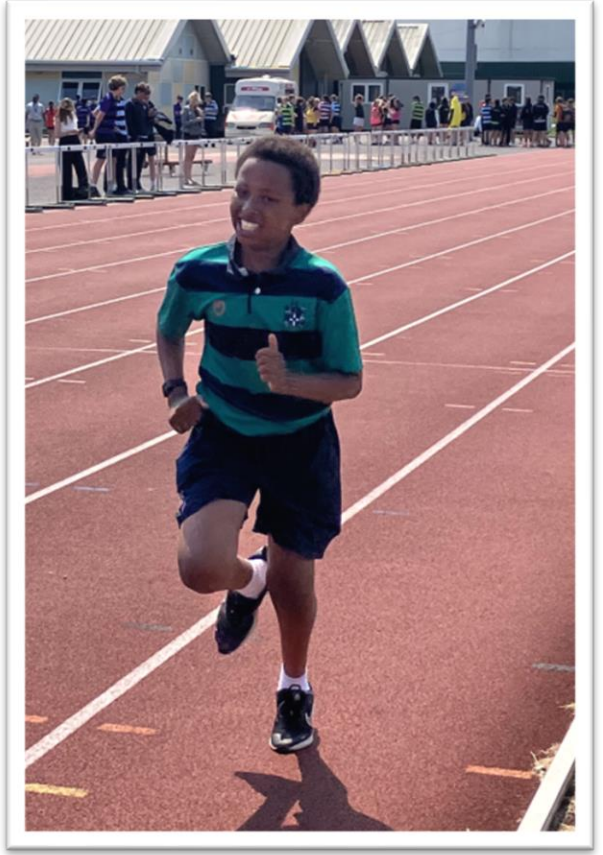
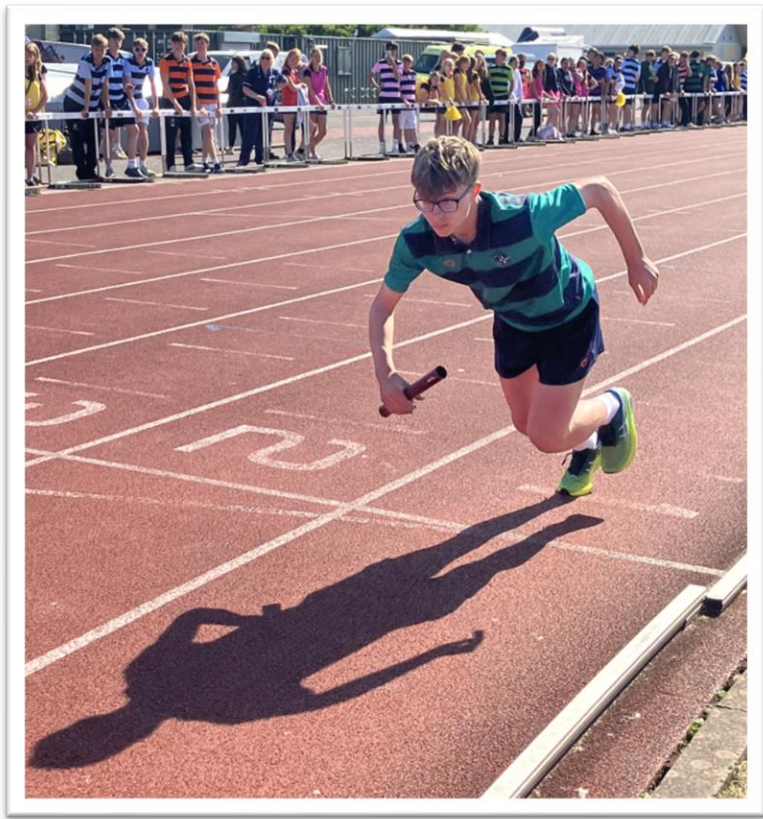


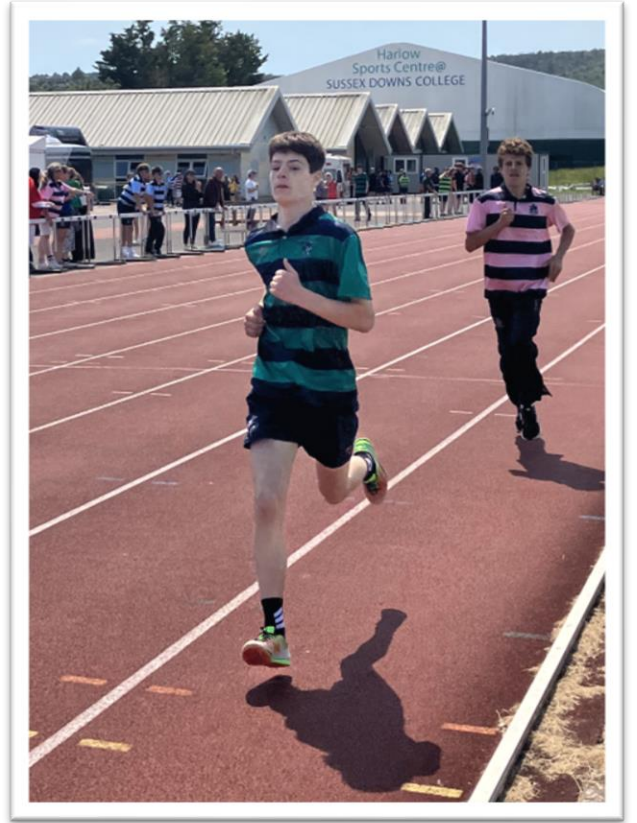
Will Plimsoll must be applauded for his outstanding victories in the Y I I category. However, of course, special mention must go to our springiest, fastest athlete in Wargrave, nay the entire school – Finn Hill. Amazingly, he retained the Victor Ludorum title for the second year running. See him leaping, bounding and sprinting in a fair few of the action shots below. Well done, Finn!

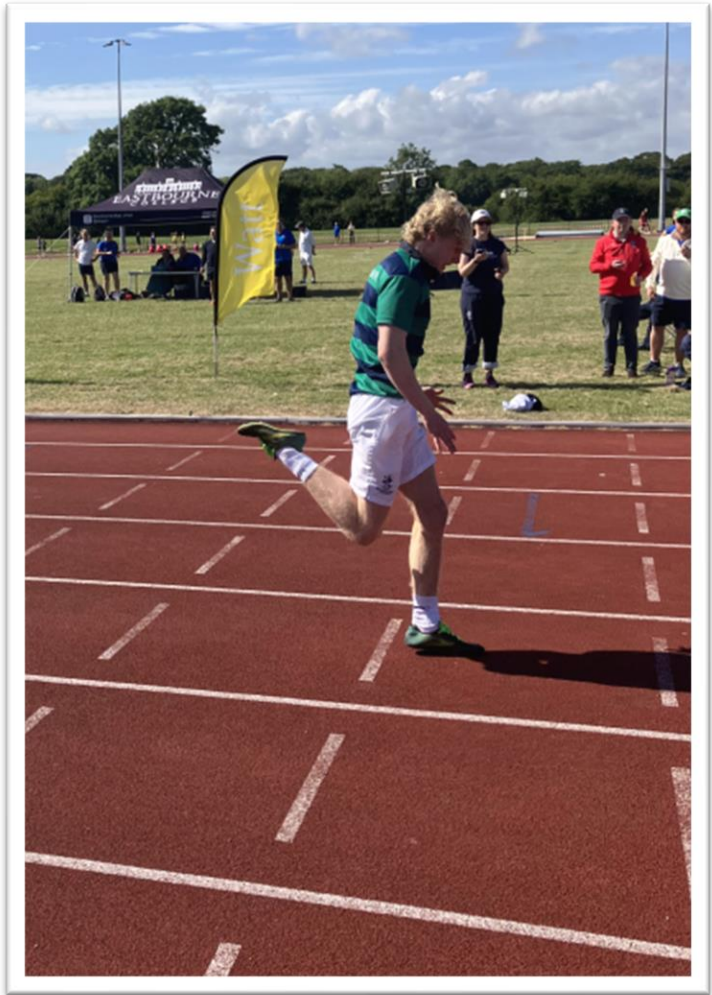




Event	Placing	Time/Distance
Senior Long Jump	Finn Hill (1st)	5.73m
Senior High Jump	Finn Hill (1st)	1.70m
Senior Triple Jump	Kachi Edet (1st)	12.02m
Senior 200m Final	Kachi Edet (1st)	24.53s
Senior 400m Final	Sean Foster (1st)	59.43s
Senior Discus	Paddy Cooper (1st)	25.43s
Senior 4x100m relay	WARGRAVE	49.79s
Y11 Hurdles	Elliot Freeborough (1st)	15.79m
Y11 100m Final	Will Plimsoll (1st)	12.03s
Y11 200m Final	Will Plimsoll (1st)	24.28s
Y11 1500m	Brooke Haycock (1st)	5.11min
Y11 Triple Jump	Will Plimsoll (1st)	11.17m
Y11 Long Jump	Will Plimsoll (1st)	5.33m
Y11 Javelin	Elliot Freeborough (1st)	39.56m
Y11 100m Relay	WARGRAVE	52.35s
Y10 200M Final	Harrison Nye (1st)	27.57s
Y10 400m Final	Harrison Nye (1st)	1.04.90min
Y10 Triple Jump	Jack Evans (1st)	9.83m
Y9 200m Final	Zac Bonehill (1st)	27.29s
Y9 Long Jump	Will Mclean (1st)	5.14m
Y9 Javelin	Ethan Ezeogu (1st)	32.58m









Interhouse competitions



Summer term is not just about the culmination of Sports Day, this term has also been jam-packed with interhouse cricket, tennis and golf, with the boys racking up many victories once again.

What is particularly pleasing for me as housemaster, is to see the boys uniting as a group in their striped Wargrave green jerseys. They participate with great cheer and excellent sportsmanship and are always a credit to the house. We have been incredibly successful this year, and as a result of all of the boys' achievements in these competitions as well as the all-important points added in from Sports Day, the overall interhouse sports cup is now back where it belongs, glinting in the Wargrave trophy cabinet. Well done too all of the boys who have participated across a number of disciplines. I could not be prouder of them.







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



Event	Placing
Sports Day Overall	1st
Golf	5th
Senior Boys Tennis	3rd
Y10 Boys Tennis	2nd
Y19 Boys Tennis	2nd
Tennis Overall	Joint 1st
Cricket (Y10)	2nd
Cricket (Y9)	1st
Golf	2nd

The Boarders' BBQ and other social events

Given the decision to make the Boarder's ball a biennial occasion, the social diary had a bit of unusual flex, so in the second half of the term the boarding community across all houses gathered for the inaugural Boarders' BBQ at Memorial pitches. The intention of the event for the pupils was to push oneself out of one's comfort zone and usual social group and the boys were all encouraged to try their hand at a sport/hobby that they had never tried before. With games ranging from boules to Kubb, volleyball and mixed tennis, there was plenty on offer. The weather was kind and the food was great. There was even the surprise of an ice-cream van laid on at the end of the evening which did a roaring trade as the pudding option.



On top of the big-ticket social events, there have been a whole host of other house BBQs, tutor meals out, ice-cream trips to the beach and socials with other houses. We have managed to launch our long promised crew 5 a-side football competition which has seen many hotly contested matches in the Wargrave back garden. My thanks to Mr Roberts for pushing himself out of his usual rugby comfort zone to referee these grudge matches. He's clearly a man of many talents when it comes to sport. My thanks also to the tutor team for consistently giving up their evenings and weekends to facilitate such events. It has been particularly pleasing to see the boys socialising vertically across year groups at these events, something that the house prides itself on, and is known for, but it was great to see it shown so evidently and naturally.

Year 11 also had their year group sendoff dinner just before they embarked on GCSE exams. See them in the photo below and well done to the adventurous few who embraced the invitation to have a pop of house colour with some Wargrave bow ties and cummerbunds.







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 are about half way through their silver Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, and the following Y11s completed their Silver DofE expedition at the end of term: Will Plimsoll, Max Doyle and Will Bligh. Those Y10s not involved in Miss Callaghan's cricket tour to Cambridgeshire spent the last week of term on CCF camp doing daily activities at Buzz Active Cuckmere, Oggs Wood overnight activities, Buzz Hailsham and a rotating trip up to the Imperial War museum in London. My thanks to Brigadier Lamb for organising these great opportunities for them.



Mr Lawson was delighted to announce the new prefect team earlier in the term (pictured above on the cricket pavillion balcony) and we are very proud that Paddy Cooper and Theo Cruttenden are both School Prefects for the academic year 2024-2025.

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. This always does amaze me as the music department get some really brilliant performances out of pupils who are not necessarily the most naturally musically gifted. It culminated as usual with the entire cohort of Y9 music pupils playing Pachelbel's Canon on their iPads. A feat to be witnessed, believe me. I also really enjoyed the Wargrave band performance of Oscar Martin, George Coulter, Spencer Gill and Will McLean.



Although pipped to the post by a boy from Craig, Ian Tam participated in the vocal competition final in May and was highly commended by the judge. Ian has, once again, been heavily involved in Singer Songwriter workshops throughout the term, and was on centre stage performing to the public and fellow pupils at Eastbourne Bandstand in the last week of term in June. The whole house enjoyed a trip out to the bandstand to support Ian and Jack Evans in their performances, where they also enjoyed some fish n chips in our wonderful seaside setting.

Congratulations must also go to Toby Wheatley for earning his full creatives colours for contribution to art.

Jack Evans was also awarded the school's Steer Award for Acting.





Farewell Leavers



Welcome incoming Y9s



Final thought for the term

Phew! Well done for reading if you have reached this far as it has been another 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 these months have thrown at them.

Although it is goodbye to the Upper Sixth, who are now fully fledged Old Eastbournians (OEs), it is not farewell. They remain Wargravians for life and are always welcome to visit. I hope that the Wargrave cufflinks that they received in the last House Book ceremony of term 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 new Wargrave prefect team taking on their mantle and leading from the top of the house from September. I would encourage the leavers to continue to avail of all that the Old Eastbournian Society has to offer through networking and social events.

I thought it appropriate to sign off with a photo from a recent charity awards event that was held in June which was in part to recognise the astounding amount that Wargrave House raised for St Peter and St James' Hospice – a cause close and dear to our hearts. I have written at length about this achievement in my Lent Term newsletter and will not bore you again by regaling you with the stats, but I do think it worth finishing the academic year of 2023-2024 with a reminder of the fantastic teamwork and philanthropy that the entire Wargrave community have shown this year. We are by far and away the most charitable house at Eastbourne College and that is in no small part due to the generosity of you all, but also the strong pride and sense of identity that the boys both inherit and nurture in Wargrave. I am so fortunate to work every day with such gentlemen.

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 should by now have written personally to everyone, but if I did miss you in my correspondence given the melee of the end of term, I am very sorry. Please accept my thanks here. We wish you all a very happy and relaxing Summer holidays – or what is left of it - and we look forward to welcoming the boys back on August 28th and hearing the stories of their adventures over the summer. As always, have a super break.

All the best,
Tim

