

Hot off the...

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As the cold, dark evenings continue the Pennellians of 2024 should be proud of all they have achieved this term. Although we might not have won the sports and Xmas decorations competitions, if there was a competition for 'family' or 'giving it a go' then we would win. With huge thanks to Matron, Mr Smit and all the tutors for making it such a memorable term. The highlight for me was the end of term Xmas party with secret Santa and the final of the table tennis comp!



House singing



House Sports



Social

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

BOARDERS RETURN FROM 4PM

MONDAY 6 JANUARY

TERM AND Y11 MOCKS START

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

EXEAT BEGINS 14:15

Y11 PARENTS MEETINGS 14:45

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

HALF TERM

Y110 PARENTS MEETINGS 14:45

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Y13 MOCKS START

SATURDAY 1 MARCH

PENNELL HOUSE CONCERT

FRIDAY 14 MARCH

EXEAT BEGINS 14:15

Y13 PARENTS MEETINGS 14:45

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

HOUSE A CAPPELLA

FRIDAY 28 MARCH

LENT TERM ENDS 14:35

House Sport



The Pennellians have taken part in lots of house sporting events to include; rugby, aquathlon, steeplechase and swimming. Thanks to Charlie Jones for encouraging the boys to take part (particularly in swimming and aquathlon). Well done to all those who took part. House beanies were handed out to the boys who contributed most this term.

School Sport

This term the Pennell focus has been on rugby, football, badminton, swimming and basketball. In rugby, congratulations to Toby for being selected for the U14As, Will W ©, Pavel, George, Daniel M and Fedya for the 15As, Robin and Tom were regulars in the 16As and Barney and Ross regulars in the 1st XV. Well done to those two for achieving half and full colours respectively. Max H was captain of the Bucks team which regularly included Ferg B, Archie, Rob and Emmanuel. Jamie competed regularly for the school in the pool and the senior boys finished 7th nationally, while Elias, Max G, Harvey and Skyler were on court with the basketball team. Cedric, Daniel, Hector and James have had several badminton matches. Ross and Barney are seen below with the Eltham tournament trophy and some shots from around the grounds.



Achievements

Top 5 in each year group for praise points and Show Hsms

Year	1st	2nd	3rd
9	Jesse Oliver	Andrei Postoyev	William Nguyen
10	Harris Kinniburgh	Mungo Brown / George Mason	Max Shen
11	Jayden Akinyemi	Harry Evans	Luca Bissoli
12	Justin Li	James Yee	Sam Kirk
13	Cedric Leung	Skyler Yiu	Archie Jones

The following Pennellians were awarded a prize for having zero sanctions this term:

Fergus Brown, Hector Chong, Adrian Chu, Jamie Foks, Archie Jones, Gabriel Kwok,
Daniel Leung, George Mason, Nathan Wong

Congratulations to Rob Cain for:

Passing the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

In the 10s exams, congratulations go to Pavel who achieved the highest grades from the Pennell cohort.

Congratulations to Harry Evans who is now a member of the National Youth Music Theatre.



CCF AND SERVICES



The Y10s have all chosen their sections of the CCF and even had a practice back at HQ (left and below). They are being ably led by Adrian and Sam in Y12.

The Chapel Charity this year is the Midlands

Orphanage & Care Centre, Colenso, South Africa, and as well as collecting for this great charity, it was agreed that events would also contribute a small amount to the Blue Sky Bursaries Appeal, which has the ambitious aim of funding up to 40 fully-funded, means-tested bursary places by 2028.



Once again, a substantial amount of produce was given to the Eastbourne Foodbank (as a result of our Harvest Appeal) for those who struggle to make ends meet.



The Y11s and 12 not doing CCF have contributed to other services around the campus and town; such as: music performances at Chasely Trust, beach clean, stag magazine, French and maths tuition, Y9 drama directors, basketball leadership and many more.

CREATIVES

Well done to the Y9s for their performance of Hansel and Gretel in this years Y9 dramas competition. Despite not winning any awards the boys worked well together and received the following feedback: Impressive from the get-go. Programmes made, pupils focused, Sam, Elias and Rob helping out. You ended the event on a high-note. Your directors have worked hard from the start and haven't been afraid to ask for a helping hand. The costumes were brilliant, Emil's costume was my personal favourite. The pupils brought energy to the stage with Hugo and Toby working fantastically together to drive the story forward. It was simplistic but effective with clear creativity. There are some really strong performers in Pennell, a standout for me was Hugo; his reactions and subtle acting choices were just brilliant. He could make a great screen actor.

The whole house contributed to House singing this term and the boys chose 'Don't stop believing' which will be heard at the revue. Mr Smit compered the evening and Max H conducted.

James has been a regular in the Birley performing in informal concerts and supporting (with guitar in hand) the Live lounge performers. He has also been in the choir all term. Kevin has performed well in the orchestra and many boys have continued their instrumental or vocal lessons. We look forward to a cappella next term.



SOCIAL

We have packed a lot into this term from a social point of view. House dinner, Y12 dinner, pizza nights, darts nights, House BBQ, Fifa room and Xmas party. The final picture bottom right is the final of the table tennis tournament with Mungo (1st) and Robin (2nd). The tournament really does bring the house together from the early rounds right to the final.

