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Foreword

Welcome to the 2019 Gresham magazine. This was a hugely successful year in so many different areas of School life and there is a taste of that industry and success in these pages. The most exciting piece of news from the year was the hugely generous donation from Sir James Dyson to fund the construction of a new STEAM building here opposite the Chapel. This new development will transform the whole area around the Chapel Lawns and create an exciting new Quad. On a personal note this was my 'first year group' through the School with them starting as new pupils as I did in 2014. What a pleasure it has been to track their progress as a group. I hope you enjoy the magazine and celebrate with me the achievements of the School during this year.

Douglas Robb
Headmaster

Editor's note
Many thanks as always to all the contributors as well as the proof reading team of Andrew Beasley, Fiona Gathercole and the O'Donnells. I would also like to thank Bill Robinson and in particular Lucinda Robb for their fantastic photographs.

I hope you enjoy the magazine.
Sam.

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Speech Day 2019



Headmaster

Douglas Robb

Prime Warden, Mr Chairman, Sir Christopher and Lady Harper, ladies and gentlemen and of course Logie, the 'forever' headmaster of Gresham's, good morning. What a time for me to be the Headmaster of Gresham's, what a time for all of us to be a part of this tremendous School. The year began with an extraordinary exhibition of former pupils who had gone on to worldwide recognition; 'Inventing the Future' was a tremendous statement of the range of interest and achievement that this School has produced. The year has come towards an end with the cricket team dismantling the MCC who had brought their strongest team possible, one of the best schoolboy team performances I have ever seen. We have a new Chair of Governor's, the first Old Greshamian in the 464 year history of this school. Michael Goff is an incredibly passionate Greshamian, former parent and current grandparent of Greshamians; it is fair to say that Gresham's runs very deep in his veins! Following his appointment in October the Governing body have embarked on a strategic review which we will share with you later in the year; needless to say they are as ambitious as I am for this great school.

Michael succeeded Andrew Martin Smith who had been a Governor for twenty years, an extraordinary commitment on behalf of the Fishmongers' Company. Andrew was by any measure a great Chairman and was a huge support to me

and to this School. Michael will say more about the governing body later on today. We are also very fortunate to have David Jones here as Prime Warden, he has also been a School Governor for several years in advance of his honorary role as Prime Warden. It is always important that we all acknowledge the continuing support for the Fishmongers' Company. They have been custodians of this great School throughout its long history and I am so proud to see the warmth and enthusiasm that they hold for Gresham's and we hold for the Fishmongers'. This relationship is key for a successful future for Gresham's; Prime Warden thank you.

Michael will talk about the recent gift from current Governor Sir James Dyson which will herald an exciting and dynamic new chapter for our School. I thought I would spend a little time talking about the concept of STEAM. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. I have to confess that I first heard this term at Oundle School in the mid 2000's. They embarked on a development of their science facilities and wanted to bring a STEAM concept to fruition, unfortunately they didn't have sufficient funding to do so. I read a little about what the thinking behind the idea was and it certainly struck a chord. Why should we divide scientist and artists at sixteen and see no further overlap in their work? Why do we allow pupils to stop studying maths at sixteen, why do we allow them to stop studying literature and language at such an early stage? Of course the IB has been a counterbalance to this A-level view of the world and we are most fortunate that we have been able to offer both routes through the sixth form. STEAM recognises what Engineering departments have been complaining about, that their engineering undergraduates lack creativity, flair and flexibility in their approach. The next generation of engineers need to embrace Sir James Dyson's view that an engineer is simply someone who finds a solution to a real world problem. Sir James is in many ways a STEAM poster boy; he left Gresham's wishing to be a fine artist and went to Art College. From there he went to the Royal College of Art and graduated as a designer. His first project was an amphibious motor launch which is still parked outside DYSON Headquarters in Malmesbury. From there he designed the 'ballbarrow' which sold well but taught him a few business lessons and from there the bag-less cyclonic vacuum cleaner, a serious piece of engineering technology. There are so many good lessons for our own children in his story, over five thousand prototypes and ten years of graft to bring his concept to final design and development. I could wax lyrical about lessons in the grit and determination that he showed to carry on and the very obvious rewards that have followed.

If you look at the current art and design department in The Cairn's centre you will see emblazoned in large colourful letters the words 'make stuff'. In so many ways this simple statement is brilliant and encapsulates what I am talking about. Our next generation need to be creative risk takers, who have experienced failure and setback in abundance. They will need to work in teams to collaborate and solve problems and this is what we need to be preparing them for in their secondary education. I am clear that this will involve real revolution in traditional approaches to curriculum and teaching. With the support of the DYSON foundation and the construction of a new STEAM building I am confident

that Gresham's can lead the field and is on the brink of a new golden era. The list of former pupils who have been pioneering groundbreakers and have literally 'Invented the Future' is our pedigree. Those sitting in our classrooms whether at pre-prep, prep or senior are our future.

Gresham's future is burning bright and I am so proud to be a small part of that. I ask you in turn to sing this story from the rooftops. It is time for us all to acknowledge and be so proud of what a wonderful community we are part of. What an exciting time to be part of this unfolding story.

Buildings are visible and tangible expressions of a school developing but in reality the key to any good school is its staff. When I arrived at Gresham's a consistent theme came back from parents; the school is lovely, the kids enjoy it. The BUT came in the form of criticism of some of the teaching staff. I am delighted that five years later this BUT has largely disappeared. We have a dynamic teaching staff who are raising their game year on year. The development of staff, perhaps particularly in the science department has been significant and I am now confident that our teaching and learning is on a par or better with any competitor school. The two key drivers behind this have been Tim Hipperson and Simon Kinder who have both worked tirelessly to support, develop and recruit staff. I believe our common room is now very strong indeed.

In late October the government dropped a pension bomb on independent schools. Employer contributions were to rise by 43% in September. We immediately set about a mature discussion with staff about what this meant for the school, for fees and finances. There was an immediate consensus that it was not an option to simply drop this further expense onto parents who are already struggling with high fee levels. Staff have been engaged and very sensible in navigating a way forward and we are emerging through consultation with a solution that will contain this increase in costs within the current staff remuneration. They, indeed we, have taken this 'hit' in our stride and I wanted to publicly thank all teaching staff for their good grace and common sense at this difficult time; I have to tell you that this is in stark contrast to many other independent schools.

This summer sees two of our boarding houses changing leadership. Francis Retter has served Woodlands for fourteen years and he and Sophie have provided a wonderful home environment for the boys. Katrina Mousley leaves Oakeley after seven years and again she and Andrew have served the house with distinction. Katrina has shown great courage in the last year with ill health and we all wish her the very best with her treatment as it progresses through the summer.

We have a number of staff who are leaving us this year and it is important to thank them for their contribution.

Anna Tannen returns to Germany after a year. Mary Bradley returns to Scotland after two years. Duncan Buckmaster moves to Stamford after two years. Vicky Rangeley-Wilson returns to her novel after two years. Anne Reece moves to the West Country after two years. John Bowley moves to the Channel Islands after three years. Keeley Thompson moves on after four years. Simon Brown moves to King's Grantham after five years and Peter Detnon moves to

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Jumeriah English Speaking School in Dubai after five years. Please could you give them all a round of applause?

Marc Gillingwater moves to St Edward’s Oxford after eleven years. Marc has been a consummate schoolmaster and his contribution to Gresham’s is as varied as it is long. He has been an excellent teacher, head of department, head of sixth form and teaching research lead. He has led the navy section of the CCF, organised and led the concert band and coached three terms of games throughout his time. He is in simple terms the sort of schoolmaster that every headmaster wants to employ and his commitment to the pupils has been outstanding.

Paul Barratt has been the IT Manager for thirteen years having formerly served in the RAF. Paul has decided to step into industry and we wish him every success in his new venture.

Beverley McCombie has been with us for thirteen years first as head’s PA and latterly as exams officer. Her dedication to the Gresham’s family has been superb and her support to me in my first two years was first class.

Chrissie Van Hassalt retires after thirteen years. She has been an outstanding head of English and has ruled an at times unruly department with an iron fist inside a velvet glove. She is a naturally shy person but all of her pupils will recognise the high standards that she demands from them. Her compassion and dedication to her English pupils has been the hallmark of her career as an outstanding teacher.

James Quick retires after sixteen years as headmaster of Gresham’s Prep School and has led the school with distinction throughout that time. James with Kim alongside him were a formidable team and fostered a kind, caring and high achieving ethos at the Prep School; no mean feat. The great sadness of the last year has been balanced with a real appreciation of their fantastic contribution to the Gresham’s family.

Chris Grief has been a chef at Gresham’s for forty years and leaves as our head chef in the summer. He is currently helping to prepare lunch for a thousand and so as you can imagine rather tied up, another senior figure in the Gresham’s family. We all thank him and wish him well in retirement.

I stood here a year ago and acknowledged the contribution of David Olby who was due to retire at Christmas after 55 years. Those plans were sadly never fulfilled after his untimely death in August but I am delighted that his contribution has been marked with a beautiful plaque in the chapel opposite the great former Second Master Bruce Douglas. It is absolutely fitting that David receives this recognition for his unparalleled contribution to this School family.

In closing I thank you all, particularly the parents, for all of your continued support for this great School. I urge you to be proud, stand up and stand tall. There has never been a better time for Gresham’s

Chairman of Governors

Michael Goff

Prime Warden, Ladies and Gentlemen

When I was at Gresham’s in the late 1960’s early 70’s we had a lecture from Sir Percy Wynn Harris, an Old Greshamian who had joined the colonial service in the 1930’s. One day he and a chum decided to climb Everest in their long holiday. They banged some nails into their boots, put extra sweaters under their Harris Tweed sports jackets and got to within 1000feet of the summit.

Recently I bought a book called “The Last Englishman” probably because I liked the title. It was about two members of the Indian Civil Service who also climbed on Everest in the 1930’s. They also were Old Greshamians.

They were the unknown brothers of WH Auden and Stephen Spender. Sir James Dyson said that he had benefited from an unpressured system that encouraged him to be an individual.

Old Greshamian’s have gone on to become: musicians, composers authors and poets. Generals, professors and Olympiads. Hollywood producers, racing drivers and Nobel prize winners. We include the founder of the BBC and the Chairman of the Bank of England, The designers of the hovercraft, vertical take-off and swing wing technology. OG’s include current British Lions, Oscar and BAFTA winners.

Surely this diversity, this imagination and sense of adventure is the story of Gresham’s?

On behalf of the Governors I would like to thank the Headmaster and all the staff for nurturing this dynamic environment.

I’d like to thank their partners and families who see so little of them during term time.

And I’d like to thank the ground staff, the support staff and the catering department.

You all contribute to the whole and we are fortunate to be able to appreciate that today.

Ladies and Gentlemen I’d like to thank you for supporting this amazing school.

The Governing body includes many Old Greshamian’s and ex-parents. We don’t take you for granted. We appreciate the sacrifices you have made in order to send your youngsters to Greshams. We work hard on your behalf. There are governot committees covering Finance, Strategy, Education, Risk, Compliance and Staff Welfare. These committees are well attended and the Governors all have important skills to offer.

At a recent governor training seminar we were told that we would not be remembered, that all focus would be on the staff. That is of course how it should be, but this is my opportunity to thank them.

Especially I would like to thank our retiring governors. Ginny Graham a long standing fishmonger governor who has put huge effort into the Prep and Pre-Prep. If they had given her



one more card I think she would have cried.

Peter Mitchell, who first got involved with the Foundation and then ran the F and GP and was Deputy Chairman.

Ed Gould, ex Felstead and Marlborough, dragged out of retirement yet again. A real force on the Education Committee – “make sure you know your facts!”

I am especially grateful to him for his confidence in me.

Andrew Martin Smith. The past Chairman, definitely the most important governor of recent decades. A very hard act to follow who clearly did more than “the odd day now and then” as he sold it to me!

But we also have some outstanding additions: Martin Bailey, and ex-parent and property expert, Nigel Flower, OG, ex-parent and ex-headmaster, and Jenny Dwyer the recent past Head of Sherbourne Girls.

We welcome Ed Margotson to run the Foundation, although he has come from Oxford his name will be familiar to OG’s.

The Foundation is very important to us. We want to be able to help make the less more affordable. We want to especially support Old Greshamian’s who have perhaps chosen worthwhile but less well paid careers.

I’d like to thank the Fishmongers Company for its continued support for us.

At Fishmongers Hall the other day, I noticed the motto on a fireplace ‘all worship be to God only’ – their motto, also our motto.

We really value our relationship and I know that the Prime

Warden wants to hold onto that.

The emphasis on the Foundation has largely been made possible as a result of the generosity of Sir James and Lady Dyson. Who have personally made a massive gift to Greshams’s. A thank you seems to be so inadequate, but you can be sure that this momentous generosity will change Gresham’s forever. Sir James is a governor and of course Old Greshamian. He passionately believes that we should inspire young people and his building will certainly do that!

Over the past Speech Days our Speakers have all come from the Gresham’s community, All outstanding people. All different.

Lara Mullis – a textile designer

Ed Birch – a film maker and his sister Connie an associate at Goldmund Sacs.

Our speaker today is no exception, we are delighted to welcome Air Marshall Sir Chris Harper.

Sir Chris started his RAF career here in Norfolk as a Jaguar pilot flying from Coltishall. He ended it as a Director of NATO. In between he commanded both 41 Squadron and RAF Coltishall. He flew on operations over Bosnia and Northern Iraq. He introduced the awesome Typhoon into RAF service and while in command of No 1 Group was responsible for all RAF Combat Air Power.

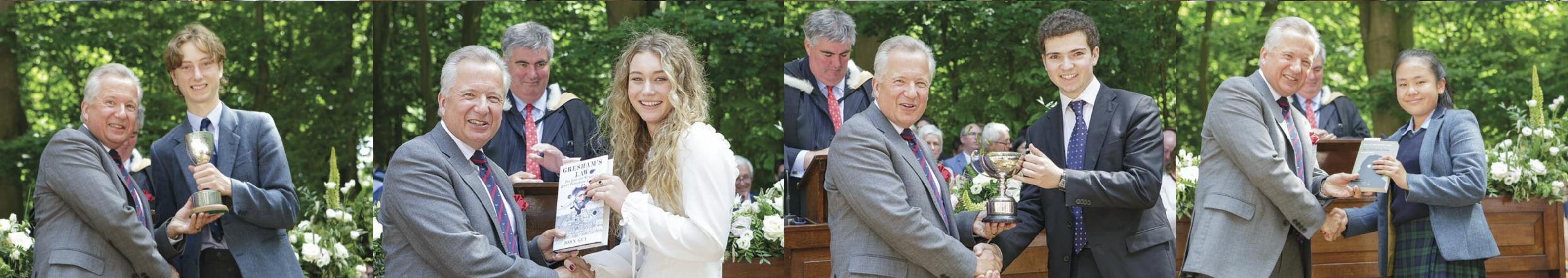
A lover of Jazz and American motorcycles, he is still a passionate aviator. And indeed he and Jan have just got back from a flying trip to Italy.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Chris Harper.

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Speaker

Chris Harper



Head Boy

Tom Kinder

Writing a speech to encapsulate a 15 year long school career is not an simple feat.

As I’m sure you can imagine, thinking through 15 years of my life between nights of excessive alcohol consumption following the close of exam season has not been too easy.

It has however, been very enjoyable.

Scanning through a decade and a half of memories has been extremely rewarding for me and has allowed me to enjoy a smile over recollecting a classic Withers moment of madness, a hilarious Mr Nichols Friday morning Buddhism lesson, or in recalling the time where a young Will Shaw was glued to his chair in Reception by the ever mischievous Rob Mackenzie, a moment which I’m sure Shawy finds funnier now than he did then.

This allowed me to realise that what has made my time here so special is about those individual moments.

Those moments that will just stick with me, in the same way each pupil here today will have moments of their own.

I decided as a result, to focus this speech around those times, and those people that made them possible.

Moments in sport certainly encapsulate what is so great about Gresham’s and it’s community.

The moment of scoring a game winning 1st XV try, the moment when you make that final shot for the perfect score which countless Greshamians have achieved, or the moment where you break your personal best time in swimming or an 100 metre sprint.

I, unfortunately, have achieved none of these.

However, what makes Gresham’s so great for me is that the moments for each individual are different, and I would like to share with you my favourite sporting moment from this year of my own experience.

Gresham’s School 1st XI football.

A side so poor in quality that despite my usual position being in goal, there were a couple of occasions where I actually played at the very opposite end of the pitch, at centre forward.

A side that hadn’t actually won a game against another school in nearly three years.

A side with their final game of the brutal season against an unbeaten Felsted side.

The chilly December afternoon came and I would be lying if I said anyone particularly fancied the encounter.



However, an uncharacteristically strong display of passing football allowed us to take a shock 3-1 lead going into the last few minutes of the game.

But then, a particularly nasty double footed challenge from the Zidane of the side, Sam Hardy, gave Felsted a penalty from which they scored to make the deficit just 1 goal.

In the end however, the final whistle blew and we had won for the first time in 2 years, encouraging such excessive celebrations that the Felsted players became angry, almost leading to a 22 man free for all scrap.

Mind you, it would likely have been 23 as I’m sure that the Gareth Southgate of Gresham’s in Mr Wheeler would have stepped in to protect his boys.

Like I say, it’s these kind of moments that will stick with me from my time at school, which are moments that could be experienced at no other schools in the same way.

The incredible house music competition is an example of this, probably the only time in the calendar year when I get more passionate and genuinely competitive than when I watch my beloved Norwich City play.

I remember George Jefford of Farfield standing where I am today two years ago during his own speech, and discussed house music and his departure.

His words were, “it has been suggested, that victory may, as a result of my departure, be wrestled from my illustrious boarding house.... Never!”

This obviously made our double instrumental victory of the last two years, and highest placing finish of the boys houses this year all the sweeter, but of course, I wouldn’t dare to rub it in.

Gloating aside, house music must be the best event of the school year, and I hope it long continues that way.

Arguably the time where the most magical moments occur at Gresham’s is during the incredible rock concert.

Mr Curtis does the most amazing job in organising the event, and I think people regularly fail to understand the amount of time he puts into the pupils, allowing them to show everyone talent no one even knew they had.

Speaking of talent, it always amazes me how much of it just oozes out of the school.

It also amazes me how diverse it is.

Let’s take the incredible Hudson De Lucchi.

Rugby lad and all round sporting legend for 364 days a year, but when the rock concert strikes he takes to the stage and brings out this incredible voice that shocked the school both this year and last.

We even have our own resident DJ in Ted Chapple or ‘Smokey T’.

When he’s not singing in the rock concert, or landing main roles in the musical despite only being year 11, he tours the desolate North Norfolk landscape DJing to a standard that I’m sure will secure him gigs in Ibiza in years to come.

Another personal favourite moment of mine from the year was during the leavers music and munch, where after hearing the usual bunch of seriously talented musicians, a new face emerged from the wings.

The face was that of Barnaby Gedney, for those of you that don’t know him one of the least likely members of the year, or maybe even the whole school, to take the stage, let alone sing a meatloaf classic.

I don’t know if it was the fact that he usually struggles to efficiently string a sentence together or just his normal personality that caught me off guard so much, but what a great moment to hear his deep and soulful singing voice, the polar opposite of his speaking voice.

I think if I was to try and explain how special the school actually is in the simplest terms to someone who has never been here before I would do it like this...

I would explain the many stories of people who left the school, but then swiftly returned once they realised what they had done was a grave mistake.

The likes of Jack Stewart-Richardson, who three, yes three, times attempted to escape but realised the grass isn’t always greener.

The likes of Leo Riley, who left the school for all of a week.

The likes of Dan Adams, who rejected a busy life in the sunny UAE for the considerably less busy Norfolk. (Maybe he got UAE and UEA confused)

The same is reflected, even more so, through the amount of OGs in the staff.

The sheer amount of ex-Greshamian staff such as Mr Mack, Miss Gathercole, Miss Mullen, Mr Detnon, Mr Hipperson and of course Mr Curtis, who I’m pretty sure can’t have changed much since his days as a pupil, and that’s just to name a few.

I hope that it’s the love of the school that bought them back, rather than the prospect of a good pension, but I will assume it’s the former.

In all seriousness, the fact that this place made such an impact on so many that they came back to teach is a real credit to the school and shows how great it actually is.

Such vast reflection on my school years has made me feel two things, gratitude and pride.

It’s made me feel gratitude for my teachers, gratitude to the likes of the incredible BOB who allowed me the opportunity to take centre stage in the production of Grease, or the likes of the under-appreciated Mr Gillingwater, setting up Big Band Jazz concerts such as the one last night.

I feel gratitude for my inspirational ex-housemaster, Mr Thomas of the Prep School, or current one in Mr Cox. I feel gratitude for all the other teachers that have in any way changed my life over the last decade and a half, even including my own father, the legend that is SK or Mister Kinder.

Like I say, I also feel proud, and I must point out that being proud of your school is not something to be ashamed of.

I feel proud to be standing up here today, and I feel proud of my friends who are going to do such great things, such as Dougie and Aaron who I’m sure have illustrious careers in jazz music ahead of them or Romy and Clem who both go on to performing arts colleges next year.

Just before I finish and you can escape to enjoy lunch and a glass (or several) of procecco in celebration, as I know I will be, I would again like to thank the school and everyone involved in it for all it has given me. Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer, (even if it unlikely to top last years, with its World Cup glory and cries of ‘Its coming home’) and all the best for the future.

Head Girl

Molly

Prime Warden, Chairman, Headmaster, ladies and gentlemen.

It has been a privilege to be Head Girl of such a great school. Mainly because it has been a lot of fun – and that’s because I have been surrounded by such a brilliant group of people.

We talk about Gresham’s as a ‘Family’. PrePrep, Prep, Senior. Having gone through all 14 years of this school, to me it does feel like a family. Friends, Teachers, Support staff, Parents, I would like to thank all the various members of this ‘Family’ on behalf of all of the leavers.

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about just what I have learnt from the school and why I feel, as I think that all of us here together today also know, what a great privilege it is to be given a Gresham’s education - a massive positive life experience, to be remembered forever.

I think one amazing quality of this school is the ability for everyone to be an individual, personal expression is always encouraged. Perhaps this comes from the Headmaster, whom as everyone knows, wears shorts at every possible opportunity, even throughout winter, but fewer people may know of the existence of some cow-hide clogs, if that doesn’t encourage individuality what does!

I see equal joy and effort focused around every individual conquering their specific personal goals - whether this be a complete set of A stars, a complete set of exam passes, or a wonderful performance or painting.

I would like to thanks the teachers who have supported us all during our time at Gresham’s. Of course there are the brilliant academic staff, always willing to give up their time to help you with anything. For me personally, the music and drama staff over the years who have encouraged me to develop my love of music and theatre and given me the confidence to perform.

However, I still haven’t learnt the power of a microphone. I don’t know if anyone remembers during *Grease* at a dramatic moment between scenes a whisper through the mic: ‘I got a heat rash’, yes I’m afraid that was me! My love of performing began with the memorable informal concerts in the prep school. If you were there you will know that some of them are best forgotten!

All of the awards presented today started off with someone just taking part in something, joining in, and then practising and working hard at it in order to succeed. However, there are always those personal goals which are just as important as getting an award. Whether it’s performing in a play, competing in sport events or surviving Duke of Edinburgh.



I would also like to celebrate Gresham’s rich international diversity.

The school attracts people not just from the UK, but from all over Europe, and the wider-world - including from Africa and Asia. These friendships add SO much to the mix and are hugely invigorating culturally, creatively, socially and intellectually. I am sure that I speak for all of the leavers when I say that it is the friendships that have provided the most strength and support over the years, both in good times and bad. Whether you are a ‘Gresham’s Lifer’ like me, or even if you have come to this school just for sixth form. It is the friendships and the memories of all the laughter and fun that will endure for all of us.

Now on to snowflakes! I can reveal that there are none here! We all know that life is not always easy and the Headmaster would say that ‘learning not to be a snowflake is crucial ’ We are fortunate enough to get countless opportunities to develop non-snowflake attributes at Gresham’s !! One example I will never forget for my year was the wettest D of E expedition ever. After an exhausting 20 kilometre walk carrying huge ruck sacks we arrived at the campsite and pitched our tent and went to sleep - but within a couple of hours we awoke at midnight to find we were now sleeping in a puddle, everything was flooded and totally soaking. The only source of warmth - for about 20 of us huddled around it - was a solitary hot air hand dryer in the loo block. (And it wasn’t even a Dyson !) We were freezing! So to generate body warmth we made the decision to pack up and push on to the finish through the dark night - arriving at dawn, exhausted - but still with some humour! I think we learnt more about ourselves and what we could actually cope with that night than ever before!

Thanks are also due to the house staff. I have seriously enjoyed the boarding house life, led by the brilliant house

parents. I will always remember those cringeworthy music videos we made in year 9, if anyone saw us dancing on the Edinburgh field, I’m sorry.

At the Prep School, Crossways was my first home from home. Mr and Mrs Fields created a lovely family environment and this was where my love of boarding started. This continued in Edinburgh House which has become a hugely important part of all our lives. Dr Fern, matron, and the tutors are always supportive and always on hand when we need them. The proudest achievement for our year in Edinburgh has to be winning Part Song every year that we have been in the school! Despite the pressure jokingly put on us from the other houses! However we are not so strong on the instrumental... saved only by Romy’s musical tap dancing each year!!

Something that makes Gresham’s what it is, is the area and countryside we are situated in. Thanks to the amazing facilities and community, unsurprisingly, Gresham’s has produced some incredible students. No Gresham’s student will ever forget that the apparent ‘greatest composer of all time’ Benjamin Britten went to our school!!

I know some of us leavers sitting here today will also go onto great things, I’m really proud of everyone who has worked hard to get some impressive University offers - and look forward to some fun OG reunions over the coming decades! It will be amusing to see what we will all be like in a few years!!

Personally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my co-head of school Tom and this year’s prefects. Let’s hope next years prefects will think of some more interesting fundraisers than just variations of home clothes days!

To next year’s prefects...Don’t be fooled .. They tell you that being a prefect is all about champagne receptions and enjoying tea and cakes with the Headmaster. But in truth it also involves lunch queue duties, showing visitors around the school and looking after the younger years during prep!! However, that said, the Christmas Dinner at Fishmongers Hall was one of the most memorable evenings of my life and I’m so grateful to have had that amazing experience.

Gresham’s makes going to school an experience worth remembering. All of the enrichments and extra-curricular activities offered serve to take you out of your comfort zone. It pushes you to try new things, and that might mean you may not succeed at first but with determination, hard work and time, you eventually will.

Finally I would like to say a massive thank you to the school of Gresham’s itself. I am so proud and lucky to have gone to this school for 14 years. I speak on behalf of our whole year group when I say we really appreciate the so many fantastic opportunities. It is essential to seize them in order to achieve and make the most of your time at Gresham’s.

Thank you.



Prizes 2019

Winner	Prize
Junior Fordham Verse Prize	Georgia Clarke
Intermediate Fordham Verse Prize	Dalloway Armstrong
Junior Andrews Reading Prize	Joseph Nash
James Field Shield for Community Spirit	Alexander Roper
Fogarty Cup for Guitar	Oliver Thomas
Intermediate Andrews Reading Prize	Elyzia Wong
Junior Masterman French Prize	Mia Bevington
Junior Mandarin Prize	Oliver Chaplow
Zoe Priestman Cup for Composition	Theodore Chapple
Rowley Shooting Cup	Toby Cubitt
Raine-Moore Japanese Prize	Diana Edwards
Rix Computer Science Prize	Michael Haney
Junior Sportsman of the Year	Louis Hart
O H Smith Prize for Junior Art	Zelia Holmes
John Ross Rugby Cup	Charles Howard
Bonham Plate for Junior Girls’ Games	Zara Howes
Hambro Latin Prize	Milly Hyatt
Raine-Moore Japanese Prize	Isabel Kitto
Junior Johnson German Prize	Joseph Kooreman
Janet Kelsey Cup for Junior Jazz	Joseph Kooreman
Swimming Prize	Jimmy Lau
Wyndham Birch Instrumental (i)	Adrian Leung
O’Connell Junior Debating Cup	Emily Ringer
Junior Spanish Prize	Poppy Robinson
Donald Wright Cup for Young Musician of the Year	Poppy Robinson
Junior Geography Prize	Christina Storey
The Scruffy Burrough Award	Harry Vincent
Spiers Elementary Mathematics Prize (Year 11)	Harry Vincent
Junior Science Prize	Harry Vincent
O’Connell Junior Debating Cup	Kate Willis
Junior History Prize	Kate Willis
Junior PE Prize	Kate Willis
Andrews Senior Reading Prize	Jessica Beeson
Anna Bailey Prize (Edinburgh)	Liv Brauer
The Martin Burgess Prize for Inventive Ability	Benjamin Danziger
The Shalom Trophy and Underwood Prize for Senior Shooting	Benjamin Danziger

Winner	Prize
Coryphaena (Shooting)	Benjamin Danziger
Senior Fordham Verse Prize	Molly Halimeh
Anna Bailey Prize (Queens’)	Phoebe Harvey
Paskell Walsh Cup for Economics	Stacey Huang
Eccles Chemistry Prize	Kira Kapustina
Coryphaena (Shooting)	Kira Kapustina
Judy Hines Sketchbook Prize for GCSE Art	Matilda Mann
Anna Bailey Prize (Oakeley)	Camilla Morgan-Evans
Marsham Cup for House Debating	Charlotte Moulton
Anna Bailey Prize (Woodlands)	Luke Nash
Marsham Cup for House Debating	Charlotte Odlin
Anna Bailey Prize (Farfield)	Josef Rose
Senior Mandarin Prize	Isabella Schmid
Anna Bailey Prize (Tallis)	Johnson Shen
Anna Bailey Prize (Howson’s)	Charles Spalton
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Harry Ardern
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Llywelyn Bailey
CCF Prize	Tiah-Paige Burrell
Senior Johnson German Prize	Ross Butler
Walker Morecroft Cup for Musical Theatre	Clementine Chapple
Baker-Cresswell Prize for Computer Science	Archie Coleman-Eke
Bradbury Cup for Academic Endeavour	Archie Coleman-Eke
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Archie Coleman-Eke
A C Benson English Literature Prize	Charlie Cottar
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	William Cubitt
Services to Gresham’s Cricket	Hudson de Lucchi
Holland Martin Prize for Biology Projects	Amelia Doran
Hodgkinson Debating Cup	Amelia Doran
C C B Browne Memorial Essay Prize	Amelia Doran
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Amelia Doran
Howard Cup for Sailing	Ashmole Faire-Ring
Sir Edmund and Lady Neville Choir Prize (ii)	Ashmole Faire-Ring
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Ashmole Faire-Ring
Sir Colin Anderson Prize for Senior Art	Samuel Field

Winner	Prize
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Samuel Field
Michael Snow Prize for Theatre Art	Adrienne Flux
Dyson Prize for the most Creative Designer	Adrienne Flux
Sue Thomson Prize for Care and Initiative	Adrienne Flux
Salters Chemistry Prize	James Ghanbouri
Services to Gresham’s Rugby	Barnaby Gill
Fiona Read Memorial Award for Mathematical Endeavour	Barnaby Gill
Old Greshamian Lodge Award for Community Service	Rosie Gillett
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Gabriel Goonesena
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Willemijn Groen
Wyndham Birch Instrumental (ii)	Aaron Hollinger
Stuart Webster Senior Art Prize	Sophy Kenyon
Eccles Physics Prize	Sundy Lau
Sir Edmund and Lady Neville Choir Prize (i)	Elizabeth Lukins
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Elizabeth Lukins
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Robert MacKenzie
Keymer Environmental Prize	Maxime Majoie
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Maxime Majoie
Services to Gresham’s Girls’ Tennis	Krittiyanee Malai
Simpson Senior History Prize	Krittiyanee Malai
Emily Thompson Cup for Senior Girls Games	Amy Matthews
Services to Gresham’s Netball	Amy Matthews
Psychology Prize	Amy Matthews
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Amy Matthews
Evans Senior French Prize	Araminta Mealing
Religious Studies	Araminta Mealing
Economics Prize	William Miller
Services to Gresham’s Girls’ Hockey	Laura Mitchell
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Laura Mitchell
Drama Prize	George Palasciano
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	George Palasciano
Burleigh Squash Cup	Josep Polls Mullor
History of Art Prize	Leonora Riley
Senior Spanish Prize	Anastasia Shcherbakova

Winner	Prize
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Shcherbakova	Anastasia
Sir Colin Anderson Prize for Photography	Romy Sipek
Edward Hughes Cup for Drama	Romy Sipek
Senior Sportsman of the Year	Oliver Smith
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Richardson	Jack Stewart-
Senior Masterman French Prize	Marta Tallinn
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Harry Taylor
Eccles Biology Prize	Isabel Thurston
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Isabel Thurston
Senior PE Prize	Ella Wharton
Business Studies Prize	Joshua Whitaker
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Joshua Whitaker
Services to Gresham’s Boys’ Hockey	Bennett Withers
Lady Martin Geography Prize	Bennett Withers
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Bennett Withers
Henderson-Hamilton Cup for Jazz	Douglas Wright
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	Douglas Wright
Jodrell Mathematics Prize	Roxy Yang
Bernard Armitage Prize for Biology Projects	Bettina zur Mühlen
ESL Prize	Bettina zur Mühlen
German Literature Prize	Bettina zur Mühlen
Rupert Hughes House Music Cup	Edinburgh
Earl Prize for University Books	Molly Sankey
Head Girl’s Award	Molly Sankey
Head Boy’s Award	Thomas Kinder
Earl Prize for University Books	Thomas Kinder
Carew Pole Prize for Senior History	Thomas Kinder
Carolyn Thomas Prize for Debating (Year 9)	Tallis
House Athletics Cup (Boys)	Farfield
House Athletics Cup (Girls)	Oakeley
U14s Girls Singles Tournament Award	Izzy Morgan-Evans
Olivia Hopkins Shield for Junior Girls’ Tennis	Kate Webster



Chapel life at Gresham's is always busy but it is fair to say that the last academic year saw a number of unique and memorable occasions which will never be repeated, not least the special service to mark the end of the Great War.

Over the past four years Mr Simon Kinder has retold the life, and death, stories of the all of the pupils from our School who lost their lives in this conflict. His epic narration ended the day after our own service of closure, when he recalled the last OG, Major Leslie Davies, who died from malaria on 10th November 1918 at Aleppo in Syria. His father, the Reverend Charles Davies, was Rector of Antingham near North Walsham and Leslie's parents received news of their son's death as the Armistice was announced: how appropriate then is it that he should be honoured in the Chapel of his old School as the last Old Greshamian to be remembered?

The previous day the School and distinguished guests had gathered in Chapel on a late afternoon to mark the dedication of a new war memorial bearing the names of those who were not included on the original. A Colour Party from all sections of the CCF began the service and the Senior Cadets read and led the intercessions. A moving, poignant but relevant address was delivered by Major General Patrick Marriott OG and the service concluded with a lone piper leading the Colour Party from Chapel, while playing the moving retreat march, 'When the battle's o'er'.

Speakers during our services have included Mr Mark Seldon, Director of Studies, who spoke of the diversity of studies offered at School and the differing aspects of success in the real world; Ms Sophie James who talked about her charity, Cricket Builds Hope and especially her work in Rwanda; Mrs Christina Rees, the lay Chaplain of Beeston School who illustrated International Women's Day by reference to the powerful example of women in the Bible; Fr Jack Branford from Aylsham who reminded us to be thankful; the Venerable Ian Bentley, the Archdeacon of Lynn who spoke on listening to the voice of God and Professor Catherine Waddams from the Economics Department of the UEA. The School was also delighted to welcome Mako, a Maasi warrior from Kenya who spoke of his own very different lifestyle and culture and the support he had gained from the Olpalagilagi School Charity in his home country.

In addition to the annual round of Junior and Senior Carol services and the Speech Day service, Chapel was also the venue of an OG reunion on Remembrance weekend: a poignant display by Mrs Larby, the School archivist, provided a fitting tribute for the special day.

While not exactly a School activity, the end of the Michaelmas term sees the annual East Anglian Children's Hospice Carol service, which last year was attended by Lord and Lady Leicester and pupils and their families from Sheringham Primary School, as well as our own 'scratch' choir drawn from the Prep and Senior Schools.

The informal services, especially in the evening, continue to be popular, be it compline in the twilight in Chapel or a House service during the day. A special thanks must go to Mr and Mrs Atkinson who hosted the final one in the summer term and provided hot chocolate all round.

Staff and pupil involvement has been as varied as ever. It has ranged from the European Day of Languages, inspirational quotations, the importance of democracy, fake and real news, music, the power of books and the experience of the overseas exchange pupils through to the fall of the Berlin Wall, the anniversary of the first moon landing, environmental ethical lifestyle, equality and LGBTQ, anti-bullying, internet safety and including the netball tour to Sri Lanka and the Race for Life Charity. This is a solid reflection on Mr Seldon's apposite address on the first day of the Michaelmas Term: 'Gresham's has lots to offer!'

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

20th July 2019 – Christopher Balding (OG) to Shia Ashkenazi

Confirmations

The following were confirmed in the School Chapel by the Right Reverend Jonathan Meyrick, Suffragan Bishop of Lynn and School Governor on Sunday 17th March 2019:

Scarlet Rose Brady (Q)	Matilda Brett (O)	Elizabeth Faye (O)
Jayne Gates (Q)	Grace Hare (O)	Josh Howland (W)
Harry Nelstrop (H)	Emily Ringer (O)	
Foij Scamell-Katz (T)	Kate Webster (E)	

Goodbyes

Chrissy van Hasselt

Looking back through the list of recent Heads of English at Gresham's, its hard not to notice the impressive credentials of those holding the role: Chrissie van Hasselt, Al Cormack, Carolyn Thomas, John Smart, John Coleridge... these are all academics of remarkable quality.

Published authors, university lecturers, one even went on to become a global subject leader for an international qualification, and each a superb teacher for Gresham's students.

Those taught by 'Mrs van' will remember, with affection, the uncompromising academic rigour that characterised her lessons. A lot of colleagues will remember her uncompromising professionalism too: the confiscation of a skateboard from one callow member of staff attests to that.

Chrissie served Gresham's for thirteen years, initially as a teacher, later as Head of Department. In his Speech Day address, the Headmaster described her having run "an at times unruly department with an iron fist inside a velvet glove". There are many that would hold their hands up and admit to being unruly within the department – from cheek in department meetings to a wilful refusal to stick to a scheme of work and the occasional *laissez faire* approach to deadlines that seems rife in the more creative literary types.

With the very highest standards in all that she did, Chrissie will undoubtedly be missed. I for one am sad that there will be less discussions in future about the relative merits of Woolf and Austin. And I know that she will be heading off to spend her time reading, seeing more of her family (including two truly exceptional OGs) and no longer having to put up with bad spelling, punctuation or grammar, which those of us left behind will all be jealous of.

Gilly

Marc Gillingwater left the school for pastures new in August 2019, after 11 years of dedicated service to Gresham's. In his time at the school, Marc has had several roles and responsibilities including Head of Biology, Head of Sixth Form, Teacher Research Lead and Extended Essay

Coordinator. Marc was a huge part of the school over the time he was here and truly represented everything that is great about Gresham's. His academic commitment was first class and he organised many trips and experiences for students, as well as helping to run the Hodgkin Society for



Biology, an academic society for students with a passion for the subject. His own passion for Biology enthused several students to study Biology based degrees at university. In addition he was fully involved in the non-academic side of Gresham's, running the Navy section of the CCF, the big band and being a sports coach during games. Marc was a popular tutor in Woodlands House and who can forget the 'Lord of Biology' song the boys sang about him during House Music, to the tune of 'The Lord of the Dance', giving that popular hymn sudden new meaning! Staff were also highly appreciative of the support he provided to them, with many commenting on how much they were going to miss him. We wish him every success as he begins teaching at St Edward's School in Oxford.

Peter Detnon

Peter returned to Gresham's, having been here as a pupil, as Head of Economics for a productive and successful five year period. Peter was the ultimate professional, always dedicated to providing the best opportunities to the pupils and supporting his colleagues. In addition to running a successful and efficient economics department, he



GOODBYES

contributed to a multitude of dimensions of life at Gresham’s including the sports provision, especially hockey, the management of the woodland and also the CCF and activities programme, where he enabled a large number of students to try scuba diving and shotgun shooting. In his role as shotgun team manager and coach he worked tirelessly to offer training opportunities and oversaw team success both at local competitions and on a grand scale at the Cadet Clay Championships where Gresham’s teams always featured in the top places and collected a haul of medals and silverware. Peter also qualified as a Hill & Moorland leader and helped deliver a thorough training experience for DofE groups in the Peak District. His dedication and good humour meant that many enjoyable and productive days were spent in the hills. Somehow, alongside all of this, he added the role of IB Coordinator to his portfolio. He brought his customary commitment to this challenge, developing a real sense of community among the IB cohorts by arranging dinners and collective events, while ensuring their diploma was administered with efficiency and thoughtful oversight. Peter, Susannah and their girls move abroad again as he takes the post of Head of Economics & Business Studies at JESS in Dubai, and he will undoubtedly be an asset to his new school and much missed by the Gresham’s community.



as lakes, forests and marshlands, where we’d sit in circles and listen to whale sounds on his tape player or discuss some of Brownno’s antics from his Borneo days.

Through recent times climate change caused the gardening club to become too popular, so roles had to be appointed to try and bring some form of order, with Mr Brown being named our ‘Supreme Leader’, something which the boys were happy to see him embrace by commonly being sighted around the school wearing his GGC hoodie, complete with his title.

Mr Brown’s love for ultimate frisbee was always apparent, it soon became a common practice during a Friday afternoon with Brownno obviously being the true frisbee master, always sure to utilise his ‘hammer throw’. I’m sure it would have become a major sport if he had had his way.

Although I never had the pleasure of being taught by Brownno, he was one of the tutors in Woodlands and I’m sure he will be missed. The general mood during prep was always positive with him on duty and I speak on behalf of the Woody boys when I say that he made a huge, positive impact on our time at Gresham’s.



Benson

30 March 2008 – 30 October 2019

Benson was a ‘local lad’ and came to Gresham’s School in May 2008 and was employed (unpaid) as the Combined Cadet Force’s (CCF) and Gresham’s Rifle Club (GRC) mascot. It was only later that he was taken to the school’s heart and became the unofficial school mascot.

School duties, apart from the odd unannounced visit to classrooms, was greeting visitors in reception, making all hockey and rugby supporters welcome, design testing for CDT and modelling for the Art department. His CCF duties included accompanying the cadets on DofE expeditions, military training exercises, flying and anything to do with water-based activities, in which, being a Labrador, he excelled.

Every year Benson spent six weeks at the National Rifle Association ranges in Surrey with the GRC and, on more than one occasion, could be heard snoring on the firing point. It was in 2009 that the Shooting Master, Freddie Grounds, came up with the idea of changing the Shooting calendar to the ‘Benson’ calendar and, in the following ten years he raised £10,000 pounds for two service charities (Help for Heroes and Walking with the Wounded).

He also raised money for the service charities by siring puppies; a combination of that and the sale of his calendar, not forgetting his wonderful character, gave him friends and admirers word-wide. To quote the Headmaster ‘he lives on in every black Labrador born in Norfolk in the last ten years’.



Edinburgh

Edinburgh Entertains was perhaps the most significant event in our House calendar: consisting of a three-course sit down meal accompanied by a whole host of musical and comical entertainment. The night was a real showcase for the variety of talent within Edinburgh – whether performing for the first time solo in front of the house (with Tilly’s tremendous cover of Amy Winehouse’s ‘Valerie’) to TGAB’s regular performances, it was not a night to miss! Highlights of the night included, among many other fine performances, dances by Jemima Porter and Romy Sipek, as well as a High School Musical dance by the whole Yr 9. Alongside a whole host of individual performances were the collaborative and comical year-group videos and quizzes put together by Years 10, 12 and 13. The night ended with girls from all years singing the winning Part Song of House Music 2018. All of the proceeds from this night raised money for the School Charities, Farms for City Children and Lord’s Taverner’s, alongside our House Charity for the year, Clic Sargent.

As a House we have welcomed back Alex Paske (Edinburgh, 2009) who delivered a truly inspiring talk on leadership and her charity The Mintridge Foundation; the House dedicated themselves to cycling 121 miles for Mintridge – as Alex herself did. The Year Nines also organised a Purple Day, in which they sought to raise awareness for epilepsy worldwide, having undertaken baking and creating purple bracelets to sell in their fundraising. Having been entirely organised by themselves, the whole house commended them on their efforts.

Social events in Edinburgh occur regularly: from whole-House curry (and karaoke!) nights to ‘Come Dine with Me’ evenings. Perhaps one of the most notable social events was the Tea and Tennis Afternoon, held on the Edinburgh grass tennis courts, with Oakeley and Queens’ – it proved to be fun and competitive! Regular trips to the beach and yoga sessions, alongside our outdoor concert, have all

been memorable events and each of us look forward to the next.

If you ask anyone what the biggest event of the year is, they would answer undoubtedly with House Music. It is indeed an occasion that the whole school participates in and looks forward to. This year marked a second year for Edinburgh winning the overall House Music Cup, led by our Upper Sixth. Perhaps the standout performance of the night, particularly for Edinburgh, was the Part Song, ‘Somebody to Love’, led by Molly Sankey and Clementine Chapple. The whole House actively got involved with the Unison, ‘This is Me’, which celebrated the diversity and individuality of each person within the house and was a feast for the eyes. A vibrant and unforgettable performance! It was brilliant to see so many Edinburgh girls in lead roles in the School Musical, including Clementine Chapple, Amelia Fox, Molly Sankey and Jemima Porter, as well as to see Clementine Chapple and Romy Sipek securing places at ArtsEd and Millenium Performing Arts College respectively.

Alongside musical achievements, the girls achieved much academically, and were joint winners of the overall academic effort prize for the year. In terms of sporting success, the girls won the Junior Girls’ Athletics, Junior and Senior Girls’ Cross Country, Junior Netball and Junior and Senior Interhouse Hockey. Individual sporting achievements included the impressive completion of the Cambridge Half Marathon by Maddie Gainher, Helena Hunt and Lucy Reader. It was great to see Molly Sankey as Head of School, Clementine Chapple as Head of House and both Maxime Majoie and Izzy Thurston as School Prefects. Finally, the girls were delighted to receive the Flower Cup – the most coveted of interhouse cups - in recognition of all of their co-curricular achievements this academic year.

Keeley Roe, Maryiam Kamzina and Martha Veale



Farfield



Another year in Farfield rolls by with its mix of huge successes and somewhat expected disappointment in the House Rugby Competition!

The year started with the annual House Music Competition. Expectation was high for this year's Instrumental and Aaron Hollinger did not disappoint with a superb ensemble of guitars and string instruments to add to trumpets and the drums. Noah Wong already has Farfield Legend Status by doing the "Noah Cello Moment" on stage. The Part Song with Toto's "Africa" perhaps did not get the right note but a 70s funky Earth Wind and Fire Medley got the heart a flutter and if not impressed with vocals impressed with the night's best outfits. A very creditable 4th place on the night for the House.

Victory was however found on the cross country track with 1st place for the first time in years and wrestling the crown

off Tallis. Aaron Hollinger followed by Declan Oldreive, Ash Faire-Ring, Sam Field, Jack Stewart-Richardson set a superb standard to bring the cup home. This was backed up by superb performances in the Junior and Intermediates with Ned Porter outstanding.

January came and whilst the mocks were still in the memory we produced an excellent Friday evening of entertainment in the form of Farfield Entertains; the only boys' house to do so this year. Drama performances as ever were exemplary from Teddy Chapple, Kit Riley, Dally Armstrong and Archie Kenyon with some super music interludes from Johnny Derbyshire, Noah Wong, Jethro Holmes, Josh Field and of course Mr Kemp with "It must be Mendelev", with his homage to Chemistry for 1 night only. Mr Saker bid farewell with his Policeman sketch and it was down to Justin to wow the audience with his improvised rapping.

We continued the theme of hosting dinners in Farfield with a great "Dress as your favourite Sportsman" and "Farfield does Mexico". Great evenings and opportunities for the House to be together. Kit Riley winning the costume of the year by going as... Mr Atkinson on cricket coaching gear.

Finally the year ended with a brilliant all round House effort to win the Sports Day trophy at the umpteenth time of asking and Jack proudly collected from Mr Robb. A really great effort.

This year we bid farewell to Matron Emma after 3 years with us, Mr Detnon who moves to the UAE and Mr Saker left us as Assistant Housemaster but of course stays as a Farfield tutor. We would like to thank the 3 of them for all the efforts over the years. Roll on 2019/20.





Howson's

The year in Howson's was 'top and tailed' by two major staff events. At the beginning of the year, our new Resident Tutor took post. Mr Lawes (he is both lanky and a legend, it turns out) was new to school as both a physics teacher and in the RAF section of the CCF. He has taken to the role like a duck to water (or a spitfire to the sky) and loves the rattle and hum of House life. He has been promoted to Assistant Housemaster and become an indispensable member of the House team already. And then, in July, we bid a sad farewell to our matron of 10 years, Mrs Susan Lancaster. Matron has been a caring, fun-loving but no-nonsense matron to over 250 boys in her time, and she will be very sorely missed. A very generous collection at the end of the year enable Sue to buy herself an electronic sewing machine to take up to Baildon in Yorkshire for her retirement. She goes with our best wishes.

There have been the usual highs and lows in House competitions. We didn't overly trouble the judge in House Music, coming 5th overall. We performed Officer Krupke (West Side Story) for our Unison having sung the lovely Welsh hymn Guide me Oh Thou great Redeemer for Part Song and Hootsmon in the Instrumental. It was a lot of fun as ever to rehearse for. Ross Tolliday and Harry Ardern outperformed the other houses, without a doubt, on the chanting front.

Howson's had its fair share of victories in the sporting contests. 2nd in the senior rugby, winners of junior hockey and rugby, well-placed in swimming. On Sports Day, we were just beaten by one point, sadly failing to retain our cup of the previous year, despite valiant efforts from the likes of sprinters Harry Taylor, Elliott McBean Willis and John Dugdale. Ollie Smith, House Captain, would have lifted the cup with great pride, but it wasn't to be. There were several highlights to the social year. House Entertains was its usual mix of madness and mayhem, with a couple of memorable songs and sketches from the likes of Alex Cowell, Lewy Bailey, Renat Rezyapov and Finn Avato. The House tutor team sang a rendition of the Beatles's When I'm 64, to some applause - but not a lot!

The Christmas dinner is fast becoming a house Tradition. Dinner in the common room, again followed by Entertainment, games and silly prizes. Justin Du was particularly proud of his paper plate award, it taking pride of place on his dorm wall for the rest of the year. We had a Howson's on the Beach day in early summer too, with even a few hardy parnets joining us for a drink and a picnic. It is always an optimistic person who banks on a lovely sunny day at Wells in April - but at least the rain held off, and we all had a good day, playing lots of rugby and stuff.

As well as the U6th mentioned above, we also said farewell to these other boys leaving us for University, Gap years or work: Will Cubitt, Michael Yeung, Claude Hopkins, Ollie Carratu and James Ghanbouri.





Oakeley House had a brilliant start to the school year through House Music at the end of the first Michaelmas half term. This was expertly organised by Libby Noy and Leo Riley who created some fun and unique dance moves. House music is a fantastic event and always showcases house spirit and comradery at its best bringing out the best in everyone, which helped to create a lovely family environment. This event was quickly followed by the School Musical which included Oakeley girls Libby Noy, Leo Riley and Tilly Mann taking lead roles, as well as, Molly Halimeh and Greta Jacobsen involved in the ensemble.

This year Oakeley House was filled with many sporting successes with many of the girls in the 1st teams such as Amy Matthews, Sophie Haughton, Ella Gill, Tilly Mann, Zara Howes and Claudia Van Poortviet. This led to Oakeley seniors winning the indoor Hockey competition. In addition, Molly Halimeh, Bella Rathleff and Jess Spooner were heavily involved in the swimming team and helped Oakeley to come 2nd in House swimming.

In Oakeley we are very lucky to have six keen debaters, which has resulted in a very good set of results for the 2018-2019 debating season. Our year 9's (Georgie Clark and Sophia Rathleff) were confident and managed to get through to the final until they met Tallis again when sadly the result went in the favour of Tallis, whilst we came second. Our Juniors (Kate Willis and Emily Ringer) went all the way and won the debating! They did this by accepting any points of information and displaying their knowledgeable ideas and understanding with confidence. Finally, our seniors (Bella Rathleff and Molly Halimeh) did brilliantly, but sadly didn't make it to the grand final.

One of Oakeley's traditions is 'Oakeley plays Cupid'; this involved the girls raising money for pancreatic cancer as well as a breast cancer charity. The week was filled with activities such as Mr and Mrs Chapel presentations, pink and

red clothes day, bake sale and finally the Valentine's ball. The Valentine's ball consisted of lots of little games such as limbo, photo booth and line dancing, which was a hit with everyone who was there.

Our year was slowly coming to an end when we had the first Gritty Grasshopper, which required teamwork and some tough mindset; the girls did brilliantly and in particular our year 10 and year 12 girls really stood out. This was not only because of their winning times, but also due to the positive and determined attitude everyone had. In particular, Flo O'Leary and Edith Brock stood out for the year 10's and Ella Gill and Tilly Mann for the year 12's.

To conclude our year was Sports Day. This event requires every girl in the house to take part as well as support. We had some stand out highlights, which included Ines Twist stepping up at the last minute to do the 1500m; this was then followed up by some excellent performances from Amy Matthews in the High Jump, Ella Gill in the Hurdles, just missing out on a school record, Kate Willis having an outstanding performance in every event she participated in as well as Flo O'leary for the sprints. In addition, Oakeley won both senior and Junior relays, which resulted in Oakeley winning the event! A fantastic end to a fantastic year.

We are sad to see our Housemistress, Mrs Katrina Mousley leave this year after being part of Oakeley for 6 years. Mrs Mousley and her family were very committed to the house; her two daughters Isla and Morgana were always popping in to pay a visit. Mrs Mousley was always very kind and caring, in the running of the boarding house; she endeavoured to provide us with a variety of activities and socials. Her positivity is an inspiration to all the girls in Oakeley and is something we should adopt when we have moments of difficulty; she has dealt with her own challenges superbly and is now back at school teaching, which is a pleasure to see.



Queens'

2018-19 was a fantastic year for Queens'. Under the leadership of head of house, Opal Malai and her team of house prefects, Queens' was set up to have quite the year! It began with the girls being crowned Unison winners in the house music competition due to a meticulous routine, created by a dedicated Upper Sixth and lead by Opal. In the School's musical production of 'Grease', a number of Queens' girls took the stage, with Sixth Formers Libby Lukins, Rosie Gillett and Evey Jermy performing leading roles. This was followed by the school's first ever inter-house playwriting competition, Phoebe Harvey and Paige Broadhurst won the performance prize for Queens'. Phoebe and Paige also performed in the monologue evening alongside Tiah-Paige Davie.

For the Queens' girls this year there was great sporting success, with Willa Groen, Emma Woodhouse and Polly Worrall playing for the 1st X1 Hockey team. However the netball seemed a particularly strong suit, with Ella Wharton

being; to quote Mrs Flower 'the best captain Gresham's has seen in many years' (!), competing in company with Esme Papworth, Maria Butcher and Emma Woodhouse in the first VII. What followed was Queens' triumph in inter-house netball for the seniors. At the end of the Lent term Queens' staff Mr Kinder, Mrs MacNamara and our house tutor Miss Bradley, as well as Fenella Henderson Chia and Ella ran the Cambridge half marathon, in support of Young Minds, showing great determination and commitment. Affie Tolliday broke swimming records, along with great swimming success from Scarlet Brady and Jayne Gates. The running duo of Hattie Reynolds and Nelly Porter were superb in their sporting achievements in school and beyond.

In the CCF, Charlie Cottar and Rosie Gillett achieved the role of platoon commander in Army section, alongside Libby Lukins who was head of the Navy section. The Queens' troop also raised the most amount of money in

the first ever 'Gritty Grasshopper' race, with a great display of house spirit shown around the course!

The November Ball organized by Queens' and Tallis was also a great success, enjoyed by staff and pupils alike.

Henri Colclough took part in the Australia exchange, spending a term at Roseville College in Sydney. Queens' continued to support Kenyan student Olodupa, who is a deaf student who has been transferred from the Olpalagilagi School, which students support on the annual trip to Kenya, to a specialised school, funded by the House. Freya Clabon, Nelly Porter and Evey Jermy were selected to travel on the schools trip to Olpalagilagi School in the Masai Mara.

At the end of the year Queens' branched into biodiversity, with Mr Seldon bringing a beehive and a colony of bees. Watch this space for Queens' honey next year!

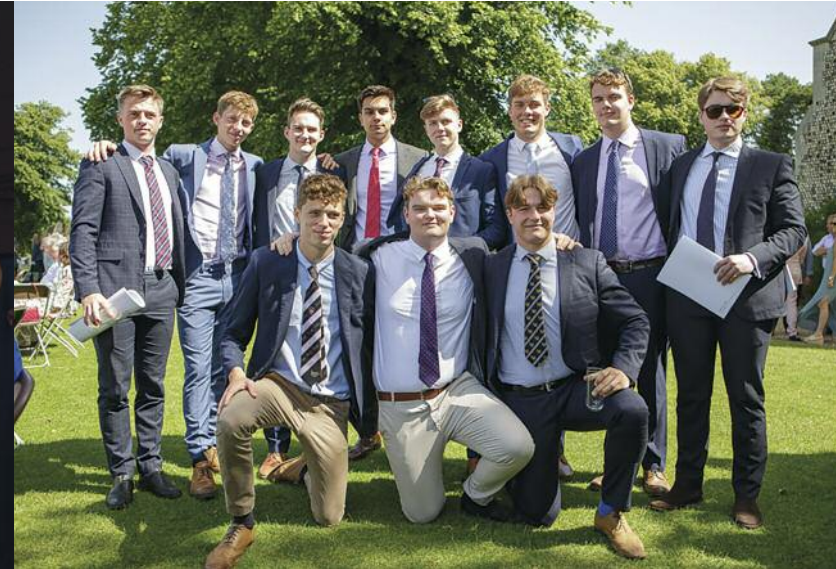


Tallis

Tallis house experienced a spectacular 2018-2019 year with huge successes: This all started with House Music. Tallis's performances were led spectacularly by our very own Head of School, Tom Kinder, House Captain, Finlay Wilcox and Dougie Wright who put huge amounts of enthusiasm and musical expertise into the production of 'So You Wanna Be A Boxer' as our House Unison. Instrumental was without a doubt the highlight of the night with Tallis winning this for the second consecutive year performing 'Uptight (Everything's Alright)'. Particular mentions go to Tom Kinder on the trumpet, Andrew Kinder on the trombone and Dougie Wright's memorable solo with guitar behind head.

After half term, the House curry night occurred with delicious korma and an array of extremely entertaining games for all to participate, organised by the house prefects! This further helped the newbies feel part of the House. In terms of sports, the Michaelmas term saw Tallis win the Senior House Rugby with the likes of Finlay Wilcox and Alfie Woolcock being fundamental in this. House cross country was also a success with Finlay Wilcox and Paddy Mountford among the first finishers.

During the first half term of the Lent term the annual Mexican night was held with fajitas and nachos which saw the whole house again seated in the common room creating a great atmosphere with Mexican music and games. Chilli-eating contests and a great trivia competition drew huge laughs all of which were carefully



co-ordinated by Hudson De Lucchi. We also saw the House well represented by Tom Kinder, Finlay Wilcox, Dougie Wright and Gabriel Goonesena in the Cambridge Half Marathon. Once again these boys were amongst the first finishers amongst those students taking on the 13.1 mile course.

The inter-house hockey competition saw Tallis win the junior competition and come second in the senior competition seeing us win the overall cup for the House hockey! Another mass sporting success was the annual Tallis Farmer-Wright Run (a 6 mile run from school to Sheringham seafront). This event is always a great house event, before the start of the exam season, which brings all the boys together and creates a wonderful House spirit. Mr Cox won for the third consecutive year after a disqualification for Mr Saker. Out of the boys, Finlay Wilcox won the race with Paddy Mountford shortly behind. The Year 9s in particular acquitted themselves well and posted some impressive times! Fish and Chips and the usual spontaneous run into the sea brought a brilliant end to this great event!

Overall this year was a hugely successful year for the house. Mr Cox's first full year as Housemaster saw huge changes around house with redecorations in the TV room, Common Room and the courtyard giving Tallis a massively warm and homely feel. The House was sorry to see the departure of our Matron, Mrs Ward-Simms, and tutors, Mr Buckmaster and Mr Willis. However the Leavers Event complete with a bucking bronco, a bungee run and a concert saw a fitting send off to these members of staff and those students beginning their lives beyond the walls of Gresham's. Particular mentions must go to Mr Cox and his family and to Mr Chamberlain and Mr Oates who collectively help in making Tallis a very dynamic, homely and welcoming house....thank you!

Woodlands

Woodlands has had yet another fantastic year, and the strong sense of family spirit, togetherness and a mentality to always have fun and get involved really shone through. Though House Music at the start of the year was not an enormous success in terms of positioning, the venue was swept off their feet by Pius Suen and Bela Driller on the violins for 'Bittersweet Symphony', technical issues notwithstanding. Ross Butler's impeccable solo performance, combined with Barnaby Gedney and Ethan Sheridan's excellent duet, made sure the Woody Part Song rendition of 'Shape of You' was not forgotten, complete with ginger wigs. And of course who could forget the House Unison, 'You're Welcome' from Moana, with a fantastic effort from all the boys ultimately not coming to fruition.

Academically the House performed really well. The school debating is a major fixture in the academic calendar and this was a year which saw three Woodlands boys in the Senior Debating Final for the first time, with Barney Gill and Pieter Myburgh representing the House and Luke Nash competing as part of the wild card. Unfortunately both teams were beaten by a much-stronger Edinburgh side, but the high quality of debating enlivened House spirit considerably. The junior teams unfortunately did not fare as well but the strong debating tradition nevertheless continued. This topped off another very strong year academically with a

really high number of Academic Certificates of Excellence, Speech Day Prizes and a high place on the effort grades table. Woody boys also featured in virtually all of the major drama productions, including the school musical Grease, where George Palasciano played a starring role, DNA, the student-led History Boys and the junior production of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

A multitude of sporting successes was topped by the unbelievable victory in the Inter-House Swimming Gala, the first time the trophy had been won by Woodlands in over 15 years, a fantastic effort from a huge majority of the boys. The other pride of Woodlands sport was of course our shooting success. This was led by Ben Danziger, who won so many competitions and was mentioned in Chapel so many times that we all lost count! We wish him the best of luck with his tour in Canada where he will shoot in an international competition. On top of that Ben, Daniel Adams, Ned Perry-Warnes and Alex Todd spent many-a-weekend at Bisley shooting range in Surrey honing their skills. Pieter Myburgh also continued his distinguished run of successes in clay pigeon shooting. All these achievements were compounded by a consistent run of 'Players of the Match', 'Players of the Season' and 'Most Improved Player'. Even squash featured on the roster, with Luke Nash, Joseph Thomson and Ross Butler picking up a

series of victories against Norwich.

In recognition of outstanding individual efforts, several prizes were given out at the end of year BBQ, an event that is quickly becoming more and more popular. Ethan Sheridan was awarded the Roger Hagen Plate and Ritchie Mann received the Junior Shield, both of which are designed to reward people for 'showing respect and doing one's best', an ethos which perfectly encapsulates the

ultimate Woody boy in the eyes of the man whom the plate is named after.

All of us at Woody would like to thank Mr and Mrs Retter for their amazing contribution to Woodlands over the last 14 academic years- they have well and truly brought Woodlands into the modern era in style and we wish them all the best for their future. A new year brings new beginnings with our new Houseparents Mr & Mrs Sharrock.



MOROCCO TRIP

IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

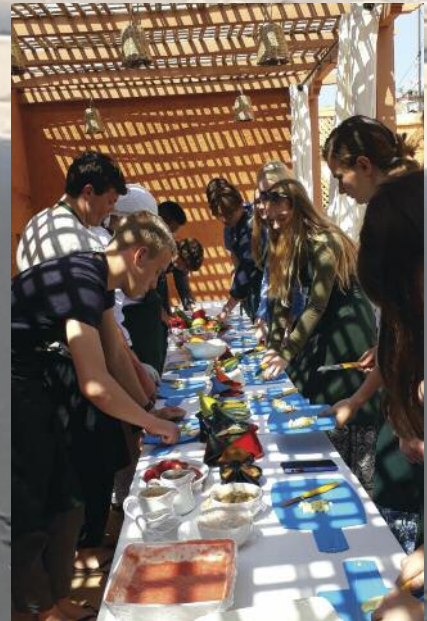
The trip to Morocco was a phenomenal experience of North Africa and its culture. Over the five days in the country, we moved from the bustling medina of Marrakech to the isolated Kasbahs on the Saharan fringe, and we were able to experience Moroccan culture and interact with the locals during our stay.

Personally, I found the whole trip great. Marrakech was full of history, ranging from the time of the Sultans to its' French colonial past, which helped shape the Marrakech of today. The market in the medina of Jemaa el Fnaa was probably one of the most interesting experiences I've had. The Atlas mountains were just stunning as our minibus climbed through them and it felt like we were in a whole different place. Ouarzazarte was interesting and very

different to Marrakech, being on the fringe of the Saharan desert. Here we spent a night under canvas in a small oasis village, with a full moon above us.

Essaouira, on the other hand, was my favourite place; the old coastal fort and town was probably the most interesting place on the trip. Not only did we see goats in trees, but we went for a camel ride on the beach. This was great as we had the whole beach to ourselves and the sun was setting which provided for a very scenic atmosphere. Overall, Morocco was arguably one of the best school trips I have ever been on as we were really able to get to know Morocco and its people.

Mack Shapeero



NORMAC

Norway:
Charlotte Moulton, Maisie Moxon & Sophia Rathleff – Best Arctic State Delegation

RAIPON:
Dally Armstrong, Archie Kenyon & Mack Shaperro

From Thursday 28th February until Sunday 3rd March Gresham’s represented Norway and RAIPON (The Russian Association of the Indigenous Peoples of the North) at a Model Arctic Council in Norwich (NORMAC).

On Thursday evening, Maisie and Mack gave brilliant opening speeches to the opening ceremony setting out the perspectives of Norway and RAIPON respectively.

The whole of Friday was spent in committee discussing whaling, Arctic shipping and meteorological cooperation. All six Gresham’s delegates were superb, advancing the cause of diplomacy – Maisie passionate on whaling and controlling debate, backed up by Mack’s good humour, knowledge of Spanish and timely one-liners. Dally and Charlotte dominated discussions on meteorological co-operation from the off and drove through consensus in their committee. Archie and Sophia took the issue of Arctic shipping very seriously, offering clauses and amendments to the committee’s resolutions.

Saturday saw all the delegates together in the SAO. Both Norway (Maisie, Charlotte and Sophia) and RAIPON (Dally, Mack and Archie) dominated proceedings from the start



and spoke very many times throughout the day. The conference director, Dr Specá, spoke of how impressed he was with both delegations. The day finished with a splendid formal dinner in the Norwich Assembly Rooms and an Arctic quiz in which Norway came 2nd and RAIPON 3rd.

Sunday brought the closing ceremony and considerable success for Gresham’s. Norway (Charlotte, Maisie and Sophia) won best Arctic state delegation – a very impressive accolade, not least as all three were NORMAC debutants. In the student votes Dally was voted best couple and delegate most likely to fall through the ice, whilst Mack was declared funniest delegate.

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IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

The Water Rocket challenge

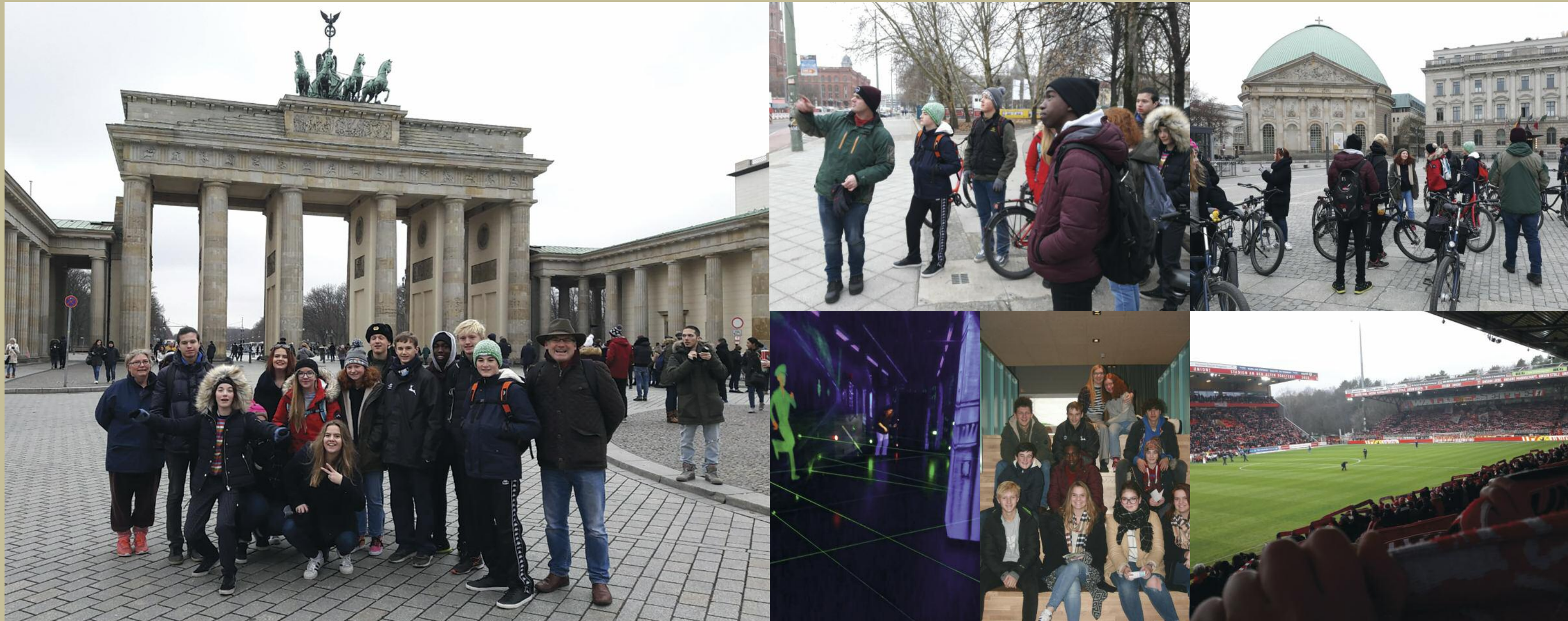
On Wednesday 19th June, five Year 9 boys travelled down to the National Physics Laboratory for the Water Rocket Challenge, to test and compete the water rocketsh they had been developing in Physics Academic Enrichment over the past year. With a multitude of different designs, the boys had a variety of success. Some rockets were able to land in the target zone with astonishing precision... whilst others barely made it off the launch. All part of

the scientific testing method!
The boys had a good day out, managing to avoid the rain with the precision of our better rockets. Whilst we did not place in the overall rankings, the boys did receive an award for our ‘highly accurate and innovative winged rocket’

Mr S Lawes



Berlin



The year's German Christmas trip centred around the city of Berlin. A city built on conflict, steeped in history and culture, it was a really fascinating experience all round. Fifteen of us, from year 10 to Sixth Form, accompanied by Mr Retter and Miss Gathercole, spent the first five days of the Christmas holiday in this vibrant and fascinating city. It was a full on experience throughout, beginning by throwing ourselves in to the gruesome history of the city at the Berlin dungeons, where immersive actors informed, amused and scared us, testing our German comprehension to the max!

A bike trip on day 2 gave a completely new perspective on this fabulously historical and edgy city, allowing us to see way more than we ever would have done otherwise. A visit to the terrifying Stasi prison at *Hohenschönhausen* and an excellent talk on the history of the secret police in East

Germany was a chilling experience as we learned of the harsh punishments inflicted upon enemies of the state. Counter to this, frequent 'Christmas Marketing', *KaDeWe* and supermarket sensation *Rewe* offered great retail therapy after the huge amount of ground covered on foot, tram, underground and S Bahn.

Local club FC Union Berlin achieved a great sporting victory of 2-0 during our stay, with a raucous atmosphere at the diminutive *Stadion an der alten Försterei*, which we were glad to witness despite the less than temperate climate – we understand now why German football has a *Winterpause*! Just a few months later FC Union Berlin were promoted to the *Erstes Bundesliga* for the first time - our support perhaps being the catalyst, perhaps?

A visit to the much larger and famous Olympic stadium, great views from the *Reichstag* cupola during the day and

the famous tv tower on *Alexanderplatz* at night, along with a meal out served as a great way to round off the trip before returning home, with Christmas shopping done, German language practised and some amazing experiences, which were brilliantly presented to the whole school in chapel during the Lent Term by Emmi Lehner, Theresa and Franziska Horn and Nureyn Mwang'ombe. They gave a super account of the trip, alongside Mr Retter speaking of his first visit to both West and East Berlin as a sixth former himself, back in April 1989, when Berlin was, of course, still a divided city – and part of two countries. To finish the presentation off, Mr Robinson told the amazing story of a crazy week in history in November 1989, when he was in the city working as a freelance photographer, when the Berlin Wall fell - his stunning, iconic photograph, reproduced right, made the front page of the *Observer*. Many thanks to Mr Retter and Miss Gathercole for



organizing and leading what was a great trip and to those who contributed to what was an utterly stimulating and memorable chapel talk.

Joseph Kooreman

KENYA REFLECTION

My experience in Kenya must be the best and most moving experience of my life so far. I learnt so much about the unique world around us, the seriousness of the lives of people in poverty as well as the beauty of Massai Mara culture and community. It made me see how special the area we visited is and thus how critical the work of the conservancy is for protecting the environment and wildlife so that generations to come can also experience what we did.

Teaching the children of the Opalagilagi School must be one of my key highlights. It was very physically and mentally tiring but the benefits and positive aspects of it were simply unparalleled. Through teaching children who were so happy and eager to learn, so open and willing to connect with me, showed me how living a luxurious and privileged life is not the key to living a happy and fulfilled life. I learnt from these children to enjoy the beauty of each day

as nothing lasts forever and by worrying about the future we miss out on the amazing present. Being in Kenya was like being in a time-warp: I did not have to think about the future or A Levels or work experience or familial issues - just living and enjoying each day. It also taught me not to take myself too seriously: its fun to laugh and just relax and be in the moment and those children made every moment very, very precious.

Another highlight was helping the women in the village we visited carry water back to their village. I did not expect the carton of water I was carrying to be so heavy and it was crushing to see children, a third of my height and not nearly as well fed, carrying the same load. It felt so, so good to give back to these people who do not have the opportunities and prospects we do and have no way of gaining them. Just by making their lives a little bit easier, I felt very



KENYA REFLECTION



happy and knew that this was a better feeling than opening any Christmas present.

Another key highlight for me was watching the elephants cross between the two land cruisers on our first game day. I would never have thought that watching an elephant and its baby walk across a patch of grass could bring me inches from tears. I look back at my video footage and want to cry all over again, as you can so clearly see the bond between the elephants, as well as the fear and wariness they felt because of us.

I would hate for my great grandchildren never to see an elephant in real life and never know how moving they are just by living, which is why the conservancy work is so important and why they must be protected.

I'll never forget my time in Kenya. I feel it was a truly eye-opening and life changing experience that has given me a whole new perspective on the world and has shown me what is important in life and for the future.

Jessica Beeson



IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM



The Clay Club

The Clay club has enjoyed another successful year. We had several training sessions throughout the year, including the annual Christmas Shoot, this time held in the woods – some great Christmas hats were worn and the mince pies went well with the hot chocolate. The Club is sad to see Amy Matthews, Enen Flux and Pieter Myburgh moving on at the end of their sixth form.

The National Cadet Clay Shooting Competition took place over the penultimate weekend of the summer term at Cambridge Gun Club with Cadets coming from all over the UK.

This year Gresham's entered two teams of four cadets, captained by Pieter Myburgh.

The A Team of Pieter Myburgh, Tom O'Hanlon, Joseph Kooreman and

Paddy Mountford achieved silver medals in the CCF Flush, Sporting and DTL, losing out narrowly to a very strong Ampleforth team, with Jo Kooreman winning the Individual CCF High Gun trophy, as he scored the highest number of hits over all the disciplines in the CCF competition.

The B Team of Will Alston, Oskar Holthaus, Ned Porter and Archie Thompson Poole achieved bronze medals in the CCF Flush, Sporting and DTL, beating Ampleforth B and C Teams to the medals.

Tom O'Hanlon and Jo Kooreman represented the CCF against all other cadet forces (Army Cadet Force, Air Training Corps and Sea Cadets) to win convincingly for the CCF's the 150th Anniversary Cup in the Interservice Flush competition, both winning

National Colours in the process.

The teams brought home two trophies, three Gold Medals, 12 Silver and 12 Bronze medals.

And Finally... Mr Detnon won the DTL competition, beating all Cadets and adult coaches with a score of 23/25.

Breaking Clays was once again a huge success on the last Friday of term with 50 teams of 4 entering and firing off in the region of 65,000 cartridges in just one morning! The event raised around £30,000 for Break Charity and Gresham's is proud to be the only school that enters this prestigious regional competition.

The team came a very respectable 17th place against some well-seasoned game shots and professional shots.

It has been a real pleasure organising the club over the last four years and I wish it much success in the future.

Mr P Detnon



Debating

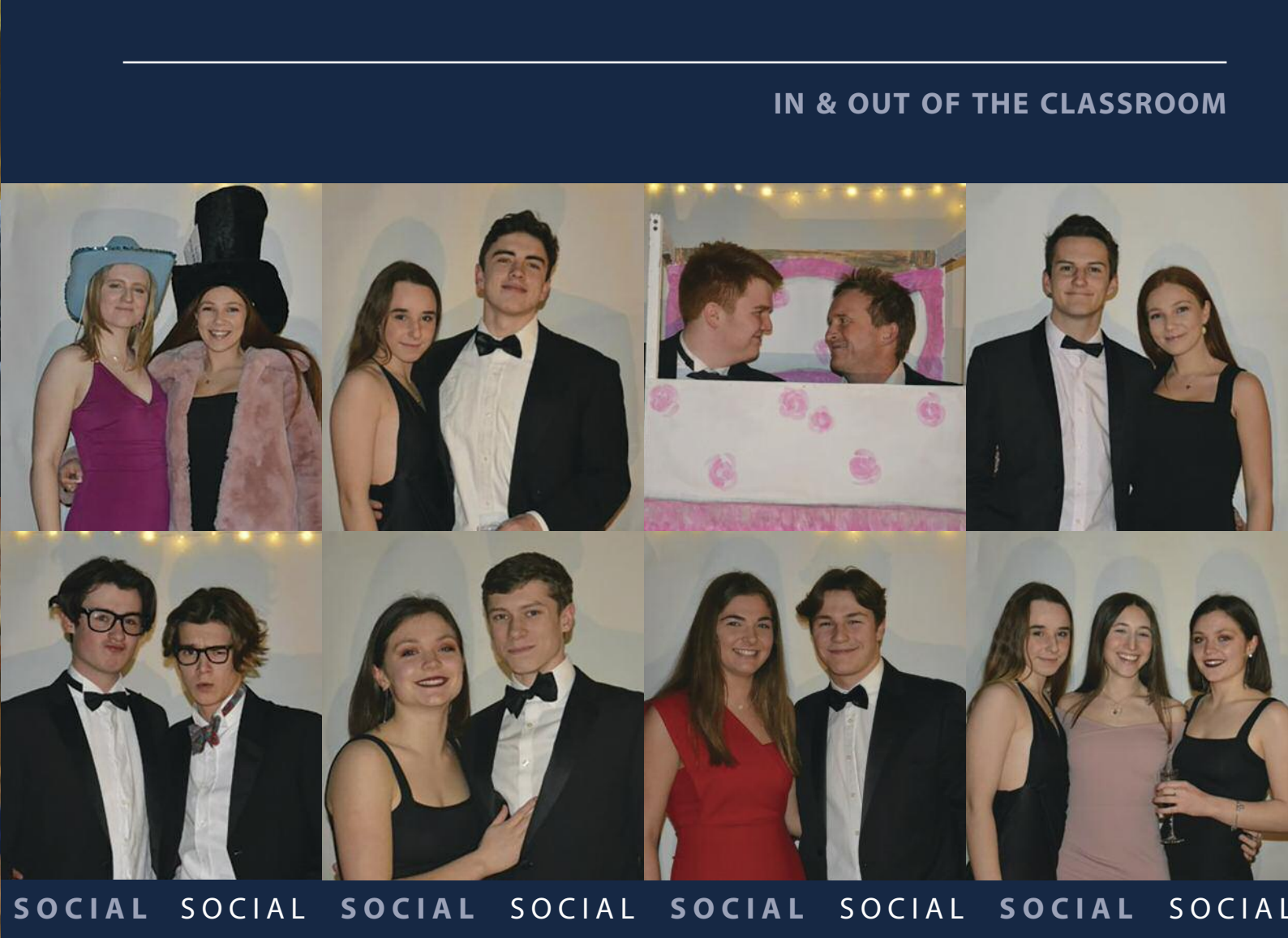
2018-19 proved a vintage year for Gresham’s Debating with well-contested motions and packed houses across all year groups.

The Marsham Cup was won by Edinburgh (Charlotte Moulton and Charlotte Odlin) who successfully put the case for restoring the death penalty in a four-way final. The O’Connell Cup went to Oakeley (Emily Ringer and Kate Willis) who were victorious in their third successive final, arguing that British citizens who had fought for Islamic State should not be permitted to return to the UK, whilst Tallis (Anton Lucas and Jake Osiatynski) secured the Carolyn Thomas Trophy, successfully opposing the idea that Boris Johnson would make a great Prime Minister. Amelia Doran won the Hodgkinson Debating Cup for her outstanding contribution to debating over 2014-19.

It was another successful year for external debating competitions too. Two Gresham’s teams made the long journey to Bedford in late January to debate unseen motions on single-sex schools and no negotiations with terrorists as part of the Oxford Union Debating Competition for East Anglia. The two teams comprised of Charlotte Odlin and Joe Oxtoby, and Elisabeth von Gemmingen-Hornberg and Charlotte Moulton.

We also participated in three Inter-Scholastic debates at Langley throughout the year which involved Hector Robb, Charlotte Odlin, Joe Kooreman, Andrew Kinder, Charlotte Moulton, Anton Lucas and Sophia Rathleff.

Simon Kinder



Duke of Edinburgh's Award



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme aims to promote a balanced approach to life and learning, helping students to develop and enjoy their existing strengths while cultivating new abilities and confronting fresh challenges. The award consists of four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skill, Expedition (+ Residential for Gold) and the pupils work towards completion of these sections throughout the year. Currently Gresham's have approximately 226 young people working towards completing their own award and during the last week of the summer term 47 girls and boys completed their qualifying expedition to the Yorkshire Dales (Silver and Gold) and a bronze practice expedition (Yr9s) in North Norfolk (86 pupils). In the Easter holidays 15 pupils, based just outside Keswick, completed their Gold practice: Archie Jones, Josef Rose, Garris Kranz, Tom Bennett, Jude Lillico, Alistair Thomson, Freya Clabon, Fenella HendersonChia, Nelly Porter, Miranda Robb, Amelia Thomson, Bethany Dunk, Molly Halimeh, Jemima Porter and Eva Shao. Pat Walton and Charlie Adams completed their gold practice at summer half term. Three pupils; Matilda Mann, Isobel Pallister and Camilla Morgan-Evans planned and organised their own canoe expeditions, completed a training course and their practice and qualifying expeditions at Easter and the end of the summer term. Congratulations to the following who have completed their Gold and were presented with their award on Speech Day: Harry Ardern, Lewy Bailey, Archie Coleman-Eke, William Cubitt, Amelia Doran, Ashmole Faire-Ring, Wille Groen, Elizabeth Lukins, Robert Mackenzie, Maxime Majoie, Laura Mitchell, George Palasciano, Anastasia Shcherbakova, Jack Stewart-Richardson, Harry Taylor, Isabel Thurston, Bennett Withers, Douglas Wright, Samuel Field, James Ghanbouri, Gabriel Goonesena, Sophy Kenyon, Amy Matthews and Josh Whitaker.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



At the beginning of the academic year 54 pupils successfully completed their bronze and 28 their silver award. Not only a busy year for Gresham's pupils working towards completing their individual awards, but also for many members of staff who frequently give up their own time either mentoring the pupils through the administration of their award or spending time away from home, supervising, organising and assessing various expeditions.

Katie Walton
Gresham's D of E Manager



Combined Cadet Force



It has been another strong year for the CCF with the growth of adventure training activities and the development of new dimensions to the regular training programmes. The Senior NCOs, PO Cdt Libby Lukins & Tiah Paige Davie for the RN Section, CSM Amy Matthews, CSgts Barnaby Gedney, Jack Stewart-Richardson, Rosie Gillett & Barney Gill for the Army Section and Cdt FSgt Lewy Bailey for the RAF Section, all brought their own style of leadership to their respective roles. At the end of the year Tiah-Paige Davie was awarded the CCF prize for her exemplary dedication to the CCF, combining boundless enthusiasm with dedication and commitment.

The Adventurous Training programme at Gresham's has continued to grow, with more cadets than ever before taking the chance to climb, trek, kayak and bike in the local area and also on increasingly popular AT weekends in the Peak District. This is set to be enhanced by the introduction of a summer AT camp on a biennial basis. Courses at the Cadet Centre for Adventurous Training have also been popular this year with cadets enjoying a top quality week of skiing, biking, climbing or caving. The REME garages

have also been bustling with activity as cadets across the yeargroups take the chance to work with vehicles and on different engineering projects. The arrival of the new 'wolf' landrover provides an additional vehicle to the fleet for REME devotees to enjoy.

The Royal Navy Section have carried out training both in Norfolk and further afield. October Field Days included afloat training out of Morston and leadership training in School for the senior cadets in addition to those cadets completing Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh courses. The section also carried out plenty of afloat training, having welcomed a number of boats from the Navy, including on Wroxham & Hickling Broads for the June Field Days. A number of cadets signed up for RN courses covering activities such as yachting, dinghy sailing and musicianship and a new drive on afloat qualifications should bring more opportunities in the future.

The Army Section has again deployed a large number of cadets deployed on proficiency expeditions on field days, as well as live firing on the ranges at RAF Marham. Several





year 11 pupils successfully completed the leadership weekends in October & February (extra capacity required by popular demand) showing strong potential for the future. These candidates also performed well in the junior NCO cadre through the Lent term. The L6 NCOs have also developed their leadership and instructional skills through the year with Molly Halimeh, Charlie Adams, Tilly Mann, Maddie Gainher & Lucy Reader taking leading roles.

The RAF Section has had plenty of experience of aircraft this year with visits to RAF Honnington and flying at RAF Wittering on several occasions. The section put in a fantastic performance at the Air Squadron Trophy building on their experience at the competition last year, and the team led by Charlotte Moulton achieved a highly creditable 8th place. Lorenz Romeni, Charlie Carpenter & Lachlan Richardson also attended the Air Cadet Leadership Course. Under the new leadership of Flt Lt Lawes the section is poised to go from strength to strength.

Summer camps for the Army at Beckingham and the RAF at Henlow were strongly supported and provided the chance for over 50 cadets to experience outdoor activities plus fieldcraft and shooting a range of weapon systems including shotguns and target rifles.

At the annual CCF dinner a number of leaving staff were given gifts in recognition of their service to the CCF - Lt Gillingwater who has administered the RN Section with diligence, Plt Ofrr Howman who has been a steady influence in the RAF Section, Mr Detnon who provided numerous opportunities for cadets in diving and shotgun shooting, Mr Willis who has thrown himself into all things CCF with unbounded enthusiasm ('Tigger in a uniform' according to Capt Scoles) and Sqn Ldr Bailey who has also stepped down from his role with the RAF section in order to make an impact on the RAF's national STEM provision. Their departure again leaves a number of gaps to fill in order to continue offering such a range of activity to increasing numbers of cadet,s but with capable recruits to uniform, such as Mr Saker who has become our newest RN officer, the future looks positive. The highly valuable contribution of a cohort of civilian instructors is also crucially important and hugely appreciated.

We look forward to another good year, adapting to further changes and making best use of the superb facilities that Gresham's can offer.

SBG 2019

My Year in the Army Section

The Army Section is something at Gresham's that I'm proud to be part of. I've enjoyed it since I started in third form and have loved it ever since. The amount of activities to do and the opportunities it has offered me has made my CCF experience very enjoyable. The summer camps helped me develop skills such as leadership and followership, as well as really improving my public speaking and teaching. There was a very wide range of activities, but I think I speak on behalf of everyone when I say the day spent adventure training, sailing, kayaking climbing and biking was the most enjoyable. It was so enjoyable that I went on a weekend camp purely dedicated to that where we did things such as bouldering, trekking, and, my favourite, mountain biking. Field days and field exercises on army camp and at training areas like Thetford were also an incredible on-field experience, where year 10's get to do and learn fieldcraft skills while the lower sixth take on leader roles, all preparing for the final ambushes and section attacks.

I look forward to making the most of my final year in the Army Section.

CSM Molly Halimeh



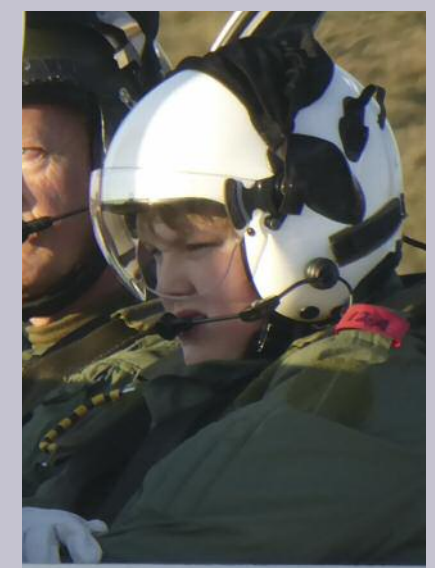
COMBINED CADET FORCE

My year in the RAF section

I have been in the RAF section at Gresham's since year 10 and in that time I have learnt a lot and taken advantage of many of the opportunities afforded to me. This year alone, I have been on the annual summer camp which was held at RAF Henlow and allows you to experience the RAF from inside as well as meeting lots of new people who share the same interests as you from around the country. Another great highlight was taking part in the Air Squadron Trophy. This occasion is a great way for a team from Gresham's RAF section to show our commitment to the CCF and represent our school in a regional competition. It is also a great day out for those who take part. The competition encompasses the entirety of what the RAF is about and tests all aspects of our training, including sections on aircraft recognition, shooting and drill.

Throughout the year the RAF section offers many opportunities for flying, which is a unique and unforgettable experience. It also gives everyone who takes part the confidence to work effectively in a team and take charge and lead others. I was delighted to be able to lead the RAF section this year, having been promoted to Cadet Warrant Officer.

Cadet Warrant Officer Charlotte Moulton



My year in the RN section

Being part of the RN section of the CCF is interesting and exciting. I have been offered various opportunities from learning how to tie sailors' knots to visiting the Navy's new aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth. Afloat training started with kayaking in the pool and progressed to spending field days at Morston to learn how to sail. Unfortunately I still haven't mastered the art of sailing yet but I guess there's still time! My first excursion with the RN section took me to Felixstowe to spend the day aboard HMS Trumpeter where we experienced what life is like on a patrol ship and learned about damage control and fire fighting. Piloting the ship was slightly terrifying as I am known for my clumsiness. Nevertheless, it was a fantastic experience despite the cold weather. Visiting HMS Queen Elizabeth was a privilege and our guided tour was really interesting. It highlighted the vastness of the vessel when even our guide got a little lost. The hangars on board the ship can hypothetically fit two frigates inside, giving an example of the carrier's size. Standing on the runway where the F35 Lightning 2s will be taking off was one of the highlights of the day. I look forward to my final year in the Navy as senior cadet and everything it has to offer.

Cadet Petty Officer Beth Dunk

Charity



Gresham's Charity Knitting Group

...or **The Knitted Society** as the group prefers to call itself, continues to knit with the greatest enthusiasm and commitment to its craft and has produced a range of items either to be sold to raise money for the various charities supported by the School or for donation to a worthy cause (last year we knitted fifty poppies for the Remembrance Sunday display in St Peter's Church in Sheringham). To this end, the 12-strong group has created toys, puppets, hats, scarves, rabbits, chicks, coasters and egg cosies to sell, and paired comfort triangles to be donated to premature baby units for mother and special-care babies to share. An exciting new development is a stall at the FOGS Xmas Fayre, for which the students have been knitting Christmas "paper"-chains and tree ornaments. A range of skills have been mastered: casting on – and off, garter stitch, stocking stitch, slip stitching, creating stripes, increasing and decreasing. A Field Day visit to **Something Special** in Holt enabled the students to peruse new ideas and purchase a range of yarns and their own sets of needles – knitters out there will know the joys of acquiring your first set of wooden or bamboo needles! We would always be pleased to have parents/grandparents who are seasoned knitters join us for an occasional Friday afternoon to share their skills: contact mmasters@greshams.com



First 'Gritty Grasshopper' takes place at Gresham's

Pupils enjoyed their first endurance event, the 'Gritty Grasshopper', on Thursday 28th March 2019, raising over £3700 for two charities, Farms for City Children and the Lord's Taverners.

Teams of eight, each representing their House, navigated their way around an obstacle course set on the school's grounds giving them the opportunity to test their metal against other teams, the obstacles and their own minds. Teamwork was key and pupils motivated each other through difficult and muddy obstacles. It was a brilliant way to finish a busy term with pupils aged 13 to 18 having the opportunity to be 'children' for the afternoon.

Each year the School selects a charity to support and pupils get involved in all sorts of exciting fundraising events. In the academic year 2018/2019, the School had two charities, Farms for City Children and the Lord's Taverners. The Gritty Grasshopper was just one of several activities that pupils took part in to raise money for these charities.

Special thanks must go to all the staff who were involved to ensure that the event went smoothly, particularly to Ollie Braithwaite who finalised the course details and ensured that the event ran safely without detracting from the fun and competition it generated. A final thanks to our wonderful Grounds team who worked tirelessly to ensure that the course was ready in time for the event.

"The Gritty Grasshopper 2019 definitely delivered! Thirty six teams, 288 runners and more than £3700 raised – an afternoon spent defeating obstacles and deep mud, across the beautiful Gresham's school grounds. Smiles, laughter and good old fashioned team spirit galore. Bring on the Gritty Grasshopper 2020." (BSA news, North Norfolk news)

Gritty Grasshopper Awards:

- Fastest girls' House – Oakeley
- Fastest boys' House – Farfield
- Fastest girls' team – Oakeley Year 10
- Fastest boys' team – Farfield Year 13
- Team Spirit Award – Edinburgh Year 9

Tom Burnett
Head of Charities and Services



Art & Creative Writing

Molly Hallimeh

Tick Tock,

Goes the clock Telling us to haste. Don't be slow,
You'll miss the show, Run, don't be late.
Tick tock,
Go forward –
You're not quick enough. Lines appear,
Thoughts thinking fear, Forgetting... stuff.
Tick tock,
Time goes on,
A countdown till the end. The show was missed;
Your goodbye kissed, Time is not your friend.



Isabella Rathleff

me and the deer that live in your apartment

the afternoon feels like aluminium, shiny and sharp. i am watching
four deer bump awkwardly up the stairs to this rented terrace
in search of your mother's corn plants; i am wondering when you
will arrive, eyes swinging, hands and arms full
of the eyes and words of other people, as yet unscarred, holding
a red crescent in your fist
from the weight of a grocery bag.
let your friend know this
was a compromise. don't forget that earth and sky
have the advantage, not you or i. gentle men cluster at the sides
of roads and wait for opportunity. we are all
looking at a light in the air
with no shape and a vague promise of the future - an
endlessly better time, a life like now with one
critical alteration.
i think i wanted the deer to bump awkwardly into our open kitchen, and
stare at us until we felt accused. instead, the doors are closed. i am
watching them watch me wait for you - me and the deer, we are wanting to be something,
in the small and important way of folks who have nothing
while also living comfortably.
touch your hand to the door handle and let the heat remind
me of you. better yet - stay,
sleep on the couch,
soft hands curled around dog-shaped ears
while we wait for this thing to happen

Molly Hallimeh

Steaming Hot Tea

There's an old man who lives on my street,
A word I wouldn't use to describe him is neat.
He once invited me round for tea,
"It's steaming hot and great, you see!"
So, I went to his porch and knocked on his door, Trying not to break his old wooden floor.
I heard a scurry, a bang, and a flop,
Then he opened the door with a small squeaky pop.
He gave me a look and smiled very wide, And I finally got to enter inside.
I looked around and I felt my jaw drop,
My eyes kept darting, they wouldn't stop! I'll tell you exactly what I saw in that house, Filled to the brim, no room for a mouse!
A bookshelf, a bike, an old, sturdy car,
A lamp, a tree, and a small glowing star,
A stove, an oven (filled with pie!),
A stack of trunks incredibly high.
A what's-it, a thingy, a pile of junk,
A trapeze, some books, a religious monk.
Only one of the new high-top shoes,
A monkey, a cage, an egg laying goose!
32 bottles of Indian drinks,
A suitcase filled with R.A.F trinks.
Chocolate, presents, gifts of all sorts, completely filled this old man's fort.
And in the corner, orderly kept,
Was a polished and white gleaming tea set. He sat me down, as I smiled with glee,
And we drank, together, the steaming hot tea.

Poppy Robinson

Mount Everest

She is tall like a supermodel, towering over her peers. Soft and milky pale skin with a mantle of wispy hair like candy floss. Eyes of earth brown and show great wisdom. If you look into them you can see into her soul, cold and unforgiving. No imperfections could ever manifest themselves on her; she is a work of art. Her voice is low - she rumbles a kind of music which is discordant, yet sounds strangely comforting to the ears. Resplendent, she holds herself with so much poise that she has become almost untouchable. People fear her; befriending her is a challenge. For all the people who have succeeded in breaking her icy defences, twice as many have failed.



Animal Encounters

Inspired by our reading of Elizabeth Bishop’s ‘The Moose’

Zach Humphrey, Year 9
Blue Whale

Floating in a vast expanse of transitioning blue, rays of perfect sunlight penetrated the flat ocean’s surface and were distorted by therapeutic ripples. Downwards there was nothing but a darkening blue, with seamlessly falling levels of light. Upwards, there was the opposite, a pale azure rose into the whiteness of the uncovered sun.

From the depths of the ocean an immense mass of power rises – a change of atmosphere was indefinitely present as the beast rose. A blue whale levitates in the water, questioning its surroundings. The largest mammal on the planet was there floating, like 70 tonnes weighed nothing. The underneath of the whale was engraved with parallel lines, sitting on the chin of an enormous mouth, superior to any other in existence. The colossal tail attached to the rear of the whale was just a case of power ready to unleash a burst of thrust and propel the tremendous creature to whatever it was facing.

The majestic animal was shockingly calm and undisturbed. The tranquil surroundings hadn’t changed, only moved to make way for this oceanic monster. The blue whale was not fazed by anything and only moved in the path it desired. This passive phenomenon was respected by all that knew of it, for its sheer power was enough to frighten the unknowing. As the whale glided through the Pacific waters, the true beauty emerged as it gracefully made its way through the abyss.

The colossal beast made its way back down to where it came from, the unknown. It only took one wave of its tail and one adjustment to the fins, to accelerate the mass of strength and power down into the depths of the ocean, where it will most likely never be seen again.



Josh Howland, Year 9
Okapi

The battered open-topped Range Rover trundled down a worn dirt track, meandering through the looming jungle. Tiny streams of sunlight gleamed down on the safari’s overtired passengers. Whilst they had seen many amazing animals, the novelty had begun to wear off and peaceful snores pervaded the humid air. The rather flustered guide continued to point at the various features of the jungle, although I was sure he knew almost no one was listening.

Suddenly, the guide let out a huge gasp, audible even over the elderly engine of the Rover. The passengers stood to attention as the car came slowly to a halt. Out of the brush, to the left, a pitch black snout gingerly emerged, looking as if it had been dipped in soot. Slowly, the rest of the creature appeared, revealing a jug-eared and pointed face with streaks of white running down the jawline. Then came a deep russet coat, shining in the light. Down the legs came a zig-zagged pattern, slowly fading into cloven hooves. The passengers who were just before on the edge of consciousness were now entranced by this curious creature.

“Incredibly rare,” murmured the guide, “very rare indeed.”

Then without warning, the creature skittishly leaped back into the brush, the only trace left of it some misplaced earth, as if it had never been there. The Rover’s engine rumbled back to life and we trundled on. The atmosphere was changed completely, buzzing over the almost magical creature we had just seen.



Grace Hare, Year 9

Pheasant

It was New Year’s Eve and, in the distance, the old rundown clock chimed eleven musical chimes. The glistening stars twinkled and the marvellous moonlight shone down onto the wood. In the wood the darkened crimson fallen leaves littered the ground. Trees and hedge from which the leaves had fallen were towering over broken branches like a giant looming over tiny ants. All of a sudden, soft, sparking snow began to fall. It landed gracefully on the fallen leaves and littered the ground.

There was a loud rustle in the snow-drenched hedge and a playful pheasant jumped out. Its ornamental smooth head with a scarlet crest and its flowing, long, russet tail were covered in flakes of fresh snow. Its cunning claws reached out into the snow covered ground and pierced down into the deep snow to make the first fabulous footprints. The quarry carried on walking through the whiteness and, with every step he took, the snow crunched and crackled like ice breaking. After a few carefully anxious paces into the snow, the pheasant pecked inquisitively at it. The coldness scraped across his long, handsome, hooked beak.

The grass lay under a thick white blanket of snow and the vast hedges and trees were completely covered with sparkling snow. The night was quiet and the pheasant looked calm and peaceful. In the distance the old, rundown clock chimed twelve musical chimes – it was New Year’s Day. The pheasant quickly scampered off into the saturated hedge, as if he knew that today was the day of the farmer’s shoot.



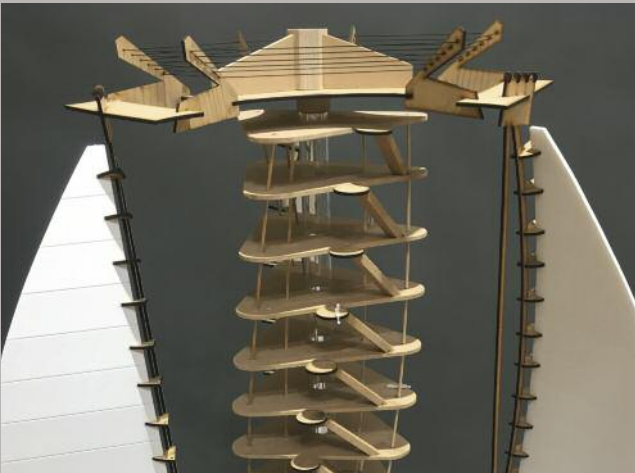
Georgie Clarke, Year 9

Owl

The hinges of the door screeched as it opened, with a soft thud as the wood hit the wall. The barn was dark and its shadowy depths veiled. Above me, however, through rotted gaps in the rafters, faint rays of sunshine crept in warily. They illuminated the dust that danced through the air in twirling confusion. I followed the pale ray to a nearby corner. Old dark beams of wood cluttered it and the light shone more brightly. There was something there. I saw it.

A tawny fringe and a sagacious presence, it gazed upon me, shrewd and wary. Its eyes widened appearing raptorial as it twitched, unsure of the best reaction. I froze, apprehensive but unafraid to shift my eyes from its withering stare. Its pennons suddenly moved, ruffling its plumage. I broke my gaze. Then it was silent. I looked again and it was still, calm, if a little wary. Its nocturnal nature lent to alertness as it stood on the beam. I knew it was waiting for me to provoke it, experience and contemplation lingering in its eyes. It had seen the world, it flickered across its visage. I could feel its stare, intense and yet weary, ordering me forward.

Slowly, cautiously, with a rustle of straw, I took a step. Piercing yellow eyes narrowed, puncturing my hesitation. I walked and it still stared, head held high, contempt and authority clear from that poise, the poise of a commander, displeased with my apparent insubordination. Still it stared, understanding now, recognising curiosity only a few steps away. Sudden flaps of its wings. Its eyes raptorial, it leaped upwards, shockingly vocal as it ascended. The echoes above me ceased, with a lone call from the shadows. Those sagacious eyes lingered in my mind.



The Photo

The edges were curled and flaking away, the image crumpled and faded. It was only the size of a post-it note yet, somehow, that small photograph meant more to me than anybody alive on earth. This may be a strange proclamation but when you are my age, a photograph can mean more than life simply because I have already lived; already loved. In my head I am the youthful woman who is captured in this image; leaning against my boyfriend on the beach in the south of France. It may be black-and-white and almost 50 years ago but the colours are so vivid that, in my mind, I could be back there, transported in time; breathing in the crisp, sharp scent of the sea; watching the waves roll lazily at my feet. Stretching out on the sand painlessly- no arthritis restricting my relaxation, no aching in my lungs as I draw in a breath. In a moment, I am free. Whisked away from the constant, heart wrenching sadness of waking up without him. Forgetting the loneliness that is always there like a dark hole, never to be light again as there is just no one who cares. No one who remembers.

It is just a photo. Just an old bit of paper. Disintegrating in my hands as I cling to the pieces of the past. It is my sanctuary, my serenity. My home glazed in a shiny covering. My relief from a life that ended years ago.

Jessica Beeson



Creative response to reading and watching the play of H G Wells’s ‘The Time Traveller’

The Time Traveller emerged from a narrow alleyway to witness a bustling street. Horse-pulled carriages heading back and forth crowded the winding road. Despite clearly being a city scene, the odour was that of the countryside and as he hurried round a corner the Time Traveller could see all manner of produce sold from the backs of wagons. He stood as far from the edge of the fray as possible and watched the people. Men wore waistcoats like him but often more like tunics and the remainder of their attire was more intricately patterned and formal. Most hats bore feathers protruding from women’s heads. Women wore long skirts and those he could see making their way through the obstacles of the time and place were those who wore aprons and caps on their heads. This time was by far more similar to the Traveller’s own.

Yet even in this time, he saw humanity’s divide. Wandering along a cobbled street bedecked in straw and mud he found increasingly more carriages pass him. They were finer than any of the gain seeking wagons with coats of paint and had more semblance to the coaches from Victoria’s reign. Inside he saw people uninterested and disassociated with the frenzy of working life. Some looked at the street’s inhabitants with disgust. Dressed in clothes so simple as to warrant the appearance of poverty mingled with a poor state of mind, the Time Traveller saw lips curl with disgusted contempt. Some in the carriages would crease their brows and raise their noses to avoid visual evidence, whilst all looked ahead to wherever they were travelling. The Time Traveller followed, pondering these authoritative figures all bedecked in finery of reds, golds, greens and blues, ornamental clothing suggesting influence and all with the same idea of destination.

He continued to follow until, upon reaching a bridge over what must be the Thames, he stopped. It was curious, he thought, how the future he had seen had managed to be rid of all the grandeur he witnessed. A large palace he knew he had once seen stood on the other side surrounded by the natural phenomenon of this time, for in this urban sprawl of business anything natural was a phenomenon. Trees watched over a tall wall where there must have been hedges and flowers and lawns and people of importance. It wasn’t far, the Traveller thought, to walk to those walls. And it shouldn’t be too cumbersome for him to investigate beyond and witness history with his own eyes.

Georgie Clarke
Year 9



Farfield Winning House play

Overview

A boy is at home one day. He is depressed and his family argue all the time. His father is abusive and he doesn’t know what to do. He decides to run away from his home with his brother. His name is Drew and he is 14, his brother Gabe is 17. They’re from the UK and our story is set in Hackney, London.

Script

The Exit Barrier

(The play is set in Hackney, London. They are living in a run down flat with their neglectful mother and their abusive father)

(Drew is in his room on his bed alone listening to music through his headphones)

(Sounds of the parents arguing in the background but muffled by the sound of Drew’s music)

(The rain sounds get louder and louder through his ears and Drew puts his head in his hands)

D: *(Screaming)* STOP! *(The rain and the parents cut out)*

(Drew comes into Gabe’s room)

G: What’re you doing?

D: We’ve got to get out of here. This is just too much. I can’t get any sleep and, and-

G: Hey, calm down. I get it, this life sucks, but it’s all we’ve got right now. We can’t just start a new life. Can we?

D: Yes, we can. We’ll just make it up as we go along. Wherever we go, it will be a hell of a lot better than this place.

G: But how will we know-

D: Just, trust me.

G: Ok, ok, when should we leave? Like in a few weeks?

D: No, we must leave tonight otherwise they’ll get suspicious. We have to pack as soon as we can. Which basically means now.

G: Woah, slow down there, we need to confirm this first, we can’t just leave.

D: Please, don’t fight me on this. We can’t stay here anymore.

G: You know what? Fine. I’ll go and pack. And don’t take forever like always.

D: I do not take forever! You have hour-long showers!

G: Whatever.

(The spotlight is brought up to both rooms with the boys packing as a sort of montage).

(Gabe is packing very light, with a nap-sack, some pants, toothbrush and toothpaste, small pocket knife, deodrant).

(Drew has a huge suitcase and packs way too many piles of unwashed clothes carelessly into it, no hygiene product).

After a while, Gabe enters.

G: Are you done yet, Drew? What the hell is all this? *(Gabe laughs at the sight of his younger brother jumping on a suitcase to get the clothes in, clothes are pieces of cloth maybe).*

(Drew strains and manages to zip up the suitcase)

D: Let’s go!

G: Wait, Drew, we’re gonna need money from somewhere right?

D: Sure?

G: I think there’s only one place we could get it from. *(The boys are at the top of the stairs with their suitcases and have walked here gradually throughout the conversation).* Mother.

D: *(whispering shout)* YOU DO IT!

G: Fine. Wuss..

D: *(Frantic whisper)* I’m not a wuss! Y-You’re the wuss!

G: *(Rolls his eyes)*

(As Gabe enters the kitchen where the father is sleeping on the sofa and the purse is on the kitchen table with a glaring white spotlight, it is dark everywhere else on stage. He manages to grab the credit card inside it quickly and Drew, from the other side of the room, does a quick dance of excitement).

D: What’s the pin again? 3... 3529?

G: That’s it.

(Drew rushes downstairs to Gabe and gently hugs him. The father stirs (audio sound) and they quickly pull apart).

G: C’mon, quickly.

(Drew grabs the key from under the door mat and they quietly open the door and escape into the night).

ACT II

D: We did it! But what now? We didn’t plan this well.

G: Of course it wasn’t planned. You only told me we were doing this today!

D: I know I know.... I know! A train!

G: *(Sarcastically)* Great! Fantastic! A train! Where to? We’ve never been out of the town except when we went on holiday with Uncle Williams.

D: I’m not sure where to yet, let’s just get away from here...

G: OK let’s go.

(Blackout)



(Gabe and Drew enter the stage. Drew is shivering)

G: You ok?

D: Y-yeah...

(Gabe takes his coat off and gives it to Drew, Drew looks at Gabe and smiles)

D: How are we gonna get to the station?

G: Not sure yet... Lemme think. I know! We could hail a cab and get him to drive us there.

(Gabe proceeds to stick his hand out (to the crowd) to try and hail a cab)

(A car sound whizzes past Gabe’s face and he is blown backwards)

(He tries again and this time it works. The sound of a car pulling up sounds and they get in by sitting on 2 chairs placed stage left. A light shines on the 2 chairs)

C.D Voice: So, where to?

G: Uhhhh, the station?

C.D Voice: Are you ‘avin’ a laugh?! The station is only a 2 minute walk away!

D: Are you going to take us or not?

C.D Voice: Fine, fine...

(Drew and Gabe sit in silence for the cab drive to end, it stops and they attempt to leave)

(Flashing orange lights moving like out of a car window with street lamps)

C.D Voice: Oi! Aren’t you gonna pay?!

D: Oh, sorry, *(Whispering)* Gabe, pay him

G: How much?

C.D Voice: 4 quid

G: Sorry?

C.D voice: I said 4 quid, are you deaf? 4 pound.

G: Oh sorry, do you take card?

C.D voice: Yes I take card, the card reader’s there.

(Gabe pays for the cab and leaves with Drew)

(Gentle dark blue light on the boys with a bright light near them symbolizing inside of the train station, the boys exit stage right).

(The boys are inside the train station, amazed at all of it)

D: Right, we’re here. But where do we get a ticket?

G: Honestly, I don’t know. Let’s take a walk, see if we can find somewhere that looks official *(they exit stage left). (Blackout?) (The boys walk on stage to a big box, painted maybe) (Audio recording for the ticket holder).*

TH: Where to lads?

D: Well, we don’t really know. Anywhere away from here.

TH: Aren’t you boys a bit young to be taking a train ride so late? It’s nearly half-past three!

G: Yeah, we’re pretty tired now.

TH: Where are your parents?

D: They’re at our hous—

G: They’re just at work, sweating the night shift, Y’know?

TH: Alright. I’m too old for this nonsense anyway. *(Impatiently)* Return or one way?

D and G: One way.

TH: Where to? For the last time!

G: *(quick thinking)* Halliford please.

TH: Thank you. £8.90 for the both of you please. *(The tickets print out)*

(Gabe clumsily grabs as much change from his pocket as possible) (He hands a £10 note and is given change)

The Exit Barrier
Continued...

TH: Platform 1, Central Line. It's going in a few minutes so you'd better hurry.

(The boys run off) (Blackout) (Two chairs and a few other pairs near lined up like a train, the boys are slumped in the middle pair).

(The sound of an overground train sound effect plays and Drew and Gabe are swaying simultaneously very gently).

D: The sky is so clear, I can see every star for miles!

G: It is pretty nice out there, I've got to admit.

D: The sky is so massive, with all of space and the universe, I wish sometimes, I could be up there. With it, among it.... Why were we given them?

G: Given who?

D: Mum and Dad. (Long pause).

Parents, are meant to be role models for you. They're meant to inspire you, help you in anyway they can and our parents just, don't...

Why?

G: They don't know what to be to us. They don't realize how much they influence us, what they need to do to be good parents.

D: Yeah, but.

G: Enough Drew. Forget them. It's just you and me now.

(They both look out at the stars outside, a very gradual fade closes the scene).

ACT III (Halliford)

(The train opens with them both sleeping on the train seats, a much warmer sunny spread light is on them and the other seats)

G: Drew, wake up!

(Drew continues to sleep)

G: And you say I'm lazy? (He shoves his head and Drew reluctantly wakes)

D: What? ...

G: We're here, I think.

D (Springs up eagerly)

D: Let's go!

(They open the doors and leave the carriage).

(Drew rubs the sleep out of his eyes as they leave the carriage, the lights are brought up slightly more to show daylight).

D: Where to now?

G: Like you said, we'll figure it out as we go along.

D: Sure.

G: Let's get out of here first.

(Gabe and Drew go to the ticket barriers and Gabe puts his ticket through, Drew is next)

G: Hurry up, where's your ticket?

D: (Drew pats his pockets and trousers)

G: C'mon, where is it? (Chuckles)

D: I honestly don't have it, I swear

G: Shit, Drew just, use mine!

G: Here.

(Drew attempts to use the ticket and a platform police officer sees them and confronts them)

PO: Hey, you two, you can't use the same ticket once it's scanned!

G: Oh, sorry we didn't know.

PO: Boys, it's 5am, where are your parents?

(Silence)

PO: Look, we need to find your parents, where are they?

D: It's not your business

PO: Well it is now, (annoyingly) where – are – they.

G: (angrily) Like he said. It's none of your business.

PO: Alright, you boys are coming with me.

D: No! We can't go back!

PO: What are you on about?

D: Just trust us. Please officer. We want to start a new life without... without them.

PO: What are you on about? You are coming with me **now**, I'm taking you home.

G: Please don't do this.

PO: If you argue any longer I will personally promise that I will make this harder for you. Now come with me,

G: We really have no choice. Do we?

(Blackout)

(Gabe and Drew are back in their old flat and Drew is in his room on stage left. Gabe is stage right but his room is darkened)

(Drew is looking out the window and turns to his work on the desk, the sound of his parents arguing are back and the rain in Drew's head is getting louder and louder)

(Drew puts his head in his hands)

D: (Screaming) STOP! (Sounds cut out)

(Blackout)

END



Drama

GREASE was the word for this year's musical at the end of the Michaelmas term, with a truly talented and wholly committed company, whose performances brought the well-loved characters vividly to life dancing and singing the hits and moving the show along like *Greased Lightning*. The glory and the challenge of putting on *Grease* is that it is so incredibly familiar because of the iconic 1978 film that everyone knows or thinks they know the stage show. This makes it both exciting to work on and difficult to re-envisage in a way that avoids simply being a parody of the film. How you do this is surprisingly simple though not easy- find a talented and committed cast of principals willing to go the extra mile to create their own interpretation of Danny and Sandy, Rizzo and Kenickie, the Pink Ladies and the Burger Palace Boys to name but a few. Work with them and a dedicated ensemble on a diverse range of rock and roll songs whilst embracing the demands of fast moving choreography. Finally, allow their energy and enthusiasm for the show to channel the larger than life teens of 1950s High School Rydell High. We paid homage to the film whilst remaining true to the stage show and the spirit of rock and roll in a celebration of love and friendship which, as we all know, go together like 'a rama- lama-lama, ka dignity ding de dong'.

THE DRAMA EVENING In the Michaelmas term, a collection of students from Years 11-13 performed in The Drama Evening to an audience of parents, teachers and their peers in Scruff Shacks Studio. The programme consisted of monologues and scenes that students selected themselves, either in preparation to audition for Drama School or simply for the love of performing. The audience were introduced to characters from plays, musicals, films and even video games. The range of different performances was hugely successful and it was a fantastic showcase of the talent that we have here at Gresham's. Congratulations to all performers and a big thank you to everyone who came to watch and show your support.

DNA In the Michaelmas term, students from Years 11-13 gave a compelling performance of DNA, Dennis Kelly's dark drama about a group of teenagers who accidentally commit a serious crime and attempt to cover it up. The play highlighted the different ways that we as a society respond to cruelty and guilt and this challenging piece was dealt with very well by the whole cast, creating suspense and a sinister air of mystery throughout the evening.

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE In the Lent term, students from Years 9-11 gave a magical



performance of the classic tale 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. I chose to direct this play because it is one of my childhood favourites and it was truly so much fun using the magic of theatre to bring this story to life. The adaptation closely followed the original novel, bringing us those memorable characters that we all know and love, and it was a real pleasure working with such a hard working and focused cast and backstage team.

LOWER SCHOOL DRAMA EVENING

On February 1st a brave cohort of students took centre stage in Scruffs Studio for our first Lower School Drama Evening showcasing the talent of students in years 9, 10 and 11. This was a hugely entertaining evening with an impressive range of musical theatre songs, monologues and scenes chosen by the students to challenge themselves and, in many cases, the audience. We moved through comedy to tragedy and back again leaving everyone with something to think and smile about.

THE HISTORY BOYS

Students from year 12 took on the incredible challenge of directing and performing their own version of *The History Boys* by Alan Bennett, cross casting with girls playing male characters and vice versa. An interesting take and a brave production was performed over two nights in the summer term, with two of the cast flying in from Kenya the day before the opening night!

Director Isabella Rathleff in the run up to the show explained the reason the students chose to make this happen:

My name is Isabella, and I'm the director of (and an actor in) this up-and-coming production of *The History Boys* by Alan Bennett. This project started because myself and the other members of my IB English class were interested in the play after having studied it, and it's grown into a full production, with cast members including everyone in our set as well as a number of other members of Lower Sixth. Because of the demographic of people who wanted to be involved, we're going to be performing the play as actors of the opposite gender to our characters - Mrs Lintott, for example, will be played by Luke Nash, and the male Headmaster by Phoebe Harvey - which tends to make some of the dialogue interesting! I've been excited about this project from the very beginning, especially considering the huge number of talented actors we have performing, and even as a first-time director. I've been so grateful to everyone for their engagement and their interest in the play and the concept - I can't have an easier gig, and, now that we're in the final stages of rehearsals, it's both fantastic and terrifying to see the end in sight. The project has really come together into such a funny and engaging performance, given the chemistry of our cast and the

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switch-around of actors/characters, and I'm so excited to be able to bring it out onto stage.

Cast: Paige Broadhurst, Molly Halimeh, Phoebe Harvey, Greta Jacobsen, Evey Jermy, Charlotte Moulton, Tyler Munro, Luke Nash, Jemima Porter, Isabella Rathleff and Lille von Gemmingen

Crew: Liv Brauer, Elena Carciog, Beth Dunk, Charlotte Odlin, Izzy Pallister

THE HISTORY BOYS REVIEW

Mrs Chrissie Van Hassalt

'I was awestruck and deeply impressed in between fighting back gales of socially undesirable laughter...one of the best things I have seen done by students ever.' Mr Fletcher

'One of the funniest, most authentic and thought-provoking student-led productions it has been my pleasure to see in the last 16 years'. Mr Kinder

'Sensitively commenting on gender representation without removing any focus on the issues presented in Bennett's original play.' Miss Thompson

Gender-swapping productions are of the moment – where the RSC goes (its recent *Taming of the Shrew*), so does Gresham's. On Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June, Alan Bennett's *The History Boys* came to Scruff Shacks directed by Isabella Rathleff.

The first full length student production in a number of years, the project began in IB Literature classes when the students read the text and loved it. The parts the girls read in class were taken forward to the roles they played on stage: Isabella Rathleff as director took on the role of Dakin with appropriate swagger; Charlotte Moulton played the likeable Scripps who manages to be everyone's confidant; Tyler Munro acted the love-stricken Posner with pathos and humour; Elisabeth von Gemmingen was the pragmatic Rudge and Paige Broadhurst played Irwin, the young teacher brought in by the Headmaster to give polish to the boys in pursuit of Oxbridge glory for the school.

The group had gathered a strong cast of actors to play other roles: Evey Jermy managed to convince the audience of Hector's likeability and charismatic nature as a teacher, Luke Nash played Mrs Lintott to perfection; Jemima Porter, Molly Halimeh and Greta Jacobsen shaded their characters of Akthar, Timms and Lockwood beautifully. Comic timing was exemplary throughout with the actors delivering lines with panache and relish. Phoebe Harvey acted the Headmaster bringing out the entrenched, snobbish nature of the character and generating lots of laughter. The scene where Hector and the boys are playing roles set in a brothel, 'utilesent le subjonctif ou le conditionnel', and are interrupted by the Headmaster who is showing Irwin his new class,



is at the comic heart of the play and was delivered with just the right amount of shock at the intrusion, indecisiveness, and then gusto as the scene became a First World War medical station for the benefit of the visitors!

Performances of this play, with the uncertainty and agony of gay unrequited love and desire central, took place in Pride Week at Gresham's, which was as its director said, serendipitous.

NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Joseph Oxtoby who has gained a place with The National Youth Theatre this year. Taking part in a 3 hour audition in Norwich (one of 70 centres across the country) Joseph secured a place on the National Youth Theatre's summer course from 29th July-10th August. After completing the course, Joseph will become a company member of the organisation which opens doors to a range of performance and talent development opportunities within the National Youth Theatre and beyond.

10 MINUTE PLAY COMPETITION

In the Lent term students were invited to submit an original 10 Minute Play, these were judged and presented in the summer term for their theatrical potential by local playwright James Mc Dermott. Some literally went one stage further and found the time and energy in a very busy term to put their ideas into practice, moving from the page to the Auden stage for a varied and highly entertaining evening. These brave pioneers have established the idea of new writing for the stage and are to be congratulated for putting pen to paper, especially Johnny Derbyshire and Ben Hunt representing Farfield for their family drama and winning play *The Exit Barrier*

The other entries were:

Edinburgh's *They'll Never Know* by Jemima Porter and Charlotte Moulton- a highly choreographed comic crime caper

Howsons *The Interview* by Ollie Bailey and Hector Robb- a comic sketch

Oakeley's *It's a True Story* by Molly Halimeh-curious and funny storytelling

Queens *Your Choice* by Paige Broadhurst, Phoebe Harvey-hard hitting, epic theatre

Tallis *Patient Number 47* by James Ross- psychological thriller written as a radio play

Woodlands *The Audition* by Henry Flint, Liam Mason, Harry Todd-a comedy sketch

Music



Music is engrained in the very fabric of daily life at Gresham's. Concerts both in School and in the Community, competitions, rousing singing in the weekly Chapel services and Congo practice, House Music and House Entertainments, not to mention such memorable moments such as the Remembrance Service commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the end of First World War, all contributed to another busy and vibrant year.

Where to start? A range of concerts locally throughout the three terms included memorable choral and instrumental performances at Binham Priory in October, Wiveton Church in March and the Junior Choir visiting Glaven Community Care Home in Blakeney in January to entertain a very appreciative audience. *A Grand Night Out* in Holt Community Centre in March saw soloists, the Wind, Brass and Jazz Ensemble and Junior Choir perform a varied programme to rapturous applause.

A highlight for Chapel Choir was to sing Evensong at St George's Chapel in Windsor in February. The backbone of many Chapel services in School, the choir were rewarded for their hard work and commitment each week with a trip to this historic Chapel, which began with a tour of the castle and followed by a rehearsal in a dungeon, from which they all luckily escaped! Singing in the Evensong service was the highlight of a memorable day, none more so for Mr Coleman who was able to play the famous Windsor Chapel organ!

In School, a Recital Evening in November in the Fishmongers' Recital Hall, showcased musicians from years 9-13 while in March, our Year 10 and 11 GCSE pupils, under the expert guidance of Mr. Coleman, Head of Academic Music, put on an evening of music in Scruff Shacks. Performances from the full company and break out bands and solos made for a quite outstanding evening and showed off the high level of our academic musicians. Earlier in the term the audience at the Berkeley Composition evening had enjoyed listening to original coursework from our GCSE, A Level and IB and Music Technology students. As a result of these two concerts and the exceptionally high level of coursework across the board, the GCSE entrants in the summer exams went on to



score almost 50% 9's, and nobody had less than a 6.

Our Choral Society events are very popular every year with singers from the local community and parent and staff body. *Messiah* kick-started Christmas nicely and provides our budding soloists a chance to shine, while in the Lent Term Mr Bowley conducted a fine choir and guest orchestra in a performance of Haydn's *Creation*.

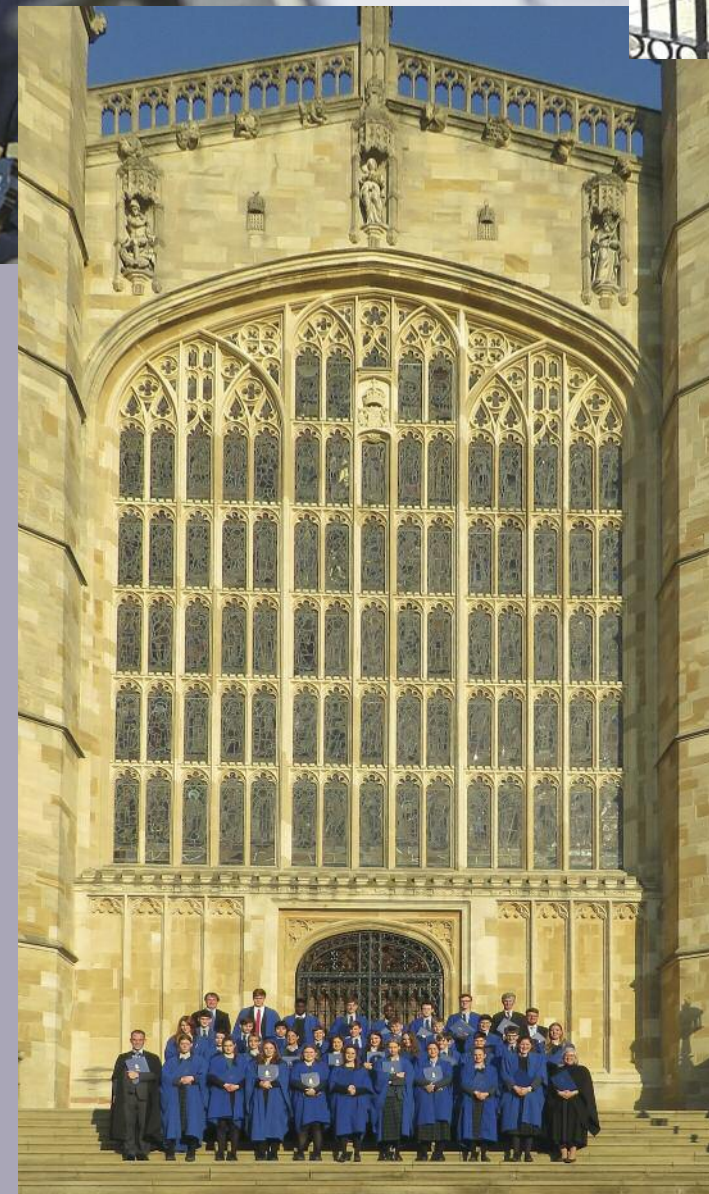
Although the Summer Term is rather dominated by public exams, the Music Department managed to put on several concerts. The Piano Showcase is always a delightful occasion when pianists from the Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior Schools come together to perform. Being the only year not to have public exams, Year 9 put on an impressive concert, with lots of young talent on display. We look forward to this group developing their skill and musicianship as they continue up the School. And finally to wrap up a year of



amazing music making, a Musical Picnic, complete with stalls, a fortune-teller, all-important bar and performances from the Orchestra. There were guest appearances from a few parents, Junior Choir and visiting Jiminies from the Prep School, Chapel Choir and audience participation karaoke style. House Music and the Rock Concert, two momentous occasions in the music calendar, have their own write ups in this magazine.

Visits and concerts from professional musicians in the Subscription Concert Series both enhance the musical experience of our pupils and through workshops provide valuable world-class tuition. Our series this year included a wide range of internationally acclaimed musicians – Clarinettist Emma Johnson, pianist Katya Apekisheva, cellist Raphael Wallfisch and with the European Union Chamber Orchestra, BBC Young Musician of the Year 2018 Lauren Zheng. She wowed our own pianists, many of whom were the same age, with her playing and then delighted them by signing autographs and chatting afterwards.

It's not all about classical music however, and Songs from the Shows allows our budding musical theatre performers a chance to take to the stage with their favourite Broadway



Music

and West End songs and the Rock and Pop Concert (see separate article) showcases the talents of both singers, drummers, guitarists and dancers in what is surely a highlight of the year.

The Strathmore Studio in the heart of the Britten Building is fast becoming the go to place for many. Not only the classroom for anyone studying Music Technology A Level, this state-of-the-art studio is the home of Gresham's Media – a platform for an interesting mix of music and programmes including interviews, sports reports and punditry and the School's take on Question Time as part of UK Parliament Week. It is here too that the Gresham's Girls annual charity single is recorded – in December 2018, the Girls released *Enjoy the Silence*, accompanied by a very professional video shot in the Winter Wonderland at the Thursford Collection. The Studio is becoming a favourite for external recording artists including pianist Adam Johnson and comedy musical duo Kit and McConnel.

Director of Music, John Bowley introduced an Individual Instrumental and Vocal House Music Competition in the Lent Term. House points can be won by merely entering and over 100 hopefuls entered the preliminary rounds. The 60 instrumentalists and vocalists who got



through to the final, competed for more valuable House Points which, added to the October House Music scores, went towards a brand new cup, The Rupert Hughes House Music Cup awarded at Speech Day. Edinburgh House was the over-all winner. Adjudicator Luis Pares was extremely impressed by the standard of the finalists and it proved to be a hotly-contested competition.

It is easy to overlook the peripatetic staff at Gresham's; teachers who undertake individual music lessons in the Senior School and prepare pupils for ensembles, concert and termly ABRSM and Trinity



music examinations. We are fortunate to have some extremely talented musicians, many of whom are still regularly performing themselves. The staff Music and Munch slots have seen Nicki Kennedy, John Bowley, Justin Myers, Chris Cooper, Mary Worrall, Lynne Roberts, James Boyd and Simon Limbrick perform as well as on a regular basis enjoy the accompanying skills of Ed Coleman and Anne Reece. On occasions our academic staff, James Thomson, Sam Curtis, Marc Gillingwater, Tom O'Donnell and Anna Brighton-Watt have shown off their musical prowess also!



At the end of the Summer Term the department said goodbye to Director of Music, John Bowley and his wife Nicki Kennedy, Head of Singing who after three years at Gresham's are leaving for pastures new and a move to Jersey. Assistant Director of Music and Head of Instrumental Studies Anne Reece also moved on. We wish them all well with their future plans. Head of Academic Music, Ed Coleman moves into the Director of Music's office and we look forward to welcoming Michelle Wolfe as Assistant Director of Music.





2019 Running order

Million Dollar bill
Like a River
I don't feel like crying
Without me – Innes
Hair too long
I'll never love again
Hold back the river
Both sides now /
Big Yellow Taxi
Party Tattoos
Money
Light on
PYT
Just got paid
Seven Nation Army /
Girls and Boys
Money
Use somebody
Night time is the right time
(Teenage Dream) tbc
Mr Blue Sky
Do I Do
I Really Wanna be with you
Shallow
One Last Song
Superstitious
Only to be with you
Hero
Rich Girl
you make my dreams
come true
Lately
hip to be square
Fake id
Footloose

This year saw the end of an Era with pop concert veterans Doogie Wright, Aronius 'The Pimpennell' Hollinger, Amy Mathews, Amelia Doran and T Gab all playing their last gig. Aaron was playing his fifth pop concert and yet again did not disappoint keeping MC on his toes with some surprising pace changes in some songs! Big Jo K again kept the baseline solid with occasional slap solos and the brass section was kept cranking under the supervision of the mighty Gillatron, The OD and TK with new comers Duggers, Charlie Adderson and Will Johnson giving the soul numbers real depth. Yr 9's Tilly, Travis and Rosie kept the BV's under control and Jake Oz was wild and enthused, (with head torch and GoPro) on the synth. Dougie actually smiled twice during the gig and was seen to sing, or lip sync, at one stage in the second half.

With thirty three numbers it would take too long to comment on all but here goes! The night opened with a minute's silence for Andy Clegg's recently departed mum and then Foxy got things going with a haunting intro of 'I will sing a lullaby' which flowed into Clem and the Girls giving Whitney Houston's Million Dollar bill a new look and starting us off with a bang! Libby followed up with a powerful like a river with Ted and the boys supplying the BV's. A string of solos followed with Poppy Vass's hair too long bringing the house down and Amelia and guest guitarist Josh (on work experience) getting the emotions running high. Crofty made her solo debut accompanied by the young bucks, comprising of Ned on Drums and Ted and Jethro on guitar, and smashed MJ's PYT out of the park. One of the highlights of the night followed with Romey's 'just got Paid'. Singing and leading the seven strong Dance troupe Romey looked and sounded the pro and when Justin came in with the rymes the roof came clean-off the Auden. New comers Beth 'The Dunk' and Charlotte then took to the stage with another newby Barnaby Gedny to perform the not so well known mash up of 'Seven Nation's Army' and 'Girls and Boys'. The crowd went for it and Beth has already given me a list of eight songs for this year! Al Thompo then took to the stage with his very own Pink Floyd Band bringing Lochlan Richardson out of retirement on Drums and the Ginger Prince onto the keys and vocals. The half finished with a tear jerker from Huddo and a very fast version of an Aretha Franklyn classic by Evie Jermy which sent everyone into the bar ready for more.

The second half kicked off with Baylo and Tilly leading the JRPT Glee club singing Teenage dream followed by Molly stepping in last minute to sing Mr Blue Sky! Rachel Heath then made her solo debut with a show-stopping version of Do I Do with the brass and rhythm section right in the groove. A selection of slower numbers followed with Ferb, Evie and Foxy all on top form. It was now time to release the secret weapon that is Ned Perry-Warnes and the crowd dropped down a gear as he wooed everyone with Shallow. Iris and



Foxy's 'Superstition' sped things up and this was carried on with Tom and Clem's duet of the too soon forgotten Roachford classic 'Only to be with you'. Clem then pulled out all the stops for a massive Mariah Carey number before Amy tore into a couple of Hall and Oates Classics again featuring Justin on the raps. With the end in sight there was just time for two more debutants to take to the stage and they were both worth the wait. Ted and Phoebe smashed their respective songs and got the crowd to fever pitch ready for the finale. Two Footloose belters wrapped things up with TGAB, Ned, Ted and the dance crew bringing us home to end another fantastic night in the Auden. My thanks must go to Paul and Andy in the theatre and Clare for the unenviable task of sorting the ticket sales!

Special thanks must also go to the musicians and Dancers who, whilst in a supporting role, in many ways commit more time and effort than the singers themselves. So my thanks go to Dougie, Aaron, Big Joe, Ned, Ted, Jethro, Gillatron, The OD, Duggers, TK, Charlie, Will, Jake, Beth, Charlotte, Paige, Jemima, Issy, Martha, Molly, Romey, Jack and Christina.

With lots of the old Crew leaving the Search begins again for the next Big Thing for 2020!

Will it be YOU!!

MC



Rifle Club Annual Report 2018-19

Coach: Mr ADE Grounds

Range Officers: Mr T Keen, Mr S Lawes, Ms Masters and Capt. C Scoles

Captain: Kira Kapustina

Colours: Toby Cubitt, William Cubitt and Ben Danziger

The team have performed well throughout the year, and there have been some fantastic new members to the Club. As with 2017-18, the team have often missed out on victory by the narrowest of margins. The small-bore commitments were numerous and then we enjoyed one of the best summers at Bisley in recent years.

There is very little opportunity for members of the Rifle Club to shoot practice cards during games sessions, simply because of the sheer volume of match cards they have. The advantage to this is that they get to compete in more competitions but also that they are always shooting under pressure and have to learn to shoot at the top level. They compete in both team and individual competitions (Table 1), at County level, National level and International level.

The two annual shoulder-to-shoulder matches took place as usual (GRC v Cambridge University & GRC v OG’s). It was a close competition against Cambridge University but, for the second year running, Gresham’s were victorious. Top shot on the day went to **Alex Todd** with his 196 ex 200. The second match is always a ‘light-hearted’ fixture against the Old Boys and again, for the fourth consecutive year, it was the older, more experienced shooters that were able to show the young pretenders how it should be done. It was good to see so many former pupils still supporting their old school.



Table 1: Major small-bore competitions and results

Competition, team and result		
BSSRA Winter Leagues		
U19H.	Arden, T. Cubitt, W. Cubitt, B. Danziger, & T. Tancred 3rd	
U15D.	Armstrong, F. Robson, P. Tongyai & J. Wilson	
BSSRA Spring Leagues	U19T.	
U19T.	Cubitt, W. Cubitt, B. Danziger, K. Kapustina & A. Todd 3rd	
U15D.	Armstrong, F. Robson, P. Tongyai & J. Wilson	
BSSRA Summer Leagues	U19T.	
U19T.	Cubitt, B. Danziger, K. Kapustina, A. Todd & M. Woodcock	
U15F.	Robson, A. Shine, P. Tongyai & J. Wilson	
BSSRA Team of VIII	H. Arden, T. Cubitt, W. Cubitt, B. Danziger, K. Kapustina, T. Tancred, A. Todd & M. Woodcock	
BSSRA Ind. Championships	U19M.	
U19M.	Woodcock (4th), B. Danziger (5th), W. Cubitt (9th) & T. Cubitt (14th)	
U15P.	Tongyai (6th), F. Robson (11th) & M. Philo (13th)	
BSSRA Home Internationals	England ‘A’	
England ‘A’	B. Danziger	
England ‘B’	T. Cubitt & A. Todd	
England ‘C’	D. Armstrong & J. Duffy	
England ‘D’	H. Arden & T. Tancred	
NSRA Junior Winter	U18	
U18	H. Arden, T. Cubitt, W. Cubitt & B. Danziger	
U15	DNS	
NSRA Junior Spring	U18	
U18	T. Cubitt, W. Cubitt, B. Danziger & K. Kapustina	
U15D.	Armstrong, B. Hunt, A. Shine & J. Wilson	
NSRA Junior Summer	U18	
U18	DNS	
U15	DNS	
NSRA National Team Handicap	T. Cubitt, W. Cubitt, B. Danziger & A. Todd	
British Junior Ladies Champs.	K. Kapustina	
English U18 Champs.	T. Cubitt	
British U16 Champs.		
Inter-Counties Junior Leagues	Norfolk ‘A’	
Norfolk ‘A’	H. Arden, T. Cubitt, W. Cubitt, & B. Danziger	
Division One		
Norfolk ‘B’	O. Hill (N. Walsham RC), K. Kapustina, T. Tancred & A. Todd	
Division Four		

Throughout the year some members of the team managed to shoot their first ever 100 out of 100 for the Club. There are three members of the Club that have achieved this in the past 12 months and they are **Kira Kapustina**, **Stacey Huang** and **Mac Woodcock**.

As the Easter holidays arrived, the team started getting their full-bore heads back on. The week’s training at Bisley was eventful but went superbly well and the young people trained hard and learnt lots. The weather was perfect at the start of the week and then got exceptionally cold and wet during the middle part, so much so that training had to be suspended on two occasions. It did then improve towards the end, thank goodness. The new members of the team did particularly well and were very quick at picking up the new skills they were being taught. Our week coincided with the Great Britain training weekend so **Toby Cubitt**, **Ben Danziger** and **Kira Kapustina** went off to train with the Athelings while **Tristan Tancred** and **Mac Woodcock** both trained with the UK Cadet Rifle Team. The latter both shot well enough to be selected for the final team to tour the Channel Islands in August. During this time, **William Cubitt** was away in South Africa with the GB Under 19 Rifle Team.

The Summer Term is always a busy one for the team, mainly due to the academic pressures but, despite this, the team did manage to fulfil all of their match commitments. Thirteen members of the team were available to compete in the Norfolk County Small-Bore Championships (Table 2) and had plenty of success.

Table 2: NCRA Summer Open results

Competition, individual and result	
NCRA Champs. Top Junior	
T. Tancred	1st
Class A	
B. Danziger	5th
Class B	
T. Tancred	1st
T. Horn	3rd
Class C	
B. Hunt	2nd
A. Shine	3rd
Class D	
E. Anema-Galpin	3rd

The full-bore season, and preparation for the summer championships, went quite well and the team were optimistic about their chances in July, at the annual Schools (Table 3) and Imperial Meetings. The team are, as always, extremely grateful to Mr Keen for his continued support, and assistance, during the Schools Meeting. Thanks must also go to Mr Clarke, who also came to Bisley this year to help out. Mrs Liberman was again in charge of running the pavilion and for providing the catering during the trip and did a first rate job, as always.

Ten of the 14 Gresham’s shots made it into the ‘Schools Hundred’, which is for the top 100 shots over the week.

The Rifle Team were extremely pleased, and grateful, to have the support of a huge number of friends and family

Table 3: NRA Schools Meeting competitions and results

Competition, individual/team and result	
Cadet Sunday Agg.	
K. Kapustina	4th – 101.9
Cadet Monday Agg.	
B. Danziger	1st – 105.10
Cadet Tuesday Agg.	
J. Duffy	4th – 101.10
Cadet 300yds. Agg.	
B. Danziger	4th – 68.7
Cadet 500yds. Agg.	
H. Arden	1st – 69.10
Cadet 600yds. Agg.	
B. Danziger	2nd – 68.8
Cadet Rifle Agg.	
B. Danziger	1st – 105.10
Schools Hundred	
B. Danziger	2nd – 204.22
Cadet Grand Agg.	
B. Danziger	1st – 300.27
Babcock Trophy	
Gresham’s ‘A’	1st – 404.38
Victoria College Trophy	
Gresham’s ‘A’	12th – 381.27
The Devon	
Gresham’s	1st – 508.51
Ashburton VIII	
Gresham’s	2nd – 756.40
Cadet Pairs	
Gresham’s	5th – 171.6
Cadet Fours	
Gresham’s	3rd – 353.18
Reserve Man	
H. Arden	1st – 111.6
(Total No. of Cadets competing was 433)	

and some staff on the range during Ashburton Day. Thank you all so much for coming along to cheer on your sons and daughters, it makes for a very special occasion.

The weather had been very hot during the week and this continued on Ashburton Day. The VIII dealt relatively well with the conditions and got off to a steady start, finishing in 4th place after the first distance at 300 yards. The team then



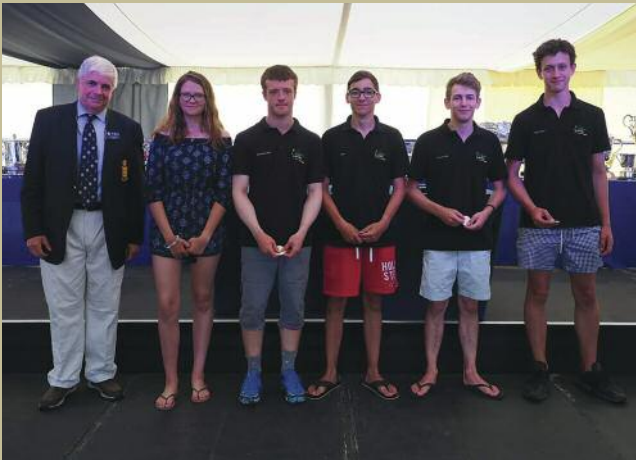


shot better and better and finished the day with a strong shoot at the final distance of 500 yards. The Gresham's team narrowly missed winning the National Schools Championships by just three points and had to settle for 2nd place. Well done to RGS Guildford on their victory. **Toby Cubitt** did manage to ease the pain by being the top individual shot in the Ashburton and winning the Fox Quaich Trophy.

Our Under 16 Cadets had an equally successful day on the ranges with **Ben Hunt, Molly Philo, Alex Shine** and **Joe Wilson** finishing a very impressive 3rd in the Cadet Fours competition, which was a great result and hugely encouraging for the future. Another highlight of the day was **Harry Ardern**, our Reserve Man, shooting exceptionally well and winning his competition.

The Schools Meeting was followed by the 150th Imperial Meeting and 13 members of the team stayed at Bisley to shoot in this competition. Every member of the team shot very well, in often tricky and exceptionally hot conditions. We had a mixture of abilities, with some very new, inexperienced members shooting competitively for the very first time and other members of the team who had amassed a vast amount of experience over the years.

There was early success for both the **Cubitt** brothers, **Toby** and **William**, and for **Ben Danziger** as they were all selected to shoot for England in the Cadet National Match, which



England went on to win. The main Cadet International match (the AG Bell) is competed for between the British Cadets and the Canadian Cadets, and consists of teams of 12 firers. **Toby Cubitt** and **Alex Todd** were both selected as firers and **Ben Danziger** was selected as a coach for the British team, and they successfully beat the Canadians by 18 points in the match.

During the Imperial Meeting, there are two Schools team matches that run concurrently with the Grand Aggregate. Gresham's Rifle Club had to settle for second place in both of these matches (Table 4). This year, there was an additional team match, as it was the 150th Imperial Meeting. The Imperial 150 match was a full day of competition and shot over five separate distances. It was shot on Thursday 25th July (the hottest day ever on record!) which made it incredibly difficult for all involved. The Gresham's team of **Toby Cubitt, William Cubitt, Ben Danziger** and **Alex Todd** not only beat the 6 other Cadet teams, they also beat the 6 Under 25's teams and the 34 Open teams. It was an exceptional team performance, during which Ben also shoot the top individual score on the day, dropping just 5 points out of a possible 300.

In the Grand Aggregate, **Alex Todd** was the top shot for the Club and he finished an excellent 165th, out of almost 900 competitors (Table 4).

Finally, congratulations must go to **Ben Danziger** and **Kira**

Table 4: NRA Imperial Meeting competitions and results

Competition, individual/team and result

Grand Aggregate	
A. Todd	165th – 719.67
T. Cubitt	183rd – 717.71
B. Danziger	278th – 711.64
H. Ardern	408th – 701.58
W. Cubitt	480th – 693.55
M. Woodcock	494th – 692.50
K. Kapustina	509th – 690.52
T. Tancred	597th – 677.34
J. Duffy	607th – 675.45
M. Philo	649th – 665.27
B. Hunt	683rd – 654.32
A. Shine	699th – 649.30
F. Robson	719th – 634.35
St. Georges Prize	
B. Danziger	Final – 43rd

Her Majesty the Queens Prize

H. Ardern	Stage II – 140.12
T. Cubitt	Stage II – 146.16
W. Cubitt	Stage II – 140.15
K. Kapustina	Stage II – 144.16

Anstey Trophy

Gresham's	
T. Cubitt, B. Danziger, K. Kapustina & A. Todd	2nd

Garry Jones Trophy

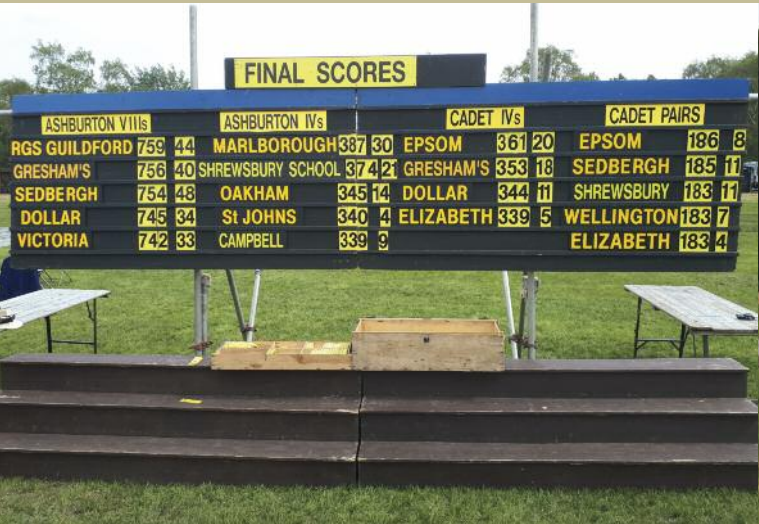
Gresham's	
T. Cubitt, B. Danziger, K. Kapustina & A. Todd	2nd

The Parting Shot	
Gresham's	
T. Cubitt, W. Cubitt, B. Danziger, K. Kapustina & A. Todd	3rd
(Total No. of competitors was 876)	



Kapustina on their hugely successful tour to Canada with the British Cadet Rifle Team. **Kira** was appointed Vice-Captain for the tour and shot very well. **Ben** was top shot on the tour and won the Cadet / Junior TR Championship, as well as many other prizes. Both **Tristan Tancred** and **Mac Woodcock** had an equally successful tour to the Channel Islands with the UK Cadet Rifle Team and Mac finished a very impressive 6th in the Grand Aggregate. Thanks must go to all members of staff that have assisted, in any capacity, with the running of the Rifle Club over the past year. May 2019-20 be an equally successful year in the small-bore range and an even better year on the full-bore range. Bring on the Ashburton!

Mr ADE Grounds
Master i/c Shooting



Athletics

NORTH NORFOLK SCHOOLS ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Tuesday 21st May
Venue – Gresham’s School

We entered our athletes into their specialist events with the target being qualification for the Norfolk Schools Competition. Athletes can compete in a maximum of 3 events, either 1 track and 2 field or 2 track and 1 field.

The following athletes competed in the event.

NAME	EVENT	
Flo O’Leary	100m	Qualified
Meg Willis	200m	Qualified
	Long jump	Qualified
Molly Philo	800m	
Effie Bowley	Hurdles	Qualified
	200m	
Hattie Reynolds	1500m	Qualified
Sofia Rathleff	Shot	Qualified
Marina Jennison-Brown	Javelin	
Grace Hare	800m	
Freya Wright	Shot	Qualified
Molly Fields	1500m	
Bobby Rash	Hurdles, Triple jump, High jump	
Michael Chen	Hurdles	
Henry Baker	100m	
	800m	
Oliver Thomas	Javelin	Qualified
Sam Ellis	Shot	Qualified
Toby Pallister	Hurdles, Long jump	
Nureyn Mngang’ombe	100m, 200m, Long jump	
Jack Danes	Shot, Long jump	
Sam Grand	1500m, High jump	
Rocco Lum	Triple jump	
James Burrage	100m	Qualified
	200m	Qualified
Harry	400m	

NORFOLK SCHOOLS ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Saturday 8th June
Venue – UEA Norwich

We took a group of athletes to compete in the Norfolk Schools Competition at the UEA. This included all the athletes that qualified from the previous round plus athletes from Years 12 and 13 that wanted to enter. The results were as shown in the table below.

NAME	EVENT	TIME/DISTANCE	POSITION
Effie Bowley	Hurdle	13.6s	2nd
Oliver Thomas	Javelin	46.19m	1st
Meg Willis	300m hurdles	47.2s	1st
	Long jump	5.13m	2nd
Elliot McBean-Willis	400m hurdles	65.9s	1st
James Burrage	100m	12.3s	1st
	200m	24.5s	2nd
Flo O’Leary	100m	14.5s	4th
Kate Willis	800m	2m22.7s	1st
Sam Ellis	Shot	11.28m	2nd
Jo Oxtbury	3000m	12m26s	4th
Fenella Henderson-Chia	3000m	13m04s	1st
Sophie Turner	Javelin	30.29m	1st
Bobby Rash	Triple jump	11m	PB
	Hurdles	16.3s	1st
Hattie Reynolds	1500m	4m51.2s	1st
Freya Wright	Shot	9.18m	2nd
Sofia Rathleff	Shot	8.40m	4th

This year the East Anglian Schools competition, which is the next round of this competition, had been cancelled. All results from the county competitions were collated and a team selected from the East traveled to the Nationals on the 12th and 13th of July. The event was being held at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

INTER HOUSE RELAYS

25th June 2019

Once again this year the inter house relays proved to be an exciting event with lots of excellent races. Included in the event are many different types of relay, ranging from sprints and speed endurance to fartlek races. In both boys’ and girls’ races only 4 points separated first and last place. Congratulations to this year’s winners: Queen’s and Woodlands.

SPORTS DAY

29TH JUNE 2019

This year Sports Day included many outstanding performances by our athletes, with lots achieving their best performances for the season. There were several school records broken, some of which had stood for many years, so congratulations to all those athletes. The results were as shown below.

GIRLS’ EVENT

1st - Oakeley
2nd - Edinburgh
3rd – Queens’

BOYS’ EVENT

1st - Farfield
2nd – Howson’s
3rd - Woodlands
4th - Tallis

Finally, congratulations to Kate and Megan Willis who have been selected for the Young Norfolk Sports Academy programme. Selection was based on their national rankings and achievements to date and is designed to help them progress to the next level. Kate has also been selected for the England Athletics talent performance pathway.

Congratulations to all our competing athletes on another successful athletics term of athletics.

Helene Buckingham and Brad Williams



Rugby

1st XV

Played 13, Won 7, Lost 5, Drew 1 Points for 224, Points Against 211

Pre season vs Ryde School – Won
Pre season vs Culford School – Drew
Vs Framlingham College – Won 28-3
Vs The Leys School – Won 8-5
Vs Langley School – Won 30-19 National Cup Rd 1
Vs Culford – Won 34-6
Vs Norwich School – Lost 10-33 National Cup Rd 2
Vs Truro School B – Won 27-26
Vs Norwich School – Lost 14-50
Vs Kings Ely – Won 36-0
Vs St. Joseph's Ipswich – Lost 25-34
Vs Royal Hospital School Lost 0-17
Vs Stamford Lost 12-19

The 2018 1st XV finished the season with the respectable stats of played 13, won 7, drew 1 and lost 5. Had the side not been ravaged by injuries late in the term and our 2nd XV played Wymondham 1st XV on two occasions, the final results could have been considerably improved.

The term got off to a great start with pre-season. To have three days where we had over 30 boys each day was terrific. To then follow that up with a win against Ryde and a draw against Culford was very encouraging. The first full match of the term was at home against a powerful Framlingham side. In a tight, arm wrestle of a game, a crucial ten minute spell just after half time, where some heroic defence kept Framlingham from scoring, was rewarded by three late tries to give the score a rather flattering but excellent result. This was followed by an even tighter game away at the Leys School in Cambridge. Having gone 5-0 down almost immediately the boys fought back to score just before half time. A late penalty

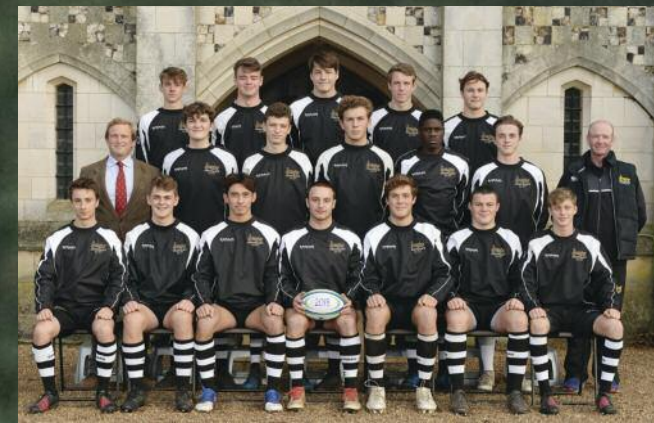
and then desperate defence led to an 8-5 victory.

In the first round of the National Cup, we were drawn against Langley School. Some fantastic support from most of the school led to an excellent first half performance and a 30-5 lead at half time. In the second half there was the inevitable spirited comeback by Langley and although they scored two tries, the Gresham's team again defended well and got a memorable victory. This was followed by a rather sluggish performance against Culford, where a couple of late tries gave the final score a more comfortable look.

The final game before half term was the second round of the National Cup against a very strong Norwich side. Although we were on top for much of the game in the forwards, their big, fast and skilful backline proved too good and they deservedly won 32-10. This was then followed by a rather frustrating part of the season. Due to cancellations, and half term, the side would only have one game in a month and that was a rather weakened tour team playing against Truro B team. Truro is the academy for Exeter Chiefs and they started very strongly and we struggled to cope with their big pack and fast outside centre. However, in the second half their pack ran out of steam and we fought back and when there was a bad injury to their winger and the game was halted, we had somehow sneaked into a rather surprising 27-26 lead.

The first game after half term, was the regular fixture against Norwich School. To go into this game with such a long period without a proper full 1st XV match was far from ideal and the side started badly conceding at least two very soft tries. However, the momentum started to change and the boys fought back well. With five minutes to go, the score was 29-14 to Norwich and Gresham's were very much in the game. Norwich then played five minutes of lovely rugby and ran in three quick tries to give the final score a rather unfair reflection of the game.

In the next game against Kings Ely, we fielded a young and inexperienced side at their request. After a rather chaotic and understandably error strewn first half, we also had two boys sin binned at the same time, so the side was down to 13 players. The boys regained their composure and scored some good tries to win 36-0. This gave a number of lower 6th second team players a run in the 1st team and they performed admirably. This match was followed by probably year in year out, the strongest opposition on our circuit. St. Joseph's College Ipswich away is a rather daunting prospect and when the side arrived any fears were confirmed, as they were huge up front. However, a nervous start was followed by two good break away tries and the boys were very much in the game. In a very exciting match where the opposition were genuinely rattled, particularly early in the second half, they



eventually proved a little too strong and wore us down to win 34-25.

After such a good performance, the side headed to Holbrook in quite a confident mood. On a bitterly cold and wet day, we couldn't begin to imagine the carnage we would witness. We finished the game with seven bad injuries and lost a very winnable game 17-0. With so many injuries to front line players, the final match against Stamford was down graded to an A team match. This did however give a number of younger boys and 2nd XV players an opportunity to play and they acquitted themselves very well against a skilful team. In an exciting and evenly poised game, Stamford just edged it 19-12.

After such an encouraging start, being unbeaten after 6 matches, to finish the way we did was rather disappointing. We came across a very strong Norwich side twice and then rather ran out of steam due to injuries. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players for your efforts in training and on match days. Mr. Curtis and I thoroughly enjoyed working with you and the Langley game will be a particular highlight for all involved on that day. I would also like to thank Brad for his help with pre season, the tour and his expert S and C work, Mr. Adams for his help and support with running the rugby and Mr. Curtis for all his hard work and unbelievable enthusiasm throughout the season. My final word of thanks must go to Barney and Hudson. Both boys have had three seasons in the 1st XV and have been terrific players, great leaders and as a coach, outstanding to work with. Thank you very much gents and I hope you both continue to enjoy your rugby after Gresham's.

The Players as described by captain Barney Gill at the Rugby Dinner:

Huddo - You've been a great vice captain this season, leading from the front in every aspect! You're someone who the whole team looks up to and when even I wasn't feeling it in training you'd be able to lift the team. You've been consistently brilliant throughout the whole season putting in 100% in every game and you're a thoroughly deserved winner of player of the season. I hope you go on to carry on tearing up in the back row in uni and after. Maybe that'll help sort the dad bod out. Thanks for 4 great seasons together mate.

Paddy long legs - I miss the buzz cut, I won't lie mate, I think this new Barnet has slowed you down... after all I've never seen a fly half get tackled half way through a dsp before. Surprised to see you practising your kicking after training recently considering how much of a strength that was for you throughout the season... You were a great lad to have around in training and on tour! It's good to know you'll be one of the lads leading from the front next year.

Smithy - Great season for the firsts this year, especially considering you spent last year diving around a football pitch. Your post kicking did need a bit of work but it got better after you saw the masterclass against Culford. As one of the only people who could sing the Gresham's boy in tune I think we're all looking forward to seeing you up on the stage later.

Jackal - A great first season on the wing, despite your protests and as much as I enjoyed catching your pies at the end of the season I think we're all in agreement of your better position. By far the sexiest member of the squad, which was epitomised on tour with a seductive rendition of 'Love on top' by Beyonce. In spite of my slight jealousy of the way you can move your hips I've genuinely enjoyed playing and training with you this year and I know you'll be a great leader for the 1st next year.

Finners - The enforcer in Gresham's skinniest 9, 10, 12 combo in history and the winner of the most hickies on tour. Although you may not have always kept your head in training, you would turn up game after game with great performances. I can't imagine many people disagreeing with me saying your centre partnership with Alf was in a



different league when we played Langley and pushing our whole team onto a performance that I'll never forget. I hope I'll get to carry on playing alongside you for a while longer and you don't hang up the old dancing boots after Roslyn.

Alfonso - I wish I'd gone through the season collecting quotations of things you'd said to me during games and training. My personal favourite would have to be on a cold, wet, windy day, half way through training when we're preparing for a big game at the weekend Alf comes up to me in complete seriousness "Looks a good day for sliding!". You were a constant threat for us going forwards this year and a monster in defence. I'll miss playing alongside you for school and I hope you go on to tear up for Hartpury at uni and more afterwards.

Dikesy - Yikes, I'd never really spoken to you before tour and if I'm honest you almost managed to keep that tradition going throughout it, spending half your time on the WC! But when I saw you play on tour, which included headbutt of the season... I didn't care how much you spoke to me I just wanted to see you on the pitch more. You played really well in games for us this season and I think you're going to be an important part of the team next year if you stay fit.

Smokes - This year we come to the end of our 12th season playing together, and I think it's fair to say you've probably always had the edge on me, especially in the first few seasons when I was tearing up Holt's front row. Despite the fact you somehow managed to avoid every single fitness session this year no one can fault your commitment on the pitch for us, often having to make last ditch tackles to save us. It's been a pleasure running out with you and hopefully we can bag a few more meaty pies together at some point.

Ash - Shalomers when fit a real handful in attack. Defensively sound and became more vocal as the season progressed. Best surfer on tour!

Tollerz and Baylo - Big Ross Tolliday and the newly trimmed down Lewis Bailey. After hearing about all the running you did through the woods in the summer Ross I think we were all really excited to see what you would bring to the team. You had a rampant start to the season - a strong rucker and scrummager and an effective impact player. Baylo scrummed, tackled and rucked like a bison all season and fully deserved the 10 starts he made for the team.

1st team Barney and Huddo awards



Congratulations to Barney Gill (W) and Hudson de Lucchi (T) on receiving their 1st XV Caps for their outstanding service to the Rugby Club.

Barney Gill

Barney has played every minute of every game for the 1st XV during the last three years. Although a flanker, he has also played in the centre and at number 8. During his time in the 1st XV he has played 41 matches, which the rugby staff believe is a record in recent times while there have been age restrictions in place. He has been an outstanding captain this year and is passionate about Gresham's rugby.

Hudson de Lucci

Hudson has also had three years in the 1st XV, playing at number 8. He is a rumbustious forward who relishes the contact in both attack and defence. Like Barney, he wears his heart on his sleeve and has been a fantastic servant to Gresham's rugby.

Matto - Another of Woodlands' gentle giants, Matthew Mason narrowly missed out on coming to the rugby dinner last year. However this year I felt he deserved mention as one of Macker's bruisers who came up and made a name for themselves in the 1s.

Beano, great step against Langley. Didn't even get touched by their 'academy fullback' hope you keep it up and work on the rest of your game and you'll be a strong 1st team player.

Gammo - Could've had a lot more and probably deserved a lot more appearances than you're able to claim but we've been able to display a great outside half pairing for a lot of the season without many injuries.

Spalts - A great player to have around and a real workhorse on the pitch making tackle after tackle in two games in the end of the season in which I thoroughly enjoyed playing alongside you. If you work in the gym a bit more you might have the makings of a good backrow combo with big ruts. Nearly getting beaten up on tour in the Oyster Catcher a highlight.



Duggerz – carried on the Dugdale name. Came on tour and what an addition to the back three, absolutely rapid and you made your tackles, if you spent as much time in the gym as you do v++++g you might turn into a pretty decent rugby player.

Claude, Zhenya, Charlie Adams, Constantino – Unfortunately I didn't play a lot of rugby alongside you boys this year until the last couple of games of the season where we were extremely depleted through injuries. To be completely honest, going into the first of the two games against Stamford was probably one of the first times I felt worried before a match. But you lads alongside a lot of the other boys I mentioned really stepped up. They might not have been the most skilful matches but there was so much heart in them that I came away from both matches feeling extremely proud of everyone.

Worral – Si, When I first met Mr Worrall I think it's fair to say I was pretty intimidated by him and always tried my best to listen to him because I knew this would help me to grow as a rugby player and a person. In your defence I don't necessarily think that being part of a team that wins one game all season is going to result in the most relaxed of coaches. However I can now happily say that this is no longer the case and I'm constantly in Mr Worrall's ear making jokes and winding him up. Thank you for being such a great coach and a great guy over the last 3 seasons.

Curt – Had to finish with Mr Curtis. During this year I've had an increasing number of people telling me of the similarities between the two of us and although I may disregard many of these comments as people just seeing two loud short rugby heads it's a huge compliment to be compared to you. After three years of you coaching me rugby and bumping into you everyday down the maths corridor of big school you've been a huge influence on me and despite the fact I know I'll never quite live up to your musical prowess and the extra half inch that you're keen to remind me about, it's been a great pleasure! So I'd like to finish off by saying a massive thank you for everything that you've done for me in the last three years as my coach and I hope that I will be able to play against you and the spice merchants next year and for many more to come.

Barry Gill, Captain



2nd XV

The 2nd XV got off to a great start of the season at home to Framlingham College. The first half was a close fought encounter but Framlingham had no reply for Jamie Dykes and John Dugdale's raw pace down the wings. The forwards had an exceptional match, winning every single line out and 90% of the scrums. With sheer power up front and a backline full of pace it played out to be an excellent start to the season with a 41-7 victory. We then continued in fine form against The Leys. In what can only be described as a brutal battle, our boys showed true grit



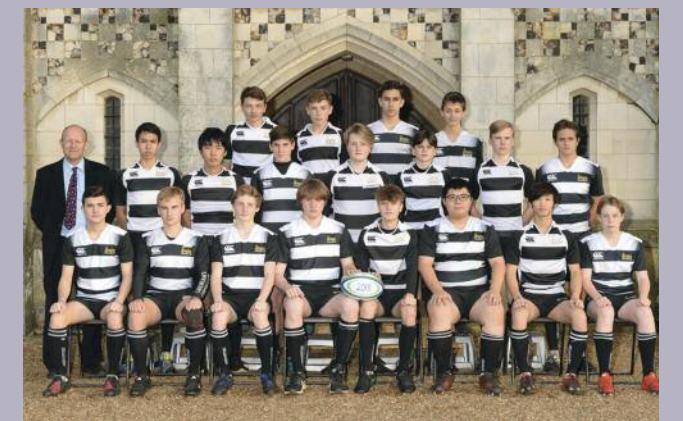
and determination to overcome a very physical Leys side 22-5. Everyone put in big tackles, got stuck into rucks and put on an extremely brave display. Mcbean-Willis scored 3 tries, running them in from the half way line and Ross Butler played well at scrum half, filling in for Kit Riley who had been in awesome form before getting injured. Man of the match Ben Utting was a beast all over the pitch, showing huge guts and great fitness to get about the park.

A tough test followed where we were asked to play against Wymondham College 1st XV. The boys put on a very good show despite the torrential rain and winds. Unfortunately they were undone by a first team with a weighty number 8 who ran through our backs from the base of uncontested scrums on many occasions. Our forwards had been dominating the game until the decision of Wymondham to pull their prop off and ask for uncontested scrums, so this was a great shame and spoiled the match somewhat.

The first match after half term saw Wymondham 1st XV visit for the return fixture. They requested to play our 2nd XV again and our boys put on a good defensive display to tie the match at 12-12. There was some fantastic tackling throughout and if only we could have held onto the ball a couple of times in attack we might have found the winner.

Norwich were our next visitors and we played some of the best rugby I have ever seen a 2nd XV play to go 14-0 up. Unfortunately this also coincided with the worst 2nd XV second half performance I have ever seen and we ended up losing 14-20. The boys played some immense, fast flowing rugby in the first half, scoring two very well worked tries. Heads dropped in the second half after one or two debatable decisions and this led to Norwich getting back into the game. To say I was not very impressed is a bit of an understatement.

Next up were St Joseph's college so no respite for the boys as the tough games came thick and fast. We played some great rugby and were unlucky to be 26-0 down at half time. We were caught out by 3 break away tries when we had been controlling much of the game. Great character was shown in the second half though and we dominated the second half winning it 12-0 to lose the match 26-12. We then headed to RHS with a depleted squad. As we arrived the heavens opened and the trademark RHS Arctic gale blew up the estuary across the



rugby pitches. We had no less than five 3rd XV players standing in due to various illnesses and injuries and were expecting a tough battle. The boys stepped up to the mark though and “got stuck in” from the first whistle. The game proved to be a war of attrition due to the combination of weather, players out of position and strong opposition. But it was our boys who came out on top, battling their way to victory despite playing the final 15 minutes with only 14 men due to an injury. Zenya Poberezhnyuk scored a great mauled try with Charlie Adams unlucky to be ruled to have missed the kick despite Mr Mack putting his house on the fact it had gone over. Matt Mason then scored a well taken try in the final minutes to finish the match on a high. Charlie Adams led the backs well throughout the game and all the boys were a credit to the school, coming off the pitch exhausted but victorious 15-3. The best team effort I have seen as a coach.

A cracking season where no less than 24 boys made an appearance at some point for the 2nd XV, my thanks to everybody for buying into working hard, being aggressive and playing hard. Player of the season was Charles Spalton for being the lead character at doing just that!

Mr C Mack

3rd XV

We opened the season in October with the first Norwich match, which we lost 10 – 24; Ross Butler led the side with enthusiasm and Loundon, Liebke played their first ever Rugby match and Basem, his last in a Gresham’s shirt. Next was an epic contest against Oundle 5 XV. We arrived with 17 players and alas only 15 pairs of boots. After 10 mins Gresham’s were two tries up and another pair of boots down; Gedney’s boots disintegrated. Footwear borrowed and a real nail biter of a second half finished with a Gresham’s try in the last minute and a 29 – 26 match. Van Buuren, Rose, Ross and Halimeh all stepped up and the boys were pumped by this victory; the coach received sturdy hugs from excited players in the immediate aftermath. Norwich away was another close win for the 3s 19 – 21 with the team playing their best rugby of the season. RHS away was a sorry state of affairs. Injuries meant that we were down eight players at the start of the game, my car broke down and a 35-0 defeat in the wind and rain was a sorry end to the season. My thanks to Brad and AHG for their fervent efforts on the training ground and to the team for their utterly unrelenting urge to play 3rd XV Rugby.

U16A

This season was an outstanding one for this group of boys; much had been said about how they had not won a single match over the past two seasons and how they wanted this to change. The introduction of Sam Ellis and Hugo Van Vredenburch into the year group really strengthened the side and added much needed size and pace. Accompanying these introductions was the obvious

change in the physique of the boys, a majority had grown well over the summer and this added to their positivity and attitude to contact. The first fixture was the most important, a victory here and it would set the tempo for the whole season. A victory of 22-0 over Framlingham College was exactly what was needed and an outstanding performance from Hector Cargill and Sam Ellis was the perfect start to the season. This however was not backed up with another victory against The Leys. However much was learnt and the team never looked back. Superb performances were put in, with victories against Finborough School 62-14, Wymondham College twice, Norwich School 36-10, Kings Ely 45-0 and Stamford 37-15 contributed to a wonderful season for the boys. Arthur Fox and Ethan Calvert should take responsibility for the leadership of this good season and some of the top performers include, Charlie Howard, Louis Hart, Josh Anthony and Dan Sheridan. A special mention has to go to Tom Howland who took the decision of moving George Beeson from the back row and move him to prop, not because of the increasing size of George but due to his immense strength at this position. Countless times George would turn ball over and help push back bigger packs.

A really good season and I hope the boys are able to go on and continue to develop next year in the 1st and 2nd teams.

Mr Coventry

U15A

The U15A team showed tremendous character from start to finish with nine wins from thirteen games. Five games were played in the first half of term with some convincing wins over schools such as Framlingham College, The Leys and Langley School. Ben Wilcox went off to Melbourne on a school exchange after just three games. However, this was plenty of time for him to prove his class on the rugby field. Ben, playing at inside centre between Alex Claybourn at fly half and Toby Collins at outside centre is a frightening spine to any backline. A particular highlight came when 40 points up with ten minutes to go against Langley and Ben was moved to full back with the intention of keeping him ‘injury free’ before going to Australia. Ben proceeded to put in the biggest hit of the season on the Langley full back as he looked for support after making a break. Ben was absolutely fine and the Langley player also recovered eventually.

Reflecting on the U14 season, a discussion was had at the beginning of the term and it was clear that the boys felt

they performed well in the ‘easy’ games but ‘bottled’ it in close/tough games. This formed the ethos for the season, players would be expected to train hard and must be willing to be presented with challenging situations whilst being totally honest about their own strengths and weaknesses, physically and mentally. Our first challenge came against Felsted in the first round of the national cup and any feelings of complacency were quickly dismissed as the Felsted full back gathered the kick off and proceeded to make a 70 metre break only to be brought down by Rafe Lochore 5 metres short of our own try line. This was not our prettiest game, nevertheless we came out 24-21 victors to bring a close to an unbeaten first half of term.

Our first game back was against Wymondham College in the second round of the national cup. This was a team we had already played once earlier in the season and put 30 points past. However, they made their intentions clear from the start by sending big

players onto the ball from depth and at pace. Wymondham’s most effective player had been moved from no. 8 to inside centre and was playing like a man possessed and this ultimately proved too much for us and resulted in our first loss of the season, 7-15. This would prove to be a huge learning curve for us.

A few weeks would pass with games against Norwich, King’s Ely and St Joseph’s College taking us to the County Cup on a Monday evening at Norwich Rugby Club. Having picked up a handful of injuries over the last few games the coaching staff were nervous. However, the players were full of confidence and ambition. Our first game, the semi-final, was against Wymondham College. With Toby Collins suffering a broken nose, Callum Richardson moved from no. 8 to inside centre with the sole instruction of “stop the big fella”, Callum did exactly that. He watched him like a hawk and tackled relentlessly. Having said that, this was the stand out performance of the season and the passion shown by all members of the squad was truly



immense. Arthur Huntridge, typically a back row player, deserves a special mention for making his U15A debut midway through the second half at hooker and fulfilling his role superbly. Ultimately an early try from James Burrage proved enough to send us through to the final to play Langley School who had just beaten Norwich School in the other semi-final. This was one of those moments as a coach where you simply don't need to say anything. The boys were euphoric after the semi-final victory and there was a clear sense of focus and determination going into the final. A beautifully finished try by Bobby Rash gave Gresham's the dream start and another quickly followed from James Burrage. Richie Mann sealed the game off with a late individual try and the boys had won 19-5. Much of the training in the build-up had been player-led with players expressing a desire to be put in very challenging situations which ultimately paid dividends and with seven players unavailable this was an outstanding achievement which no other Gresham's U15 team has managed since 1993.

The penultimate game of the season was against Royal Hospital School and if I am entirely honest, everything we

had been doing this season came down to putting in a respectable performance against RHS. The message from the coaches was clear, go at them, bring the intensity and never give up. Again, the boys did exactly as discussed and stunned RHS with a brilliantly worked try finished off by James Burrage within the first ten minutes. For much of the first half we looked the better team. However, the physical size of the RHS boys took its toll in the second half and the game finished off 7-38 but more importantly the boys' self-respect was very much intact and all players could not have given more that day and there was a huge sense of satisfaction amongst the group.

For our final game of the season we were away at Stamford. The pitch was sodden and heavy which didn't suit our expansive game. Early on we forced things too much with passes not going to hand and things generally not going to plan. Nevertheless, the boys stuck at it and kept themselves in the game. With two minutes to go we were two points behind and the conditions were drying up. Unfortunately it wasn't to be but ultimately another extremely valuable learning experience.

The 25 players who have represented the U15A team this year are: Ollie Bailey, Charlie Addison, Bertie Proctor, Bobby Lapping, Frank Osbourne, Oscar Harrison, Fred Todd, Thomas Larner, Harry Bidwell, Ollie Holden, Jack Reader, Chima Chikelu, Callum Richardson, Arthur Woodhouse, Arthur Huntridge, Richie Mann, Alex Claybourn, Toby Collins, James Burrage, Ben Wilcox, Nureyn Mwang'ombe, Bobby Rash, Oliver Thomas and Nick Dugdale.

Congratulations to all the boys on an outstanding season. It has been a pleasure to work with such a committed group of players and we have loved every minute of it.

Captain: Richie Mann – Richie consistently performed well throughout the season and led by example, solid in attack, good distributor and never backed down from a tackle. Our very own Faf de Klerk. Richie should also be congratulated on a fantastic performance against Victoria Schools U17.

Player of the Season: Jack Reader – Our most consistent player with an unbelievable work rate. Jack is the sort of player everyone wants on their team and would never

want to play against. Mr Worrall will certainly be keeping an eye on Jack's development over the next couple of years.

Most Improved: Alex Claybourn – Alex made the move from full back to fly half this season and his skill level and decision making has come on considerably. Without Alex's vision and skill, James Burrage wouldn't have scored half of his tries this season.

Players' Player: James Burrage – Without the presence of Ben Wilcox, James moved into outside centre. As a result, he had to try even harder to find opportunities to utilise his pace. Furthermore, his game understanding and overall skill level has improved. James takes immense pride in his performance and I can safely say I didn't see him miss a tackle all season. With 23 tries in 13 games the season highlights video features James a number of times!

Mr H. Chamberlain and Mr S. Lowe

U15B

The U15B team had a fantastic rugby season playing 9 games, winning 5, losing 4 and finishing with a thrilling draw away at Stamford. The team started very strongly with 3 comprehensive victories against Framlingham College, The Leys School and Langley School. A glut of injuries in the 15A team meant that at various points during the season players were required to step up and play for the A team. The loss of these players did mean that the B team was weakened but despite this, the team showed excellent spirit and continued to put in some excellent performances. There were standout performances from Thomas Larner, Arthur Woodhouse, Oliver Thomas, Harry Bidwell and Joe Nash. The team trained impressively throughout the season and there was a real sense of unity amongst the squad. This was led primarily by Hector Robb and ably supported by Bobby Lapping, Oliver Bailey, Foxy Scamell-Katz and Finn Lowe. It is important to recognise the improvement of William Alston during the season. He started the season unselected and finished the season as one of the first names on the team sheet. His enthusiasm for training and game time was infectious and his impact on the pitch was tangible. It is also important to note Joe Nash, who was



Girls' Hockey



voted most valuable player. His performances were consistently excellent and he scored a number of excellent tries.

U14A

It is always exciting to see a “new team” come together and this squad was a talented and skilful ball-playing side who developed very well through the season. They trained hard and really enjoy their rugby. Unfortunately in this age-group we are not blessed with a big side (Oli and Sam the exception!) and we were exposed in a number of games to teams with much bigger and more powerful boys and this takes its toll with tackling as it often meant needing 3 tacklers at times and then this left us short in defence with gaps to exploit. This was particularly evident in the Framlingham, Finborough, RHS and Stamford matches. I am confident by Under16 level, this will even itself out and we will be a very competitive team on our circuit.

There are some good players in this squad and Tom Ellis who captained the team did a sterling job leading by example and a very brave young man who tackled ferociously! We were unfortunate to lose our “powerhouse” Oli Randell to injury for a number of the games as he makes a tremendous difference in the backline with his pace and power. Mr Williams and I were really impressed with the teams’ commitment in the matches and they played some very attractive rugby resulting in some wonderful tries, which the large number of supporting parents enjoyed.

A number of players in this team have gained selection to the Leicester Tigers DPP programme which trained through the winter months: Henry Flint, Freddie Papworth, William Morrissey, Archie Ward, Harry Papworth, Tom Ellis and Nico Allen

Mr Williams would like to thank all the players for their effort, enthusiasm and performances throughout the season and we look forward to seeing them develop as an Under 15 team next season.

Squad: Henry Flint, Will Morrissey, Freddie Papworth, Zach Humphrey, Josh Howland, Alfie Harrison, Jethro Holmes,

Sam Hyatt, Archie Ward, Harry Papworth, James Tipling, Oli Randell, Tom Ellis, Toby Pallister, Lucas Triffitt, George Betts, Freddie Smith, Charles Alston, Henry Baker, George Retter, Harry Todd, Nico Allen

Mr S. Adams & Mr B Williams (U14A Coaches)

U14B

The boys played some very good rugby this year and had a very successful season. The team was made up by some class B team players who had played A team rugby at their prep schools so were not short of experience. This included Joe Harrison, Nico Allen and Charlie Bidwell, who were the key to our success in the backline with Joe a big hitter in defence and Nico and Charlie a big threat in attack. In the forwards we had Tristan Kitto who was a very good runner from the back of the scrum. George Addison had a lot of experience in the front row, Seb was also a very good tackler. We also had some players who had not played rugby who were very quick learners who ended up making a huge impact on the game. One of whom was Fernando, who was one of our best defenders and wasn’t scared to get involved in all areas of the game. There was also Josh, who became an unstoppable attacker.

We had some very convincing results winning 5 out of our 8 games. We started the season against Framlingham where we came away with a very pleasing result winning 57-5. We followed that with a 60-10 victory against The Leys. One of our best performances came against Wymondham, where we won 31-22. It was a great victory in very wet conditions against a very physical team. Unfortunately, we lost to them later in the season which was a huge disappointment. We struggled a bit near the end of the season losing a lot of our key players to the A’s This included Harry Todd and George Retter who were very important to the pack. However, we had a great final game winning against Stamford. After trailing 24-0 at half time we fought hard to win 24-26 with a last minute try.

Great Season Boys.

Harry Nelstrop



Across the board all the girls' teams saw tremendous development during the term which is shown in not just the results but also how they played as individuals and teams. The coaches did a fantastic job with their teams and the support from parents was brilliant at both home and away fixtures.

1st XI

Played 12, Won 5, Drew 3, Lost 4

Craighouse School, Chile.

After hearing how they had played previously we knew we had a tough task when playing against Craighouse School from Chile. They were at the end of a good season and their team included 5 international players. We on the other hand had just finished pre-season.

Both teams started with intent to play but Craighouse's strength showed quickly as they enjoyed the majority of possession. We defended with aggression and looked to make use of the few spells in their half we had, creating a couple of half chances. The deadlock was finally broken in the final quarter when a deflected ball lifted across the goal and was finished with style by Craighouse. We rallied and managed to create our own chance but couldn't finish and they scored a second with a reverse stick shot



to the far post.

After the game we enjoyed a meal in Dave's diner where presentations were made to players of the game, Sophie Turner (goal keeper) receiving their votes. They were very grateful for the tough game & the hospitality we provided.

The Perse

We went into this game with confidence but also feeling fairly tired after the tough game against Craighouse. It was a very scrappy affair with neither team really taking control or playing that well, both teams were able to create half chances but the game ended 0-0.

Norwich

Having not played that well against the The Perse and with Norwich the team we couldn't beat last year we looked to change both fortunes. Both teams started well and looked to move the ball around which was a welcome change from the previous game, Norwich looked to be slightly stronger and created a couple of chances that forced some good saves from Sophie Turner and a goal line clearance from Emma Woodhouse. In the second half Norwich changed their press and put more on our outlet which resulted in them enjoying the greater territory. They managed to score two goals late into the game to secure the win but it was a good lesson for us on outlasting against an aggressive press.

RHS

A slow scrappy start meant the first half went without much action at either end. After a productive half time team talk we started positively and kept RHS within their own half, the pressure told and Lucy Reader opened the scoring with Zara Howes getting the second with a volley on the back post after Willa Groen drove hard into the circle and her shot was deflected. The 3rd goal showed exactly how our new press worked with Zara winning the ball on the 23 and taking an early shot which was saved but Lucie Thomas passed the rebound around the keeper where Amy Matthews put it in.

Felsted

We looked to continue our improvement in the second game against Felsted, the game started quickly with both teams playing fluid hockey and looking to attack. Felsted went one up with a well worked penalty corner but before half time Lucie Thomas equalised with a composed finish. The second half continued where the first finished with both teams still looking to attack despite feeling the heat, this meant spaces opened which Felsted capitalised on and scored a quick counter attack with a diving finish.

We continued to show improvement and understanding of our new structures and team mates. The players of the day were Emma Woodhouse & Lucy Reader

Ipswich

In typical autumnal weather Ipswich started slightly stronger and were awarded a penalty corner within minutes where Sophie Turner saved the drag flick. Gresham's then started to find their rhythm and despite Ipswich having greater possession we created a chance for Lucie Thomas which forced their full back and keeper to scramble to stop her. Both teams then had chances as the half continued with Ella Gill making a goal line save before having a shot stopped from a penalty corner. After a few changes at half time we started stronger and piled the pressure on Ipswich who started to struggle with our runs through from midfield & our press. Both teams created



chances again but neither were able to break the deadlock. The players of the match were Tilly Mann and Lucy Reader.

Wisbech

After a fairly even first 10 minutes when there were half chances at both ends, we started to pass the ball around finding the spaces resulting in the opener by Zara Howes from Lucie Thomas' cross, the spaces continued to open and we scored with a blistering attack taking 5 seconds from our own 16 to Amy Matthews shot and 2nd goal. Maddie Gainher made it 3 going into half time from a penalty corner rebound.

We made some changes at half time to experiment with a different formation giving us even more attacking options, Lucy Reader got onto the score sheet with our 4th before Amy got her 2nd and our 5th. Zara then got her second goal and our 6th.

Player of the match was Lucy Reader.

Culford

Missing our Dutch contingent, we welcomed three U14 players, Effie Bowley, Amelia Hill and Phoebe Williams to the squad. We started strongly and maintained much of the possession with Culford venturing into our half on the rare occasion. A brace from Sophie Haughton meant we were

2-0 up at half time but with plenty of work still to do. Culford looked to pressure us more in the second half but after the initial shock we started to dominate the possession again and a goal from Effie Bowley and a superb team goal finished by Amy Matthews meant the game ended 4-0.

Player of the match Tilly Mann

Wymondham

Goals from Willa Groen in the first half and Zara Howes in the second secured the result in what was a controlled match where we enjoyed greater possession and chances on goal. Debuts for Amy Garrod, Poppy Wharton and Milly Hyatt

England Hockey Cup

Round 1:

Framlingham, Lost 3-0

The 1st XI should be proud of their defensive effort against an organised Framlingham side who travelled to us thinking they would have an easy match. We proved them wrong defending well all across the pitch and especially around the circle only allowing a few chances thanks to the work rate of everyone. Congratulations to Polly Worrall and Scarlet Brady who made their 1st team debuts in such a tough game.



Round 2 Plate:

Wellingborough, Won 2-1, POM Sophie Turner

The 1st XI progressed to the next round of the England Hockey Tier 2 cup with a hard fought win against Wellingborough. A goal in the first half for Lucy Reader and some excellent saves by Sophie Turner meant we went into the second half 1 up. Wellingborough fought back and scored from a penalty corner but we reacted well and scored within minutes through Zara Howes to take the win.

Round 3 Plate:

Rugby, Won 4-2 on flicks, 1-1 Full time, POM Sophie Turner

The team played Rugby School, who were a strong side, coming back from 1-0 and forced the result to be decided on penalty flicks with a goal from Sophie Haughton.

This was an exciting match which went to the wire after Gresham's scored 4 goals with Rugby needing to score their last to force sudden death, Sophie Turner made a fantastic save though to secure the result

Round 4 Plate:

Haileybury, lost 1-0, POM Sophie Turner

Despite a valiant defensive effort the 1st XI bowed out of the England Hockey cup in round 4. Undeterred by the big freeze we travelled to Haileybury to play round 4 on the back of our dramatic win against Rugby on flicks in the previous round. Haileybury started strongly and tested us on several occasions but to no avail due to solid saves from Sophie Turner and defiant defence by the team. The first half continued with Haileybury enjoying greater possession but they couldn't break through our defence. The second half started the same as the first finished but Haileybury managed to score going 1-0 up, we rallied and with huge efforts from Lucy Reader & Ella Gill in the middle started to create our own attacks. The game began to open up as both teams tired but Tilly Mann and Maxime Majoie remained unbreachable again in defence and Maddie Gainher started to show her attacking threat in open up space. Unfortunately we were unable to capitalise despite several chances in the last 10 minutes and bow out gracefully.

A big thanks to the year 13's of Maxime, Willa, Laura, Amy and Sophie for how much they have contributed to hockey in their time at Gresham's.



2nd XI

It was a very positive season from the 2nd team, with a strong Year 11 presence, hopefully laying the foundations for a bright future. We made a slow start to the season at two triangular competitions, losing by the odd goal, and trying some different combinations in defence. After eventually settling on Polly Worrall and Opal Malai in the centre of defence, with Amelia Thomson in front, we looked much stronger. Our next challenge was to find goals, and it was Amy Garrod who delivered. A great winner against Ipswich was followed by a hat trick against Culford (with Kate Willis, Verity Wills and Poppy Wharton making it 6-0). The highlight of the season, in terms of achievement, was a 2-2 draw with Norwich High School for Girls 1st XI. Despite going two goals down, the girls showed great fight and skill as Camilla Morgan-Evans and Amy Garrod brought it back to 2-2. This result was then backed up with a 3-0 win away to Wymondham, despite Polly, Amy and Poppy all playing 1st XI by this stage of the season. A 7-0 defeat to Framlingham College kept the girls humble and keen to develop stronger next season. A big thank you to Minty Mealing who was an outstanding captain, as well as Amelia Fox and player of the season Opal Malai for their service to Gresham's hockey. There are big hopes for next season as much of this young squad will move into the Lower Sixth.

Player of the season: Opal Malai

Most improved player: Kate Willis

3rd XI

Captain: Natalie Wells

Player of the Season: Lucy Lapping

Most Improved Player: Luisa Van Overbeek

Triangular tournament

v Perse 3rd XI. Drew 1-1

v Norwich 3rd XI. Lost 1-2

v RHS 3rd XI. Lost 0-2

RHS got two goals in 5 minutes while the girls' minds were still on the bus. The team woke up and defended fiercely for the rest of the first half. After a regrouping at half time, the team was transformed and spent nearly all the time in





the opposition half with numerous chances on goal that sadly were not converted. A remarkable improvement and something the team can definitely build on. Players of the match were jointly Rachel Heath and Charlotte Moulton who both drove the attack in the second half from the centre.

v Oundle 3rd XI. Lost 0-8

v Langley 2nd XI. Won 5-1

An energetic start from Gresham's saw the girls put immediate pressure on Langley's goal with some strong attacking play and early attempts. The team were rewarded 12 minutes in with Luisa Van Overbeek sneaking the ball past the keeper with a deft touch. The score line stayed the same until half time, with some counter play from Langley but strong defending high up the pitch by Lucy Lapping. Langley caught the girls napping only two minutes after the break. The team didn't take kindly to this and responded with Rosie Gillett sending the ball into the back of the net aided by a defender's deflection. 5 minutes later Charlotte Moulton took the score to 3-1. In the final ten minutes of the game the opposition looked tired, but Gresham's didn't let them rest. Poppy Robinson perfected the deflection past the keeper off Lucy Lapping's hit in and Luisa Van Overbeek ended the game with a strong strike in from the penalty spot after excellent passing play from a counter attack. The final score: 5-1. Player of the match honours shared by Rachel Heath and Lucy Lapping.

v Norwich High School 2nd XI. Won 3-1

After the adventure of finding access to the hockey pitches, Gresham's 3rd XI were ready for another strong performance on the back of their win over Langley 2s. Pressure came early from Norwich HS, but through a combination of luck and strong defending, the girls kept

the ball out of the net. Their first counterattack, however, was rewarded by a deft touch from Poppy Robinson to put the team 1-0 up only two minutes in. Gresham's then dominated the middle part of this half and while they tired a little in the dying minutes, they kept the score the same going into the interval. With some clear skill evident from individual Norwich HS players, there was a worry they would rally after the break but attack is very much the best form of defence and Gresham's kept the pressure on straight out of the gates. A textbook play revealed itself as the team moved forwards, with Charlotte Moulton carrying the ball out on the counter, before the lightest of touches by Natalie Wells brought the ball squarely onto Emily Howard's stick. A final pass to the P spot allowed Luisa Van Overbeek to slot the ball away before the opposition realised what was happening. Player of the Match Luisa kept up her



domination of the circle and scored again two minutes later. Play was good from both sides and Norwich HS were rewarded by a goal from a breakaway. The match ended 3-1 in Gresham's favour and the 3rd XI continue their unbeaten second half of term.

v Framlingham 3rd XI. Lost 0-3

The match started with a strong attack from Framlingham, including a barrage of 4 penalty corners, but Gresham's defended well keeping excellent attempts out of the net. Eventually the opposition managed to score, but play from the team then improved with some good forays in attack. The girls struggled a little with end of term tiredness but the score line remained 1-0. After the half time break Gresham's continued with an excellent period of play but could not quite convert this into a goal. A breakaway saw Framlingham go 2-0 up and despite some valiant efforts the team tired further and struggled. Another goal put the opposition 3-0 up before a final flurry from Gresham's before the whistle allowed the team to retire after this season with their heads held high.

Player of the match: Izzy Kitto.

4th XI

This term in the IVs team hockey we played some exciting matches against RHS, Langley, Norwich School, Oundle, The Perse and Framlingham. One of the highlights of the season was a very intense match against RHS in which we played well as a team and were rewarded with a 2-0 win. Our goal keeper, Anna Jung, performed some wonderful saves in this match and throughout the term, and she worked with our determined players at the back: Izzy Thurston, Elle Matthews, Anna Flint, Mia Bevington and Isabel Kitto (who was soon promoted to the 3rds), to get the ball to the mids: Diana Edwards, Maria Butcher and Isobel Pallister and on to the forwards: Emily Ringer, Emily Howard, Poppy Vass, Beth Dunk (a third team player) and Imogen Tooth. The other outstanding match was our last against Framlingham. We were all tired, it was an away fixture and it was a cold, dark day. After a lack lustre first half we were 2-0 down and feeling discouraged but somehow we pulled it together and rallied for a very



fiesty second half, scoring 4 goals and resulting in a 4-2 win which was very satisfying!

This year's Player of the Season was awarded to Emily Howard for her tenacity, speed and energy. She played flat out in every match and has the ability to manoeuvre her way through several opponents.

Anna Jung took the award for Most Improved Player and it was truly well deserved. Anna was new to hockey and offered to "give it a go" when Mrs. Matthams announced that we had no goal keeper and needed a volunteer. Anna developed so very well and calmly did her job brilliantly in goal.

Congratulations to both Emily and Anna and thank you to all the girls who made up the IVs this year.

Isobel Pallister

U15A

The Players: Kate Webster (capt), Phoebe Worrall, Florence Kemp, Flo O'Leary, Rosie Ringer, Molly Cook, Affie Tolliday, Jasmine Taylor-Riches, Edith Broch, Meg Willis, Leila Yuasa, Genevieve Phelps, Henri Colclough.

Played: 9 Won:3 Draw:3 Lost:3
Goals For: 15 Goals Against: 14

The Perse 1-3

Norwich 2-2

Felsted 1-2

RHS Holbrook 1-0

Ipswich 1-4

Wisbech 2-0

Culford 2-2

Wymondham 4-0

Framlingham 1-1

The U15A team had a good hockey season overall and made good progress, both as individuals and as a team during the term. In training sessions throughout the season we not only practised our basic skills, but also experimented with different formations and tried to improve the tactical awareness of the team and develop a



style of play.

The team played nine matches, winning three, drawing three and losing three. We had good early season results against Norwich school and RHS Holbrook, mainly due to Flo O'Leary's attacking speed and goals. Naïve defending against Ipswich in the first half cost the team dearly, conceding 3 first half counter-attack goals. A spirited 2nd half display meant that the final score was 1-4. We also had a disappointing 1-2 defeat to Felsted in a match we dominated. We endured the worst possible start to this game conceding a goal from the push-back after 10 seconds!

After half term we had very good victories against Wisbech and Wymondham, with greatly improved displays and confidence in the team built before our final and toughest match of the term against Framlingham.

We reserved our best performance of the season for the match against Framlingham, who were able to call upon the services of 3 players who usually represented their 1st team, as the 1st team match was cancelled! Flo O'Leary and Rosie Ringer played up front and offered a real threat, with Flo's pace and Rosie's skill and eye for goal, and it was Rosie that scored a brilliant goal in the first half. We were also lucky to have Meg Willis in the forward line. Meg has great pace and was always a threat when she received the ball.

Captain Kate Webster led the team really well and played centre midfield. Kate is a very good passer of the ball and much of our attaching success during the term started with one of her trademark defence splitting passes. Kate was assisted in midfield by Florence Kemp and Edith

Broch. Florence started the season at centre forward, and converted into a very effective midfielder. Edith is a very skilful and accurate passer of the ball. Phoebe Worrall became increasingly influential to the team in the holding midfield role, she was solid in defence and distributed the ball well from the back. Defenders Leila, Henri and Affie were superb against Framlingham, working really hard to win the ball, and when the defence was breached, Jasmine was brilliant in goal, saving her best performance of the term for the last match.

Thank you to Mrs Watt for her all her help during the term coaching the girls and to the girls for their effort and attitude to training. Well done.



U14B

Squad: Georgie Clarke, Alice Duffy, Catarina Edwards, Krista Fitzsimmons, Marina Jennison-Brown, Emily Larner, Georgie Morris.

Tilly Mortimer, Molly Philo, Rosie Porter, Tavi Presslee, Alice Stanbridge, Maddie Ward

The U14 B hockey team has had an outstanding season this year and have been unbeaten; fantastic! In total, the girls scored 31 goals in 12 matches, winning 10 and drawing 2 and conceded only 3 goals; very impressive!

Particular highlights of the season have to include the nail biting match against Wisbech when, with 2 minutes to go and losing 2-3, Octavia Presslee stepped up to take a penalty stroke which resulted in a goal; relief all around! There has been some super play across the whole pitch

but, deserved of a particular mention, must be Emily Larner with her play down the right often resulting in a goal. The strong defensive team of Alice Stanbridge and Maddie Ward have also been very impressive and have worked together superbly well, along with the Goal Keeper, Georgie Clarke, as is shown by the team only conceding 3 goals all season. Molly Philo has worked extremely hard all term both on the pitch and in her role of Captain-which she has done extremely well-thank you! Two girls new to both the school and to the sport of hockey are Tilly Mortimer and Georgie Morris. They have made immeasurable progress and becoming valuable members of the team; well done. A special mention must also go to Molly Philo who achieved 'Most Valuable Player' and to Tilly Mortimer who was awarded 'Most Improved Player'; well done to both of them.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Worrall and Mrs Bracey for coaching us this year; we have made great progress and had a lot of fun in both matches and training sessions. Roll on next year when hopefully we will be unbeaten again!

Molly Philo



Swimming

Gresham’s swimming teams have performed well this year representing the school in several events.

The U13, U16 and U19 teams have often combined to make teams and successfully achieved very pleasing results.

Boys Captain – Archie Colman-Eke
Vice Captain – Jimmy Lau

Girls Captain – Charlie Cottar
Vice Captain – Jessica Spooner

U16 Boys Team – Jimmy Lau, Dally Armstrong, Freddie Woodrow, Rocco Lum, Livio Li, Alex Todd, Oliver Williamson, Alex Dyble, Matthew Williamson, Archie Kenyon, Paul Deslande, Oliver Randell

U16 Girls Team – Afton Tolliday, Jayne Gates, Florence Kemp, Scarlet Brady, Kate Willis

U19 Boys Team – Archie Colman-Eke, Pat Walton, Ross Tolliday, Jack Steward-Richardson

U19 Girls Team – Charlie Cottar, Jessica Spooner, Myla Broch, Molly Halimeh, Bella Rathleff, Ella Wharton, Matilda Mann,

Stowe School’s Relay Championships
Oundle/Bradfield/Gresham’s/Repton/Bedford/Stamford/
Stowe/Oakham/Kimbolton/Warwick/Bromsgrove

Top six times in the heats qualify to swim in the finals

U16 Boys Medley Relay			
Todd, Li, Lau, Armstrong			
Qualified for final	5th		
U16 Girls Medley Relay			
Kemp, Gates, Spiegel, Brady	DNQ		
U18 Boys Medley Relay			
C-Eke, S- Richardson, Woodrow, Lum	DNQ		
U18 Girls Medley Relay			
Broch, Cottar, Tolliday, Halimeh			
Qualified for final	5th		
U16 Boys Free Relay			
Woodrow, Li, Lau, Armstrong	DNQ	(1st Res)	
U16 Girls Free Relay			
Kemp, Gates, Spiegel, Brady	DNQ		
U18 Boys Free Relay			
C-Eke, S-Richardson, Woodrow, Lum	DNQ		
U18 Girls Free Relay			
Broch, Cottar, Tolliday, Halimeh			
Qualified for final	4th		

Gresham’s/Oundle/King’s Ely			
Thursday 5th Jan 201			
Event	Gresham’s	Oundle	King’s Ely
U16 Girls	59	55	51
U16 Boys	62	70	32
U19 Girls	61	63	39
U19 Boys	47	56	61
Overall	229	244	183



Gresham’s/Oundle/Oakham				
Tues 1st Nov 2018				
	Gresham’s	Oundle	Oakham	
U16 Girls	33	46	60	
U16 Boys	48	52	31	
U19 Girls	31	51	19	
U19 Boys	37	54	35	
Overall	149	203	145	

Gresham’s V Culford			
Thurs 15th Nov			
Individual Events	Gresham’s	Culford	
U16 Girls	17	23	
U16 Boys	18	22	
U19 Girls	16	24	
U19 Boys	12	28	
Mixed U16 4 x 50m Free 6	14		
Mixed U19 4 x 50m Free 6	14		
Mixed U16 4 x 50m Medley	8	12	
Mixed U19 4 x 50m Medley	8	12	
Overall	91	149	

Bath and Otter National Schools Relay Competition

The swimming team attended the National Schools Relay Competition at the London Aquatic Centre, Olympic Park on Friday 9th March.

This event is open to Schools in Great Britain, with teams flying in from places like Ireland and The Isle of Man.

We entered four events: girls’ and boys’ medley and freestyle relays. The competition is divided into two sections, small schools (Less than 500 boys/girls) and large schools (More than 500 boys/girls). This year there were 64 girls schools and 75 boys schools taking part and there are approximately 9 heats per event

Girls Team: The girls team competed well and improved the free style and medley time from last year. The team missed the finals by a few places, however I look forward to watching this team develop over the next year.

Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle - Heat Time - 2 0817. Last Year - 2 11 76
Charlie Cottar/Ruby Speigel (Prep)/Afton Tolliday/ Molly Halimeh
14/24 Small Schools

Girls 4 x 50m Medley Relay - Heat Time - 2 2896. Last year 2 3214
Bk-Myla Broch, Br-Charlie Cottar, Fly-Afton Tolliday, F/C Molly Halimeh
14/24 Small Schools

Boys Team: The team consisted of of 2 x year 10, 1 x year 11 and 1 x year 12 pupils in an U19 competition, the results were pleasing and it will be exciting to see how they progress in the future.

4 x 100m Freestyle Heat time – 4.20 29
Jimmy Lau, Livio Li, Dally Armstrong, Pat Walton
18/27 Small Schools

4 x 50m Medley Relay Heat time -2.12 01
Bk – Pat Walton, Br – Livio Li, Fly - Jimmy Lau, F/C – Dally Armstrong
19/27 Small Schools

SPORT

A great day and valuable experience to all the swimmers who took part in this event.

Gresham’s v Oundle
Saturday 11th May
Gresham’s Senior and Prep School swimming teams welcomed Oundle U13, U16, U19 teams to Gresham’s for our annual swimming gala. Over seventy pupils took part, both schools enjoyed a thrilling match in all age groups followed by ice cream and cupcakes afterwards.

	Oundle	Gresham’s
U13 Girls	65	76
U13 Boys	73	61
U16 Girls	65	66
U16 Boys	57	77
U18 Girls	71	63
U18 Boys	62	72
Total	393	415

All team members swam really well and worked really hard to achieve every point. Great to see the senior school and Prep school teams competing together and achieving a combined win.

New School Records		
U16 Boys 50m Fly	Jimmy Lau (Yr 11)	28.78
U16 Girls 50m Free	Afton Tolliday (Yr 10)	29.87
U16 Girls 25m Fly	Afton Tolliday (Yr 10)	15.25
U16 Girls 50m Fly	Afton Tolliday (Yr 10)	33.88
U19 Girls 50m Fly	Afton Tolliday (Yr 10)	33.88
U16 Girls 4 x 25m Ind Med	Afton Tolliday (Yr 10)	78.66
U19 Girls 4 x 25m Ind Med	Afton Tolliday (Yr 10)	78.66

Boys’ Interhouse Results				
House	Seniors	Juniors	Overall	
Farfield	111	130 241		3rd
Woodlands	137	120 257		1st
Howsons	115	127 242		2nd
Tallis	101	58 159		4th

National Pool Lifeguard Qualification
Gresham’s lifeguard club has successfully completed two NPLQ courses this year, each course consists of thirty nine hours of training which includes all aspects of water rescue and spinal rescue, first aid, adult, child and baby CPR, AED training, lifeguarding and the law, dry rescue, health and safety, accident prevention and safeguarding. At the end of the course candidates enter a three hour examination to gain the Nationally recognised qualification.

Gresham’s lifeguards are very valuable members of the Gresham’s swimming staff team as they provide lifeguard cover in the pool during term time and holidays.

Gresham’s Current Lifeguard Team
Head Lifeguards – Amelia Doran, Charlie Adams
Pat Walton, Charlie Cottar, William Cubitt, Harry Taylor, Izzy Pallister, Charlotte Moulton, Barney Gill, Jude Lillico, Josef Rose, Jessica Spooner, Bella Rathleff, Archie Jones, Jayne Gates, Molly Halimeh, Matilda Mann.

NETBALL

1st VII Tour to Sri Lanka

Half way through the Season, twelve senior players were lucky enough to join the Netball Tour to Sri Lanka: Adrienne Flux, Amy Matthews, Emma Woodhouse, Laura Mitchell, Helena Hunt, Esme Papworth, Jessica Beeson, Lucie Thomas, Maria Butcher, Claudia van Poortvliet, Amy Garrod, and Iris Croft. The tour was packed with Netball and cultural visits and experiences.

I am extremely grateful to my husband, Nigel for accompanying me on the trip, but far more importantly to Joanne Pegg, who joined us at late notice when Helene Buckingham was injured. Joanne was such a positive presence; she managed the teams and the Netball brilliantly, joined in with everything, and it was great to have her along.

My thanks too to Peter and Sarah Mitchell for their support – so very lovely to have supporters on an away fixture – and they were at all of them in Sri Lanka!

We were based in Colombo, Kandy and Galle, and therefore saw a lot of this beautiful country. It was an amazing trip in so many ways; the girls played well, worked hard and were delightful company throughout. They played a total of thirteen mini matches, winning eight, drawing two and losing three. It was incredibly hot for Netball, and on one very memorable occasion we played on a grass court, which added to the challenge. Netball is the fastest growing sport in Sri Lanka, and the competition was fierce.

Highlights included a visit to the Girls' High School Kandy where we were welcomed so graciously and spent an amazing morning touring the school and talking to the staff and girls. We were also treated to some traditional dancing. The girls acting as tour guides for us were our opposition for that afternoon.

We were lucky enough to visit the Temple of the Tooth, and the girls joined with tourists and worshippers to lay floral offerings at the temple. I don't think we will ever forget the intensity of the experience, the sights, the sounds, the crowds and the heat!

For the girls, one of the main highlights was the TukTuk ride in Kandy. My special thanks to Peter and Sarah Mitchell who helped us facilitate this, making it possible to have an adult in every TukTuk, and to feel part of this vibrant city and its traditions. On this day we also visited a local market, and the girls were taught how to haggle for the best prices; Jess won the prize for driving the hardest bargain.

The Elephant Sanctuary was probably one of the most eagerly anticipated trips and it didn't disappoint. Not only did we witness the elephants being taken through the

village to the river to bathe, we had lunch overlooking the bathing spot and were able to relax and enjoy the spectacle.

Galle Fort was beautiful, and our hotels were all beautifully situated and appointed – we were very well looked after. On one occasion there was a local wedding at the hotel and we were witness to the arrival of the groom and his party, including the amazing drum music and dancing that heralds the groom's arrival.

Many of our journeys included a roadside stop for amazing fruit and fresh coconut.

The week absolutely flew by, and it seemed in no time we were back at School, but what an adventure. Sri Lanka – we will be back.

Julie Flower

This tour has undoubtedly been one of my Gresham's highlights; Sri Lanka is a beautiful country with great competitive netball squads for us to play against. I was part of a squad of 12 awesome girls and 3 great members of staff. From visiting an elephant orphanage to Mr Flower's fines or even Emma being chased by a monkey, this tour definitely had it all; it's safe to say that it was well worth the 11 hour flight! A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Flower and Mrs Pegg for keeping us girls in check and to the rest of the group for making this such a memorable trip.

Esme Papworth

Netball Round Up

Team	P	W	D	L	Goals for	Goals against
1st VII*	9	5	0	4	293	201
2nd VII	9	4	0	5	201	179
3rd VII	4	3	0	1	97	73
4th VII	4	4	0	0	116	37
5th VII	4	1	0	3	71	74
U15A*	6	3	0	3	163	180
U15B*	7	3	0	4	106	135
U15C	7	3	0	4	59	120
U14A*	7	3	0	4	123	14
U14B	7	5	0	2	88	100
U14C	7	4	1	2	94	66

*Tournaments are not included in these statistics

It has been a good season for Netball and the standard of play and strength in depth continues to improve; the results in numbers don't necessarily reflect the achievement of our Junior B and C teams, who were often pitted against A and B teams of other schools, or older pupils from local schools. Likewise, our 5th VII were competing against Under 16A sides from local schools. Most important is that the girls have good quality fixtures against appropriate teams, and enjoy their sport.



We are delighted with the inclusivity within the Netball Club, and that those who want to play Netball can do so with good coaching and quality games. We also continue to produce a very strong 1st VII who compete exceptionally well with 1st VIIs from much larger schools.

The 1st VII achieved well, earning a place in the East Region Under 19 Netball Finals in Welwyn Garden City in January, and performing very well, as they did at Brentwood School in March, an Under 19 Independent Schools Tournament of similar standard. Ella Wharton proved to be an excellent captain and the team benefited enormously from her leadership.

The Under 14s also represented Norfolk at the East region Finals, and acquitted themselves very well indeed in a tough competition. The Under 15A and Under 15B flew the flag for Gresham's at the Uppingham Under 15 tournaments, and the Under 15A also had a great day at the Brentwood Tournament later in the season.

House Netball was fiercely competitive, as always, with two junior and two senior teams from each house taking part in the competition. The results were:

Junior House Netball

- 1st Edinburgh
- 2nd Oakeley
- 3rd Queens'

Senior House Netball

- 1st Queens'
- 2nd Edinburgh
- 3rd Oakeley

As always, the Handicap Tournament and the 1st VII vs the Staff VII were the last matches to be played, and were contested in great spirit and lots of laughter – and some excellent Netball.

The Netball Awards were presented on the same afternoon:

Full Senior Colours were awarded to: Ella Wharton, Emma Woodhouse, Helena Hunt and Amy Matthews.

Half Senior Colours were awarded to: Esme Papworth, Ella Gill and Lucy Reeder for two seasons with the 1st VII, and to Adrienne Flux and Laura Mitchell for three seasons with the 2nd VII

Junior Colours were awarded to: Maria Butcher and Scarlet Brady.

Julie Flower,



1st VII

Ella Wharton, Emma Woodhouse, Amy Matthews, Esme Papworth, Lucy Reader, Maddie Gainher, Ella Gill, Maria Butcher, Helena Hunt.

This season was always going to be fun, and these girls didn't disappoint; they were exceptionally hardworking, and always brought a sense of fun alongside a real competitiveness and commitment and some technically brilliant Netball.

They represented the County at the East Region Under 19 Finals of the National Schools Competition, winning half of their games, and never being outclassed by much bigger schools with close club connections. This tournament is always held during the January Home Weekend, and as expected, but never taken for granted, the girls were cheerful, excited, and totally focussed on the games. It was bitterly cold and the girls were a great credit to their School and County. Thank you Mr Adams for the Rugby bench coats – they made all the difference.

The girls had convincing wins against Norwich High, Wymondham College, Langley and Kings Ely, with our biggest win, a massive 57-29 coming against Wisbech Grammar. The game against Norwich School, who had beaten us at the County finals in November, was incredibly tight, and was abandoned in a hail storm at the UEA, Norwich School taking the victory, although the final result never looked certain. Our three other defeats, where we were separated by the smallest of margins (2 goals, 2 goals and 5 goals) were against Oundle, RHS and Framlingham respectively. Games which perhaps on a good day, with a fair wind, we may well have won, and which may have been more fitting results for the quality of the play from this team.

I don't think we have ever had a stronger defence than Ella Wharton, Amy Matthews and Maria Butcher, with Emma Woodhouse at wing defence adding to the magic. Ella was excellent at supporting the defenders and communicating – it was a pleasure to watch them,

Ella Gill, Maddie Gainher and Helena Hunt were a real force to be reckoned with in the middle; moving the ball with speed and accuracy towards our impressive shooting circle of Esme Papworth and Lucy Reader. The pressure of goal

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Clash of the Titans

On the evening of Monday 18th March, the 1st VII Netball Team played the 1st XV Rugby Team in a physical and fast paced match, also raising £43 for the School charities. Initially, the girls were a little taken aback by the boy's athleticism. However they managed to keep their composure, easing into their own game and not letting any goals in. In the second quarter, Alfie Woolcock scored the boys first goal of the match. Strong play from Ella Gill and Helena Hunt in the centre court kept the game flowing, allowing Esme Papworth and Lucy Reader to shoot consistently - despite Ethan Sheridan's foul play, knocking Lucy to the ground. Ollie Smith was a huge asset to the boys' team and challenged the girls on many occasions. Hudson scored the only other goal for the rugby team in the third quarter. Amy Mathews stepped up to the mark of Goal Keeper well, handling Alfie Woolcock's large hit. The game was very competitive but the girls won comfortably 22-2. The girls were very impressed with how the boys picked up the game, but think that Barney should stick to rugby!

Ella Wharton, Captain, Girls 1VII



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scoring and how much it matters is unenviable and these two players coped brilliantly with it.

We will certainly miss Ella, Amy, Emma and Helena, who have given so much to Netball during their time at Gresham’s. I hope they continue to play.

Ella was a brilliant captain, a natural leader and an excellent rôle model; we were so lucky to have her – for her play, her leadership, and for herself.

Ella Gill, Esme Papworth, Lucy Reader, Maddie Gainher and Maria Butcher will all take their experience and skills forward to next season, and I very much look forward to working with them.

My thanks as always go to our Lead Performance Coach for Netball, Mrs Helene Buckingham, for all of her work with the 1st VII. Helene brings a wealth of knowledge to Gresham’s Netball, but she also brings a terrific sense of fun and enjoyment, positive relationships with the players, and an excellent and varied programme of skills and tactics.

Julie Flower

2nd VII

Squad: Laura Mitchell, Adrienne Flux, Jess Beeson, Kate Willis, Scarlet Brady, Lucie Thomas, Amy Garrod, Zara Howes, Poppy Wharton, Claudia Van-Poortvliet

It has been a pleasure to work with the 2nds VII this season, they have worked harding during training and matches and played some fantastic netball.

Laura Mitchell has captained the side for the the second year running, and her calm attitude matched with steely determination has helped to drive the team to some fantastic game play. Although a mixed set of results, 4 wins and 5 losses, the girls have remained focused throughout and playing with a good attitude until the final whistle.

Adrienne, Claudia and on occasion Zara have played as shooters, between them scoring 201 goals over the season. Adrienne’s shooting is outstanding and some of the shots she plays are remarkable!

With a big squad this season the mid court have played lots of positions, Laura, Zara, Amy, Lucy, Poppy and Scarlett have



played some fast (and on occasion, furious!) netball, they have held their positions well and turned the ball over.

Our defensive team was predominantly Jess and Kate who worked relentlessly to win rebounds, turn on the ball and get their distance right (not as easy as it looks!) Kate, who was a new recruit to defending, embraced her role as GK jumping almost every shot.

The 2nd VII have developed their tactics too this season, the progression as a team had been visible. The highlight of the term for me, although a loss, was the match against Oundle. The girls’ attitude, even when losing, was admirable and they played hard until the very end.

Well done girls, and farewell to Laura and Adrienne - we will miss you next year!

The 3rd VII had a very exciting season, with some excellent teamwork and mid-court play. The 3rd Team won four of their seven played matches led by enthusiastic and motivating captain Sophie Houghton. Mention must go to Milly Hyatt, player of the season, for her exceptional shooting alongside Polly Worrall - 3rd team most improved player. A season to be proud of!

4th VII

It was the farewell season for several of our girls who had spent three years in the side: Natalie Wells (our Captain), Sophie Kenyon, Molly Sankey and Izzy Thurston. Remarkably, in that time they only missed one match each over the three years. During that time the team never lost to another team of the same ranking (although Oundle 3rds always was just out of reach). So great credit to these girls for both their loyalty as well as their ability.

Our side this year had a whole new defensive unit, comprising Zelia Holmes, Anna Flint and Emily Howard. As we know from other sports, how well you defend is crucial to the success of your side (look at Wales rugby this year!). Anna was unlucky to break her thumb, and although she bravely tried to come back, it proved not possible. We were fortunate to reorganise by moving Tyler Munro to Goal Defender, and she ended up winning the Player of the Season award. No team apart from Oundle put more than 20 past us, which meant we were



always in the game as long as our Shooters were on form. Izzy, Molly, Natalie, as you would expect, gelled really well; there were lots of overlapping runs from the latter two, which got us down into the corners and stretched the opposition defence. Natalie was the best passer in the side, and often the crucial ball into the ‘D’ found our attacker in the clear. We were able to rotate three players to shoot for us: Elle Matthews, Sophie Kenyon and Millie Clabon. Never before have the 4ths had such accomplished attackers. We knew that if we could achieve 50% possession, we would win our games, because the quality of our shooting was superior to the opponents. Mille was awarded the Most Improved Player accolade.

So another term has flown by; we hope that some of our leavers might look in next season to catch up with us, and that they enjoyed their netball at Gresham’s.

5th XII

I had the pleasure and exciting task of coaching the mighty 5th team. The girls were an absolute joy to coach. Every training session they worked hard on their fitness and skills. They were so much fun and full of positive energy. I also cannot fault their grit and determination in every match they played. Often they faced stronger opponents but with



some amazing shooting from our captain Miranda Robb and Christina Storey, and fabulous team work, we won our fair share of games. For me the highlight of last season was winning “the double” against Oundle (26-25) and RHS (29-12). The super 5th was the only team to do this! The match against Oundle was end to end and at such a pace I needed one of the girls to keep track of the score so I could umpire. It gave the girls such a confidence boost to beat such a challenging team and I was incredibly proud of their performance. Our player of the season was Nieve Wilson, who was incredibly fierce on the court. Miranda Robb was our most improved player and I hope she will continue to shoot this coming season.

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U15A

Squad: Edith Broch, Abigail Flux, Florence O’Leary, Rosie Ringer, Martha Veale, Ruby Vaughan-Jones, Kate Webster, Megan Willis, Phoebe Worrall

The U15A netball team have had a pleasing season this year winning 50% of their matches.

Particular highlights have to include our super win against Norwich School 36-18 and also finishing 3rd in our groups at both the Brentwood and Uppingham tournaments. At Brentwood, a very exciting match against New Hall A was played with Gresham’s girls winning 7-6 and they also played superbly to draw with Forest A 6-6. At Uppingham, we won 2 and lost 2 but the win against Dunstone was particularly memorable. All girls have been very adaptable with playing positions this year with Rosie Ringer moving into defence and Phoebe Worrall and Ruby Vaughan-Jones both stepping up to fill the shooter position when needed. Many thanks to them! Congratulations must also go to Kate Webster who justifiably achieved the award of ‘Player of the Season’-she shot superbly in matches and is a very strong player on the court. Rosie Ringer achieved the award of ‘Most Improved Player’ largely due to moving back into defence and showing heaps of potential in this area. Huge thanks must also go to Kate Webster for her outstanding captaincy this year.

All girls should feel very pleased with their netball season this year and I shall look forward to watching their netball



continue to develop as they move up into the senior teams next year.

Sarah Bracey

U15B

Squad: Molly Cook, Robyn Horner, Martha Veale, Scarlett McCarthy, Poppy Lake, Afton Tolliday, Jasmin Taylor-Riches, Laura Flux, Genevieve Phelps and Scarlett Ebdale.

The best things about the 15B squad were that they were good fun, displayed great team spirit and enjoyed playing netball together. We lost and gained a few players during the season but I thoroughly enjoyed coaching the girls....even on those difficult, frustrating days when we just couldn't pull off a win.

Our best match was against Reepham High School, a strong and determined team, which was an all out battle from the start right up to the very last goal. It could easily have gone either way but the girls played furiously in the last quarter and took it by just one goal with a final result of 21-20.

The low point had to be against Oundle where we were behind by a rather alarming margin, then at the start of the final quarter our goal defender sustained a leg injury on court which prevented us from moving her for a while so we conceded the game.....and what a relief!

Our ever smiling, positive captain, Molly Cook was awarded Player of the Season for her constant 100% commitment on court, fast movement and stamina.

It was very tricky selecting a Most Improved Player and I



actually wanted to give this award to a couple of girls, although that wasn't possible. Genevieve Phelps took it for truly remarkable development of skills, confidence and speed, but I'd also like to commend Scarlett McCarthy for her excellent play, versatility and improvement through the season...she became a real asset to the team.

So well done to all the girls as they worked hard, encouraged one another and moved forward in their netball skills

Paula Matthams

U15C

Squad: Molly George, Willa Huntridge Dixon, Scarlett McCarthy, Eda Kaya, Tatty Mealing, Sophia Wedgwood, Elyzia Wong, Leila Yuasa, Molly Fields, Alice Arden- Norris

The season started with a cracking fixture against Gresham's Prep school with a 15-6 win for the U15C team.

This set the team up for a great season with a variety of fixtures.

Our second match was against Alderman Peel School who, playing on home ground, beat us 15 – 10. Gresham's played a tight match but were defeated by a country shooter in the opposition side.

In our third match against Framlingham we won 9 – 6 which was a great victory.

A loss against Aylsham of 15- 2 did not deter the team and the girls rallied together and gave it their all in an match against Oundle School. The Gresham's U15C squad should not be too disheartened as Oundle has a much wider field to choose from and the score of 60- 7 does not reflect the skill and determination which the Gresham's girls showed. The final match of the season was also our most closely-fought match and ended with a loss of 18 -16 against Royal Hospital School. It was an amazing match to finish the season, with skilful play from all players showing the way in which the squad had gelled as a team and showed commitment and determination until the end.

Player of Season : Molly Fields

Most improved : Leila Yuasa



U14A

Squad: Marina Jennison-Brown, Grace Hare, Lily Coubrough, Sophia Rathleff, Poppy Brady, Molly Philo, Lucy Isaac, Abbie Watling-Brucki, Alice Duffy

Another fantastic season for the U14A netball squad winning the majority of their games and showcasing some outstanding talent.

The girls faced some challenges through the course of the season, most noticeably the fixture against Langley, where a large number were ruled out because of illness. The remainder of the squad proved, against adverse conditions, that they could adapt and despite not coming away with the win I was proud of their attitude and performance.

Amelia Hill and Izzy Morgan-Evans both had the opportunity to play up in the U15A squad throughout the season as they had displayed their potential in previous games. As a result Amelia was rewarded with Player of the season and Izzy most improved player.

All the girls worked really hard throughout the season and showed a great level of maturity. It was a pleasure to coach them and I have no doubt that they will continue to do well and improve next season.

U14B

Squad: Marina Jennison-Brown. Grace Hare, Lily Coubrough, Sophia Rathleff, Poppy Brady, Molly Philo, Lucy Isaac, Abbie Watling-Brucki, Alice Duffy



A super season for the U14B netball team, in which we saw an almost unbeaten run and some very high scoring games. Shooting talent within the squad was very strong, notably from Grace Hare and Marina Jennison-Brown. GA was a much fought after position; this often left some girls playing out of position, but they were at no disadvantage for it. The team had excellent and strategic defence; led in part by GK Sophia Rathleff with her very organised approach. Lily Coubrough ran a very tight turn around on the centre passes and the team grew in confidence throughout the season. A thoroughly enjoyable season had by all, the team worked cohesively and showed excellent team spirit and a feisty competitive nature.

U14C

Lily Coubrough, Catarina Edwards, Krista Fitzsimmons, Tilly Mortimer, Rosie Porter, Maddie Ward, Freya Wright, Emily Larner, Georgie Morris.

The under 14 C team played seven matches, winning four, drawing one and losing only two. These girls worked so hard to improve their skills and were great fun to work with. The highlight of their season was definitely winning their section of the Handicap tournament – a fantastic result and very well deserved.

I wish the girls all the very best for the future – I hope to hear of their successes!

Sophie Buckmaster



Boys' Hockey

We had a successful season across the boys club, from the 1st XI showing huge improvements and competing with top schools and the u14's showing they could compete with teams at the Nationals to having the first U14C squad with fixtures for the first time in a recent memory.

I'd like to thank not only all the coaches who have been fantastic with their respective teams and got the coaching right based on the groups, but also to the boys for showing a good level of commitment to their hockey.

1st XI

Played 11, Won 4, Lost 7

Pre-season

The boys enjoyed a very productive pre-season with the 1st XI having 2 training days prior to a match against Norwich City 2nd XI and an open session where over 40 pupils turned up to prepare for the term ahead.

The pre-season match saw the link between Gresham's and Norwich City return with several of our players having played for the opposition at some point last term. The game was played in a very competitive but sportsmanlike manner, both teams were finding their feet after long breaks but played some good hockey in parts but experience told in the end with Norwich winning 3-1 despite Mr Mack rolling back the years to return to goal for the 1st XI after 15 years.

Framlingham

Lost 2-1, Mom Flip Wijsman

In an extremely challenging first match for a team adding 6 players after pre-season and with Rafe Lochore making his debut, both teams started looking to play at a fast pace and created chances. Neither team could break the deadlock until the final quarter when Ben Withers countered from depth scoring a well taken goal. Unfortunately we then missed a penalty flick with ten minutes remaining before Framlingham scored 2 in the closing minutes to steal the win.



HOG's

Won 4-2

Having shown progress against Framlingham we played a mid-week fixture against the HOG's, despite a slow start to the match the boys showed their pace in attack to score some very nice goals and get the first win of the season.

Norwich

Lost 5-0, POM Ollie Smith

In a game that left more questions than answers we then looked to regroup and turn the focus towards the Cup fixture against Culford. The first half was a fairly even affair with both teams creating some chances but due to defence or saves neither team capitalised until Norwich scored a rebound goal. The second half was more one side with Norwich pressing forwards scoring 4 unanswered goals.

RHS

Won 7-0, POM Rob MacKenzie

Welcoming some new faces to the 1st XI in Hudson De Luchi, Jack Stewart Richardson & Hector Cargill the 1st XI wanted to put in a strong performance in preparation for their Cup game on Thursday against Culford. We started strongly and created chances right from the start but their keeper made some good saves, Rob MacKenzie was first to score with an individual goal and Louis Hart, Ben Withers and Hector Cargill all added to give a 4-0 half time scoreline. We made some changes to experiment in the second half which took a while to figure out but Rob MacKenzie & Ben Withers scored their 2nd goals and Ross Butler also got in on the action.



Culford

Won 3-1, POM Harry Bassett

The 1st XI went into the game looking for a strong performance ahead of the next cup fixture against Felsted. Both teams neutralised each other with Culford playing better than in our previous match. Ben Withers scored first with a very good individual bit of skill to protect the ball despite 4 defenders on him but Culford equalised from a penalty corner before the break. We were able to control the second half and Rob Mackenzie scored from a well worked corner and Louis Hart finished the game with our third.

Ipswich

Lost 4-2, POM Declan Oldrieve

Both teams started strongly looking to play at a fast pace resulting in lots of turnovers in the first 10 minutes. Gresham's took the lead through a in individual goal



by Rafe Lochore who beat several players before slotting it reverse stick round the keeper. Ipswich came back strongly and were 1 up at half time. The 2nd half continued as the first had gone at a quick pace and Ipswich capitalised with a deflected shot to go up 3-1. Neither team slowed down and we scored a great counter attack which started with Declan at left back and was finished by Ross Butler. Ipswich managed to score just before time with another deflection as the work rate told.

It was a fantastic team effort that showed how far we had come this term.

England Hockey Cup

1st XI
The u18's faced Culford in the Tier 2 Round 2 tie, it was a commanding performance that showed the progress they had made during the term, putting everything into practice. We dictated the tempo from the first whistle to the last attacking with pace and denying Culford time on the ball. There was braces for Ben Withers, Willem Wibaut & Rafe Lochore and the back five of Harry Sutton, Alex Loudon, Charlie Adams, Harry Bassett & Declan Oldrieve stopped any attacks Culford were able to create.

Felsted

Lost 4-2, POM Willem Wibaut
A performance that the boys should be proud of but unfortunately not the result we could have had. Felsted proved more clinical in a game that any other day, had we taken our chances, we could have won. Both teams looked to play attacking hockey which resulted in a fast paced game that was good to watch for a neutral.
My thanks go to Ross Butler, Ben Withers, Rob MacKenzie, Ollie Smith & Declan Oldrieve for what they have put into

the Gresham's hockey club during their time at the school, they leave having moved the team forwards again.
DB

2nd XI

The Hockey season for the 2nd XI was an excellent season. The team put in some huge performances against some class opposition, and I would like to thank them all for all of their efforts. Hockey is a game of technical ability and skill and I think the boys really showed themselves to be excellent hockey players throughout the season.

Our first game of the season was away, against Framlingham college. As always in the first game of the season the team is rusty, giving away easy passes, and missing easy chances. However, the boys pulled together to lead the game 1-0 at half time. However, after the half, the team switched off letting Framlingham weave through and equalising with 20 minutes still to play. After this the stamina of Jack Stewart-Richardson helped us incredibly, and Jack scored the winner with 5 minutes to spare. A beautifully crafted ball to Jack at the top of the D, from George Beeson, which Jack hit on the half volley into the bottom right. The first win was under the belts, and set us up for a good season.

Next up, we played Taverham staff away at Norwich City hockey club. After a full week of training sessions, the team was looking sharp and felt confident that we could get the win again. However, this was seen to be very optimistic, with Taverham staff getting 3 goals within the first half. Special mentions to Harry Sutton who kept out many other chances that easy could have been put in the back of the net. A 3-0 lost at the end of the day, was a good result, seeing that we had been out skilled, and out muscled that day by a team who had significant experience.



The local derby was up next, against Norwich School away at Redmayne Fields. After watching the first get dispatched 5-0 in the game before us we knew we would have to put in a good performance to secure the win. The game was dull, only providing few chances for each team, and neither team could break the deadlock. A 0-0 draw away from home against a strong side was a good result.

After this, the team pulled together and produced 3 wins on the bounce. First up was 6-1 against RHS. A hat-trick from Jack Stewart-Richardson in the first half, and gorgeous build up play from Tom Kinder and Sam Hardy who made the clock tick in the midfield, pulled RHS apart and left the boys confident going into the next games. Norwich City 4th XI, was an interesting game, with push back being at 7:30 it was a different environment for the team. A goal from Ethan Sheridan late in the first half got the team back to all square at 2-2 going into half time. However, it was the last game for Dutch international Flip Wijsman to really show his class, who normally plays in goal. He controlled the midfield with lovely passes spreading the ball wide and tiring the Norwich defence. The game finished 4-2, and the team congratulated Flip on his excellent service to Greshams Hockey over the past 4 weeks. Next was the game against Culford School. In this game there was one player who showed dominance and that was August Pieper. 5 goals in the game showed that August really was a class player, being able to finish on the reverse and on the volley really proved this. The game finished 7-0 and was the biggest win of the season.

The season finished on a sour note with 2 successive losses. One against the OG's which finished 4-2, with guest appearances from Lucy Reader and Max Majoie, who played magnificently well, and the other against Ipswich school that ended 2-0.

Overall the season was a success, with the team winning 4 and losing 3, meaning a win rate of 56.25%. The team showed Gresham's hockey in its finest light, and I would like to thank Dr Richardson and Mr Coventry for all their efforts and leading us to some great results. It was a pleasure to play such beautiful hockey, and I wish the team all the best in the seasons to come.



3rd XI

Captain: Aaron Hollinger
Player of the Season: James Morton
Most Improved Player: Fynn Mauritz

v Framlingham 3rd XI. Lost 0-4
The boys fought hard in this game and it was for the most part much more evenly matched than the scoreline suggests. The game was end to end for the first quarter, but Framlingham got the upper hand with a goal from the top of the circle. They continued to dominate for the rest of the half and managed to get a second just before the break when the team tired. Gresham's rallied at half time and played well but were unable to convert this into a goal. As heads began to drop, Framlingham were then able to dominate with two further goals. Player of the match went to James Morton.

v Norwich 3rd XI. Lost 3-2
A very tight game. Hugo Van Vredenburg scored off a penalty corner within the first minute, but Norwich caught the team busy celebrating and equalised straight away. The pressure was kept high by the opposition, until a lapse in discipline cost the team a second goal off a penalty flick. The second half was much more even, but Norwich snuck ahead after a barrage of penalty corners. In the last quarter, the team gelled and took the upper hand, led by man of the match Freddie Woodrow who scored off an amazing break starting in his own half. Despite good pressure at the end, the game finished 3-2 to Norwich.

v RHS 3rd XI. Cancelled by opposition

v Langley 1st XI. Won 3-2
A strong start and early pressure looked promising for Gresham's, but Langley were able to convert their first foray into our circle into a goal. Undeterred, the team kept the pressure high and quenched counterattacks, with Fynn Mauritz cutting out any movement from their left flank. 12 minutes in Hugo Van Vredenburg put away a short corner to bring the score to 1-1. It was a similar story at the start of the second half with a strong hit sneaking past guest keeper Pieter Myburgh who had otherwise had an excellent game in defensive short corners. The team dipped a little after this and it required some excellent runs by Sam Ellis and Fynn Mauritz to energise the team, with





Josh Anthony converting that second push with a screamer into the top right corner. Great attacking play by man of the match Hugo Van Vredenburg and calmness under pressure by Sam Ellis saw the team push ahead with 5 minutes to go. As had been evident in much of the match, defensive play by the team was the best seen all season, with the three Js (Quilter, Morton, and Field) keeping the score line 3-2 in Gresham’s favour. An excellent performance from the team all round and good leadership by Aaron Hollinger is to be commended.

v OG’s 3rd XI. Lost 1-2

v Ipswich 3rd XI. Won 5-1

Gresham’s put the pressure on from the start and immediately crowded the D, catching Ipswich unaware. Some excellent quick passing by the team opened up a shot for Sam Ellis to put away. Ipswich’s possession at the restart was short-lived as the team almost copied the opening minute, this time captain Aaron Hollinger slotting it into the net. With a 2-0 lead after only 90 seconds, the thirds had set out their stall early. The match settled for a while, but Gresham’s continued to dominate and before the half was over Sam Ellis had added another to his score sheet after some excellent attacking play by the whole team. Ethan Calvert then brought the tally to 4 with some excellent personal play from the middle of the pitch. The second half brought some different challenges, particularly in maintaining discipline against an opposition who had lost their focus in what seemed a hopeless match. Nevertheless, Ipswich managed to get one goal back after a lucky breakaway. In the final quarter of the match the team moved forward in attack and Ben Barber saw his opportunity in the wide space next to the left post, bringing the final score to 5-1. Player of the match was Hugo van Vredenburg for controlling the centre of the pitch and setting up many of the attacking drives.

4TH XL

Won 4-2 v Framlingham (home)

Harry Vincent, George Blake, Jack Lawrence and Barney Payne sat on the bench and were match reporters, as they didn’t fancy fitness with the 5th XL and Mr Curtis.

The first goal of the season was off a Fram foot, setting the



tone for a classic 4th team encounter; it was hit by Barnaby Gedney and he will try to claim it for many a day to come.

Andrew Kinder scored a delightful team goal. Mr Brown disallowed one goal, after initially giving it, but a time-out to consult the opposite umpire, changed the judgement and it was concluded to be an attacking foot in the D from Gresham’s, and hit from outside of the D. Barnaby Gedney made the most stick tackles and was lucky not to be sent off; prior to the game he did single-handedly take all the obstructing goals off the pitch, so perhaps was a little too pumped. Archie Veal missed two sitters. Sam Ellis hit an amazing fourth goal, to kill the Fram boys resurging efforts. Man of the match was James Quilter, being the backbone of defence throughout game, and the only player not to be power-subbed.

Draw 1-1 Norwich (away)

This was a very even contest on a cold day, after waiting pitch-side for two hours. There was nearly a mass team revolt at having to wear shorts. Alex Cowell was still trying to wear garden club attire for this big derby game. Peter Myburgh and Dan Adams had a rookie goal-keeping workshop in the Norwich Tesco before the game. Sam Ellis scored but was not at normal form, due to too many layers of clothes inhibiting a free-flowing movement. Man of the match was Fynn Mauritz.

Won 3-2 Langley 1st XL (away)

Won 9-6 Langley 1st XL (home)

Due to the lack of 3rd and 4th XL hockey teams in the East Anglian school catchment, we agreed to a rematch against our best friends at Langley. The away leg we comfortably won 3-2, with barely a canter from the likes of Sam Ellis. The home fixture on the warmest February since records began was going to be another squelchy armpit of an affair.

These were the thoughts from our match reporter Archie Veale: Captain John Dugdale won the toss and put his opposite goalie facing the dipping sun for the first half, although the dip got worst for John in the second half; first rookie captain error. Conor O’Sullivan gallantly volunteers to make up Langley’s 11th man. Freddie Woodrow gets his adrenaline pumping as he hits the ball inches from the goal. Jude Lillico gives away a short corner 5 minutes in, and Langley go 1-0 up. Minutes later Josh Anthony scores an

absolute screamer from the top of the D to equalize, with a gorgeous assist by Ethan Calvert. Minutes go past with some unbelievable defending from Jimbo Quilter. Aaron Hollinger shows his experience and class by dribbling in and scores, making it 2-1 to Gresham’s. Seconds later Josh Anthony slots another goal in, bringing doubts to the decision to give him to Langley for the second half. James Morton gives another short corner away but saves by putting his body on the line. Quilter was too physical with the Langley boys and gives another short corner away. A magnificent diving save from John Dugdale stops the ball. Gresham’s in their bibs due to a shirt clash are looking like an Aussie Rules outfit. Minutes into the next half, Freddie Woodrow nutmegs the keeper making it 5-2. Shortly after this, a lovely ball from Hugo Van Vredenburg straight to Sam Ellis, who runs the entire pitch, dribbling through all the defenders, but narrowly misses a goal. Then a goal for Langley made it 5-4, and another one made it 5-5. To the rescue came Josh Anthony, to get his third. However, another equaliser from Langley. Next up a sublime goal from Ethan Calvert. Josef Rose acquires an unfortunate knee injury and has to withdraw from the match meaning Sam Ellis has another chance. The Second hat trick of the day goes to Aaron Hollinger (never make a drummer a captain).

Squad: Charlie Carpenter, Sam Ellis, Arthur Fox, Jack Gibson, Andrew Kinder, Fynn Mauritz, Max Philo, James Quilter, Alexander Cowell, Barnaby Gedney, Archie Veale, James Ghanbouri, Dan Adams, Oliver Carratu, Harry Vincent, Peter Myburgh

Player of the year - Alexander Cowell
Most improved player - Barnaby Gedney

5th Team Hockey – Moon Ball

Before we get started, can we admit that 5th team hockey will forever hold a special place in everyone’s hearts. Some say it was named rec hockey because we wrecked the sport, unfortunately I am not at liberty to discuss these allegations. Any 5th team player will remember the inability to use their legs the morning after one of Curtis’... memorable fitness sessions along with highlights of the year such as the best player in the 5ths allegedly face-planting in a heroic and selfless attempt to keep the ball in play at his own expense, personally I believe he deserves an award for bravery. Not to mention a certain Russian’s inability to hit a ball even if it was completely stationary, Purgeot’s whitey and san visit or Blake’s mysterious disappearance from mainstream games . We as a team, will never forget the events of 5th team hock as it is truly proof that Gresham’s is in fact excellent across all 9 categories.

To name some memorable moments we have; Chubs backhanding a hockey ball, Sankey repeatedly tripping over his own feet, Joe missing the wildest swings, Nick missing the Moonball baseball style 15 times in a row - every 5 minutes, my inability to decelerate and of course the beloved rivalry between Mr Curtis and the superior Mr Westmore. Moonball hockey is not your normal hockey, because we use a moon ball (if you didn’t see that coming seek medical help). The rules naturally are too complex to explain but if you ever have the chance to experience it you better jump at it. There are no words to describe the excitement and fear of being pelted with plastic from 300 meters away.

Peter Westmore





U15A

The Players: Bobby Rash, Jack Barnes, Ollie Thomas, Jack Reader, Rafe Lohore, James Burrage, Richie Mann, Nick Morgan, Joe Nash, Ben Wilcox, Tom Towler, Foie Scammel-Katz, Finn Lowe and Toby Collins

Played:7 Won:5 Lost:2 Goals For:16 Goals Against:15
Framlingham 1-0
Norwich 0-3
RHS Holbrook 2-0
Culford 4-2
Langley 2-1
Bishops Stortford 7-3
Ipswich 0-6

The U15 Boys hockey team were a talented group of hockey players, who worked hard throughout the term at improving their individual skills in training sessions. They were a fantastic group to work with and Mr Burnett and I enjoyed coaching them during the term.

Overall, the results and performances during the term were very good, apart from two under par matches against Norwich and Ipswich. Several of the boys played for 1st XI during the term. Rafe Lohore represented 1st team throughout the term and Bobby Rash took over in goal for 1st after half term. This gave other boys opportunities to play ‘A’ team hockey. Rafe and Bobby continued to support and train with the team and played in their age group when 1st XI didn’t have a match.

There were several notable victories during the term. The first came against Framlingham in the first match of the term. We defended resolutely in the first half and gradually settled into the game and created several chances, before Ollie Thomas scored late on to secure victory. We also recovered well against Langley to win 2-1. We were 1-0 at half time but played brilliantly in 2nd half, Jack Reader and Richie Mann combining to set up the 2 goals to secure victory. The most comprehensive display came in the 7-3 victory over Bishops Stortford. It was the most determined and skilful attacking display of the term, with Rafe scoring 4 goals.

Ollie Thomas and Jack Reader were the driving forces in the team. Both are skilful and talented creative midfielders and

they led the team really well. Richie Mann, Toby Collins and James Burrage provided flair, pace and skill in attack and were the creators and scorers of many of our goals. Joe Nash played intelligently on the left side of midfield and became increasingly influential as a player as the term progressed. Ben Wilcox had an important role as a holding midfielder, although he was a little over physical at times! Defensive duties were shared around during the term. Fred Todd, Tom Towler, Nick Morgan and Finn Lowe all played an important part in the success of the team. Foie Scammel-Katz was also a valuable part of the defensive unit and was the ‘Most Improved Player’ during the term.

Mr Burnett and I would like to thank the boys for their effort throughout the term.

Well done.

U15B

The U15B boys’ hockey team had a very successful season, winning 5 of the 7 games played. The two losses were to RHS, narrowly, and to Ipswich, convincingly. The two best victories were against Bishops Stortford College, a 3-2 win, and a thriller against Norwich school, a 4-3 win. The boys played their best hockey against Culford School, wining 3-1. The boys themselves will best remember their storming victory against a Langley School A team, with the boys putting 15 goals past a developing team. Oscar Harrison scored more goals in that match than he had done for the senior school up to that point. There were some terrific strikes in that game, but it was easy-pickings. The boys always played with passion and a strong team ethos, and they were a great pleasure to coach.

The teams varied week by week, which is the nature of B teams, as the better players are trialled by the A team above them. Tom Towler started as sweeper, and his interceptions and elegant passing of the ball marked him out as a class player, and he soon left us for the A team. Also at the back were Fred Todd (again on occasional loan from the A team) and Olly Holden, central defence and the team’s skipper. Olly’s long reach and his excellent reading of the game made him a vital member of the team. Arthur Woodhouse

was a legend at left back, very little getting past him, ball or player. Midfield included Hector Robb, a lovely slipper of the ball we decided, Harry Bidwell, excellent speed on the left hand side of the pitch, and Finn Lowe for the later matches with his advanced stick skills. Nureyn Mwang’ombe started up front, but his prodigious work-rate meant that he was of most use to the team in the midfield as well, before deservedly playing for the A team in their last 2 matches. Nick Morgan was another linchpin of the team, at centre mid, who was soon lost to the A team: a sad loss, that day! Harry Short, Bertie Proctor, Ben Harvey-Samuel and Sam Grand also made regular appearances for the B team, mostly in attacking roles. Harry scored the goal of the season, in the 2-6 loss to Ipswich, with an amazing final touch, out of nowhere, to finish a brilliant team move down the right wing. Oscar Harrison, as mentioned, was the key striker and a great target man for boys to aim for. Alex Claybourn was fast and penetrating on the right wing, and will be even better next year with a proper pair of astros on his feet. He had a wonderful match against BSC, constantly tracing back tom mark players and regain the ball, despite notionally playing right wing. ATP and Bobby Lapping alternated on the left wing, to great effect too.

William Alston was our go-to goal keeper who trained with us each week, and his enthusiasm and loyalty to the team were much respected. With 3 good keepers to choose from, however, William didn’t always get a game, with Jack Barnes often between the posts. He had a terrific season – well done to him and very well done to all the team for a thoroughly enjoyable season.

Player of the Season – Olly Holden (Capt)
Most Improved Player – Nureyn Mwang’ombe

Mr Stromberg and Mr Seldon

U14A

After only a couple of training sessions, the U14 A team started the season with an away trip to Framlingham College. The team showed glimpses of what they are capable of and ultimately performed well to win the game 4-1. Perhaps the greatest learning experience of the season



came the following week against Norwich School. Having gone 3-0 up in the first half, a couple of second half goals in quick succession had the boys, and certainly the coaching staff, looking nervous. The game finished 3-3 with the entire team feeling a sense of disappointment. Nevertheless, five days later, Norwich were back again to decide who would take the title of county champions. On this occasion, the boys finished the job with a 3-0 win and ultimately a much improved performance. Perhaps one of the finest U14 performances of the season came on an away trip to the Royal Hospital School. With Mr Chamberlain umpiring, the boys were left to take full ownership of their performance and substitutions. The boys showed superb maturity and leadership to play their best game of the season and win the game convincingly.

Having been crowned county champions, the U14A team set off early for the east prelims down at Redbridge. With wins against Merchant Taylors, Stamford, Bedford School and Forest School we progressed through to the regionals. However, there was an overwhelming sense that ultimately we had under-performed in the prelims and would need to be on better form for the next round.

On arrival at the regionals the boys were focused and excited for fixtures against The Perse, Framlingham College and Ipswich School. With nothing in terms of ability between the teams and short games, it was clear we needed to be switched on right from the start. The boys played some attractive hockey throughout the day creating a number of good opportunities. However, it turned out to be one of those days where we just couldn’t seem to find the goal. Despite being disappointed by the results, players and coaches ultimately felt that this had actually been, in many ways, some of our best hockey to date which held promise for the remaining fixtures of the term.

A long mid-week away trip to Bishop’s Stortford proved worthwhile with the boys playing with great intensity and positivity which resulted in a 2-0 win. Our final game of the season came against Ipswich School. The boys were keen to make amends for the result at the regionals and came out all guns blazing putting the Ipswich defence under too much pressure which allowed Henry Baker to capitalise on a first half opportunity. With a fairly evenly matched second half, Henry Baker again finished off an opportunity with eight minutes to go. This was an outstanding performance where



the development of the team over the term was evident. A total of seventeen boys have played for the U14A team this season and the majority of them have experimented in different positions in competitive matches. Tristan Kitto and Will Morrissey shared the goalkeeper responsibilities. Sam Hyatt was consistently a stand-out performer linking well with the higher players. George Betts was reliable at the back and nearly put himself on the score sheet with a brief spell up-front against Culford. Jethro Holmes was also solid at the back and carried the ball consistently well. Jonty Down demonstrated a good level of skill and versatility playing a range of positions throughout the term. Pablo Rafel also demonstrated a good level of skill in the wider channels of the pitch. Henry Baker was an engine up the middle of the pitch with good attacking and defensive ability. Archie Ward impressed throughout the term and is a very well-rounded player in terms of skill. Freddie Smith and Tom Ellis combined well and never stopped running, causing immense frustration for opposition defences. James Tipling linked well with Sam Hyatt for the longer balls, constantly stretching and



frustrating defences and as a consequence was a regular name on the score sheet. Toby Pallister oozes class with stick skills far beyond his age which impressed many of the older members of the school. Harry Papworth brought great enthusiasm and bagged himself a goal against Framlingham. Jack Whitlam is a skilful player and continued to link up better with his team mates as the season progressed. Joe Harrison started the season in the B team and quickly established himself as a solid A team player. His best performance came against Ipswich in the last game of the season where his shot on goal really deserved to go in. Olly Croft brought great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season, playing any position asked of him to a good standard.

U14B

The under 14B's had a fantastic unbeaten season winning 7 out of 7 matches.

This was no surprise due to the overall skill and quality from this group of boys. With such strength and depth for this age group most of these boys could play A team hockey.

A great start to the season winning 4-0 against Framingham college followed by a 7-0 win against local rivals Norwich School. Both Matthew Lewis and Lucas Triffitt scoring two goals with Harry Todd receiving man of the match for his great defensive efforts who went on to become our most improved player of the season.

The next two away fixtures were against RHS and Culford School winning both comfortably with our mid field and forward players combining well. Special mention to Ben Roper our player of the season who orchestrated many of our goals.

The rest of the season saw more wins for the team with Nico Allen and Oly Randell driving the boys forward and always giving 100%.

Throughout the season we scored 40 goals and only conceding 2. Much of this was down to our great defensive effort lead by Anton Lucas in goal.

Mrs Worral and Mr Williams have thoroughly enjoyed coaching the boys this term and agree the best team we have had in years!



Cricket



This was the best season on record for the 1st XI, not only by results, but also effort and the way cricket was played. We benefitted from going on tour to Sri Lanka also from a rigorous winter programme where attendance was excellent.

Over the Easter holiday the First Team Cricket squad travelled to Sri Lanka. The 10 day tour was an amazing experience for the boys who, for many, was their first time to Asia.

On arrival we transferred to the city of Kandy in the mountains. We were fortunate enough to train and play at the Asgiriya Stadium which has hosted several international matches. The first match was played vs Dharamaraja College. Bowling the College out for 78. We made light work of the total, winning by 8 wickets; a good start to the tour. Kandy proved highly interesting for the boys, who visited The Temple of the Tooth and spent several hours practising their bartering skills with the locals. Leaving Kandy, we made

our way to Colombo via various cultural and tourist hot spots. We savoured the Sri Lankan tea at a local production factory and visited Pinnewella Orphanage, where we had lunch watching the elephants bathing.

Colombo was vastly different to the laid back and relaxing Kandy. With its heat and traffic, the conditions for playing were vastly more difficult. The second game of the tour was vs Ananda College at the famous P. Sara stadium, where England Women recently played their international tour fixtures. Batting first Ananda set us a difficult 192 to win. At 115 for 8 we managed to squeeze over the line with 2 balls to spare thanks to superb batting from Charlie Adams, with 38* ably supported by Nat Laws, Louis Hart and Daniel Sheridan. We immediately played the next day and a poor batting display in the T20 saw us being bowled out for under 80 and losing by 7 wickets.

We headed south towards the famous fort city of Galle for

Overview

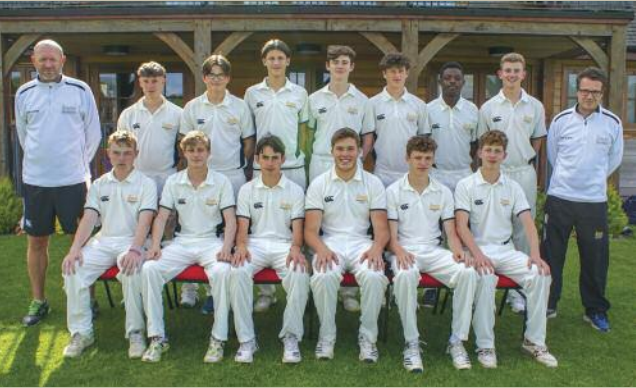
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	WIN RATIO
1st XI	24	18	2	4	75.00%
2nd XI	4	1	0	3	25.00%
3rd XI	2	1	0	1	50.00%
Boys-U17	4	3	0	1	75.00%
Boys-U15A	5	3	0	2	60.00%
Boys-U15B	7	4	0	3	57.14%
Boys-U14A	5	4	0	1	80.00%
Girls-U14A	1	0	0	1	0.00%
Boys-U14B	3	1	0	2	33.33%
Totals:	55	35	2	18	63.64%

1st XI						
Gresham’s School Cricket 2019	P	W	L	D	% wins	Season
Gresham’s School 1st XI - Schools and MCC	15	14	1	0	93.33%	2019
Gresham’s School 1st XI - All Games	24	18	4	2	75.00%	2019

Date	Opponent	Result	Type
02 Apr 19	Dharmaraja College U17	Won by 8 wickets	40 Overs
04 Apr 19	Ananda College U17	Won by 1 wicket	40 Overs
05 Apr 19	SSC Academy	Lost by 7 wickets	20 Overs
07 Apr 19	FOG Academy	Won by 10 wickets	40 Overs
23 Apr 19	Oundle School	Won by 199 runs	Declaration
27 Apr 19	Royal Hospital School	Won by 9 wickets	35 Overs
30 Apr 19	Norwich School	Won by 60 runs	30 Overs
01 May 19	Wymondham College	Won by 86 runs	HMC T20 - Rd 1
04 May 19	Ipswich School	Won by 6 wickets	Declaration
07 May 19	Wymondham College Boys-U17A	Won by 101 runs	National Cup - Round 1
09 May 19	Norwich School	Won by 6 wickets	HMC T20 - Rd 2
11 May 19	St Joseph’s College, Ipswich	Won by 4 wickets	Declaration
14 May 19	The Forty Club	Draw	Friendly
16 May 19	St Joseph’s College, Ipswich Boys-U17A	Won by 12 runs	National Cup - Round 2
18 May 19	UEA 1st XI	Lost by 11 runs	35 Overs
24 May 19	Ipswich School	Lost by 4 wickets	HMC T20 - Rd 2
08 Jun 19	Framlingham College	Won by 1 run	Declaration
14 Jun 19	Ipswich School Boys-U17A	Lost by 111 runs	30 Overs
15 Jun 19	The Perse School	Won by 112 runs	20/20
15 Jun 19	The Leys School	Won by 65 runs	20/20
16 Jun 19	WNCC	Draw	Declaration
20 Jun 19	Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)	Won by 4 wickets	Friendly
24 Jun 19	Bishop’s Stortford College	Won by 8 wickets	20/20
27 Jun 19	AMP XI	Lost by 2 runs	40 Overs
01 Jul 19	Trinity College Grammar	Won by 8 runs	20 Overs
01 Jul 19	Trinity College Grammar	Won by 72 runs	20/20
02 Jul 19	Woodhouse Grove School	Won by 7 wickets	2 days

BATTING												
Name	M	Inns	N/O	Runs	Avg	Top	50s	100s	S/r	Ct	St	R/O
D Oldreive	19	20	3	762	44.82	94*	8	0	100.8	12	0	0
H de Lucchi	20	21	4	730	42.94	127*	4	1	95.67	16	0	1
B Wilcox	17	17	4	632	48.62	103	5	1	104.3	7	0	2
F Wilcox	22	20	4	388	24.25	57	1	0	96.04	9	0	0
N Laws	21	17	2	308	20.53	67	1	0	69.21	4	0	0
S Ndlela	21	17	5	244	20.33	47	0	0	79.48	6	0	3

BOWLING									
Name	M	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg	Econ.	S/r	5wh
D Oldreive	20	121.3	9	496	36	13.78	4.08	20.39	1
B Withers	21	125.5	20	488	31	15.74	3.88	24.81	0
S Ndlela	21	117	12	469	26	18.04	4.01	27	0
C Adams	22	107.4	8	489	25	19.56	4.54	26.16	0
H de Lucchi	21	68.5	9	344	14	24.57	5	29.57	0
H Adams	14	43.2	5	189	12	15.75	4.36	21.83	0
L Hart	17	57	4	270	12	22.5	4.74	29.25	0
F Wilcox	23	36	3	178	11	16.18	4.94	20.45	0
A Sprott	13	37	3	151	7	21.57	4.08	32	0



our final part of the trip, visiting a turtle hatchery on the way. Staying at the wonderful hotel in Hikkaduwa allowed the tour party to unwind and relax before the final game. This was held at the Foundation of Goodness ground which is a charity set up to give young children from the South of the country an opportunity to thrive and be given life changing opportunities. It has become a powerful charity since the Tsunamis in 2004, which wiped out the local towns and villages, meaning people had to completely rebuild their lives. And it proved to be emotional; seeing the mark of how high the tsunami waves were and the amazing impact there has been since with charity donations and support.

The game was superb and Gresham’s chased 200 with no wicket falling, Declan Oldreive with 94* and Hudson de Lucchi with 98*. A superb day for all.

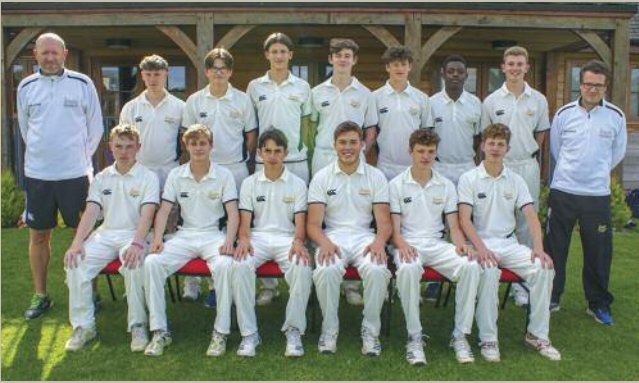
It was a major shock to the system getting back to grips with the English weather, slower pitches and lush outfielders when we returned. A new fixture vs Oundle opened the season and Ben Wilcox got into his stride with a marvellous 103m. His first 100 for the 1st XI. Declan supported him with 80 and Finlay Wilcox with 57. We bowled quickly, straight and with a pack mentality to bowl Oundle out for only 100. We followed this up with a comprehensive 9 wicket win vs RHS

and other good victories against Ipswich and St Josephs. The theme became one of bowling the opposition out cheaply and then chasing the victory in quick time. We secured a significant and impressive win over Norwich and followed this up with a superb last over victory in the National T20.

Meanwhile, the newly formed U17 team, under the leadership of Charlie Adams, progressed through the rounds, beating Wymondham, St Joseph’s, but was then beaten by Ipswich. This young team, full of Year 9 and 10 players, bodes well for the future.

Perhaps the most disappointing moment but also the most exciting of the season was the last ball loss vs Ipswich on the final day of the first half of term. We set an imposing 156 to win with Hudson de Lucchi batting beautifully for 60. We were always in the game but their Number 8 hit the final ball for 6 to end our cup run. After half term, despite the pressure of examinations, we never had a problem putting teams out. On a wet, early June, Saturday we eventually played a T20 vs Framlingham and this time won off the last ball. The Leys and The Perse were next in a double header and perhaps, on the day, we played our best cricket. Both were comprehensively beaten with Ben Wilcox scoring a majestic 88*. The MCC were bowled out for under 180 and we knocked the target off with some overs to spare. On our mini tour against a good Bishop Stortford side we picked off the 140 to win comfortably, again an excellent opening partnership by Oldreive and de Lucchi. The season ended with some excellent results vs Trinity School, Australia, where Hudson smashed 127* from 66 balls and then, in our final match, the 2 day game vs Woodhouse Grove from Yorkshire, we won with 7 wickets to spare, chasing 150 on our final afternoon.





All players stood out this season. Bennett Withers, in his final season, led the line with pace and accuracy and took his School tally to over 50 wickets in only 2 and a half seasons. He finished his School career with a wicket on his final ball and a 6 with his final shot. Sakhu Ndlela provided pace and bounce and at The Leys and Oundle, was virtually unplayable and he has another 2 years at School! His spell vs Woodhouse Grove was “one of the best I have seen at Schoolboy level” the opposition coach mentioned. Charlie Adams was ever metronomic with accuracy and picked up over 25 wickets, and Archie Sprott, Harry Adams, Louis Hart with Joe Nash added some very useful wickets. They are going to be the centre of the attack in the coming years. Batting wise, Hudson, Declan and Ben really showed their class, scoring 2000 runs between them. Nat Laws impressed, especially in the U17 and Finlay Wilcox always took the game to the opposition with his powerful counter attacks. 20 scores of 50 or more by the players and several 100 partnerships were the hallmark of the season. The fielding was regularly exceptional with Hudson and Declan sharing the captaincy duties. This team has motivated and inspired the younger years and we look forward to the development of these younger players in the years to come.

2019 Captains and Full Colours – Hudson de Lucchi and Declan Oldreive
2019 Full Colours – Bennett Withers, Oliver Smith, Finlay Wilcox
2019 Half Colours – Ross Butler, Charlie Adams
2019 Junior Colours – Ben Wilcox, Louis Hart, Harry Adams, Daniel Sheridan

Players who represented the 1st XI and/or U17 this season – Ben Wilcox, Hudson de Lucchi, Declan Oldreive, Nat Laws, Finlay Wilcox, Charlie Adams, Louis Hart, Sakhu Ndlela, Daniel Sheridan, Ross Butler, Harry Adams, Kit Riley, Sam Hyatt, Archie Sprott, Arthur Wilcox, Bennett Withers, Ollie Smith, Patrick Walton, Louis Bragg, Finn Lowe, Freddie Smith, Joe Nash

Mr D Atkinson, Master I/C Cricket

2nd XI

This season was a rather disrupted season; the weather proved to be the victor on some occasions and other schools struggled to get out teams to face Gresham’s.



Having said that, the team had good fixtures against Wymondham 1sts, Norwich, Ipswich and Framlingham. The squad that was mainly made up of upper sixth had fantastic spirit and trained especially well. Josh Whitaker, Ethan Sheridan and Sam Hardy were the main backbone of the team and were backed up brilliantly by the fifth formers who will be looking for a place in the 1st team next summer. James Quilter and Harry Adams stood out as serious contenders to start for the 1sts next year. Pat Walton was also a real hero in the middle order for the team, with his clean hitting and straight bowling, he inspired the team to their two wins over Wymondham and Framlingham. Overall it had been a fun, exciting season with many of the 2nds playing in the 1sts for some of their fixtures. The 2nds is a really good team for players to enjoy their cricket but also propel themselves onto the top level of school boy cricket and play for the top team.

Mr Coventry

The Gentlemen’s XI – Houghton Hall 2019

The annual match at Houghton Hall was held on the Thursday evening before half term; light relief from exam stress and revision. Having lost the previous encounter last year, Mr Coventry was keen to have the strongest possible Upper sixth team available. Given the strength in depth that the school now has in cricket, the Gentlemen’s XI looked, on paper at least, the strongest side ever to grace the uneven Houghton Hall pitch. On arrival to the hall, the Houghton team looked youthful and keen, even warming up waiting for the Gresham’s boys to arrive. There was a



buzz around the ground as the biggest crowd assembled ever, looking on in anticipation (this may have something to do with the fact that the horse trials were taking place at the same time and they had arranged a drinks party that coincidentally was at the same time as the fixture). Houghton Hall batted first and started strongly with Robert Miller and Roger Coombe playing some outstanding shots. The bowling was straight and at times, due to the pitch, unplayable, which had a profound impact on the batting of Houghton. Many wickets fell quickly. However, with some strong stroke play from Tom Davies and Tom Farrow OG, they managed a score of 128 in the twenty overs. A score that a little short, but on this wicket could prove to be a winning score. There was some outstanding bowling, mainly from Alfie Woolcock, Declan Oldreive and Ben Withers, all picking up the wickets.

As the wind dropped, the scene was set for the Gresham’s side to bat. In the face of some heated conversation from the fielders, out strode Lewy Bailey and Ben Withers. Again,

CRICKET



the pitch was playing its part but the runs started to flow. As the innings went on, it was clear that Gresham’s was going to reach the target at a canter, and so many of the batsmen retired their innings in order to let everyone have a bat. This shows the brilliance of this fixture and the fact that all the team can be involved is a true sign of a good fixture. One highlight from the innings was, after a well bowled first ball to Declan Oldreive that narrowly missed the edge of the bat, Declan’s response was not to defend or leave the next ball, instead to change his stance and switch hit the bowler for six over deep point. A skill only few have mastered at this level and one that will probably never be replayed on the field at Houghton! It was on this exact point that the match was won and so, after the awards were given out, the Gentlemen’s XI returned to school with a great win under their belt, but more than that, an experience that they will never forget. A special thanks to Robert Miller for hosting the match and to all the players and spectators that played their part for this very special event.

Mr Coventry

U15A

P5, W3, L2

An excellent win over Norwich School in the first match of the season signalled the intent of this impressive group of characters, who enjoyed each other’s company as much as they enjoyed their cricket. Sadly, wet weather put paid to their hopes of East Anglian domination and their T20 cup run was cruelly truncated in the semi-final by a coin toss (without the boys having played a game in the competition). They went on to beat Kings Ely and The Leys convincingly and lost to a strong Ipswich side before falling just short at RHS Holbrook. They trained hard, with Fred Handley ever encouraging and liberal with novel nicknames for the likes of Foie Gras Scamell-Katz and Fred Milky Bar Kid Todd. Notable performances this season came from Nick Morgan and Olly Holden with the bat. Nick top-scored with 80 against Norwich and deserved his gong as Player of the Season. Excellent bowling performances came from Holt’s own Jimmy Anderson, the King of Swing, Joe Nash (economy rate 3.13) and the Warne-esque Finn Lowe (10 wickets at 14.8). Finn captained sensibly and carefully all season and has plenty to look forward to in his



Gresham's cricketing career. Bobby Lapping's 'keeping improved significantly as the season progressed, and the swashbuckling all-rounder Harry Bidwell was the rightful winner of Most Improved Player. The admirable band of brothers Richardson Scammell-Katz, Robb and Lochore, chipped in with important performances when they were needed, and Archie Sprott bought some biff to the batting and zip to the bowling when released from 1st XI duty. Players representing the team: Alex Claybourn, Archie Sprott, Bobby Lapping (wk), Callum Richardson, Finn Lowe (c), Foiy Scammell-Katz, Fred Todd, Harry Bidwell, Hector Robb, Joe Nash, Nick Morgan, Olly Holden, Oscar Harrison, Rafe Lochore, Richie Mann, Tom Towler.

Mr W Chuter

U14A

This year the U14A's had to battle with poor weather and cancellations, with only 5 of the scheduled 11 games completed. However, the boys trained hard throughout the summer term and the season ended on a high.

We started with a cold, wet and very windy day away at Norwich. Set 119 to win, we were in with a shout of winning with Sam Hyatt set on 75, however, his departure with 4 overs to go brought new batsmen to the crease who could not get the ball away. We ended up 4 runs short of victory.



The next 3 games against Ipswich, St Joseph's College and Langley were cancelled which brought an away fixture against King's Ely. We bowled nicely but fielded very poorly with several boundaries scored as a result of misfields. Ely finished their innings on 104. After the team received a stern talking to at the break, Sam Hyatt once again held the innings together with some exceptional power hitting, finishing not out on 62 and leading us to victory with an over to spare.

Our next game was against Framingham Earl High School. With rain scheduled we opted to bat after winning the toss. Sam Hyatt was dismissed early by the highly rated Ben Panter before Harry Todd and Freddie Smith quickly moved through the gears to get us to 114 off 17 overs. Unfortunately, the heavens opened, and the game was abandoned with Harry Todd stranded on 49 not out, 1 short of a maiden half century.

Frustratingly, the fixture against Framlingham College was cancelled due to poor weather. However, we were then drawn to play Norwich in the County Cup Semi Final. The boys travelled to Redmayne determined to get a result following the early season loss. Norwich won the toss and chose to bat and were quickly bowled out



for 35 following some devastating bowling from Lucas Triffit (3 overs, 3 wickets, 3 runs) and Charlie Bidwell (5 overs, 3 wickets, 13 runs). Sam Hyatt and Harry Todd strode to the crease and quickly knocked off the runs inside 4 overs with Sam finishing on 26 not out, scoring the winnings runs with a nonchalant flick over midwicket for 4.

The penultimate game of the season saw us host RHS and on winning the toss, Lucas Triffit elected to bat first. Sam Hyatt and Harry Todd immediately set to business building a partnership of 50. After the openers departed for 31 and 32 respectively, quick wickets fell with Freddie Smith steadying the ship with a productive 21. Eventually out for 110 we quickly set about defending that total by taking regular wickets to reduce the visiting team to 68 all out. Triffit the pick of the bowlers with figures of 4 overs, 3 wickets for 7 runs.

The final game of the season saw us welcome Langley to compete in the County Cup final. Langley batted beautifully for a well-made 144 from their 30 overs. Charlie Bidwell (6 overs, 0 wickets, 19 runs) and James Tipling (5 overs, 1 wicket, 17 runs) bowled well to maintain a sense of control on the game. Our run chase did not start well, losing our in form batsmen Sam Hyatt and Harry Todd early on. Lucas Triffit then batted with composure to



compliment the power hitting of Ed Jay (making his debut for the U14A's) and the two put on a partnership of 83. Ed finally departed for a majestic 58 before Lucas hit the winning runs with 10 overs to spare, finishing on 38 not out. CHAMPIONS!

The team developed as a unit throughout the season despite game cancellations, played some outstanding cricket and fully deserved being crowned county champions. Many thanks to Mr Adams for all his efforts with coaching and umpiring.

Player of the Season: Sam Hyatt
Most improved player: Harry Todd (Woodlands)

Mr T Burnett

U14B

The 14Bs played only 3 of their 6 scheduled matches this season, due to poor weather scuppering the other 3.

In the first match, Norwich chose to bat on a cold and damp afternoon at Redmayne Fields. Their openers did well, putting on a partnership of 40 runs, but after Oli Randell and then Tommy Ringer took the wickets of their good players, Norwich couldn't keep up the scoring rate. They scored 106 for 6 off their 20 overs. Will Johnson, Captain for the day, also took 2 late wickets, just by pitching the ball up. It looked a fair total to



chase – the weather made for difficult fielding and both teams were rusty at the start of the season. Joe Harrison was the pick of the Gresham’s batsmen, scoring 19 runs, but then the heart of the team just couldn’t get going. 7 of the 10 wickets lost were bowled, suggesting that our batsmen just threw their wickets away, not playing straight to straight balls. We came up 20 runs short, all out for 87. Josh Howland put up a late stand, batting at 9 with a good technique, but we didn’t have the batting strength to deserve more.

Then at home, on New Field, we put the Wymondham 14A team in to bat. We got a quick wicket, but then their opener, with No.3 and then No.4 batsmen in 2 excellent partnerships, played very well, eventually retiring on 52. We slowed down the batting progress, with 2 wickets from skipper Will Johnson. Alston, Harrison and Widdowson also got a wicket each, but the bowling was not as tight as it should have been. Gresham’s were better in the field, with Nico Allen, Tom Ellis and George Betts good on the chase and throw. After tea, our openers started well, chasing just under 6 runs per over, with Ben Roper especially looking on good form and upsetting the field placings with his left handed batting. Johnson ably supported him with some straight batting. Wymondham had a simple but devastating swing bowler who came on after 4 overs, and got both Allen and Ellis for golden ducks. He finished with 7 wickets. Only Betts worked out how to play him, and as a result got the top score of the innings, 24 runs, before being c’n’b. 143 runs was always going to be a tough target, and the last wicket fell on 105 runs. It was a good match,



In the last match, a disappointingly one-sided affair, the U14B team easily put the travelling RHS team to the sword. Batting first, RHS made exactly 50 runs. With 2 given for a wide or a no ball, ‘extras’ was the top scorer with 28. The highest scoring RHS batsman scored 5. Luke Widdowson was the pick of the bowlers, his loopy off spin taking 4 simple wickets, at an average of 2 runs per wicket, with the opposition playing consistently across the line. Ben Roper, in his first game as Captain, was excellent behind the stumps, getting 2 stumpings as well. Harry Nelstrop was committed and strong in the field. In reply, Gresham’s made the total in 10.3 overs. Nico Allen opened the batting and continued his poor form with the bat – another duck, this one diamond in colour. Nelly and Olly Croft then played well, scoring relatively freely and took us home without further loss of wickets, Nelly not out on 9, Croft on 26, with some lovely shot-making at the end from him.

The season was enjoyable, despite the lack of games, and all the boys trained hard in the nets. Other players to feature in the 14B team were Will Morrissey (a reliable no.12), Tristan Kitto (a steady seam bowler), Raphael Chapple (a wild but exciting left-arm quick) and Harry Fox (good in the field). It was a pleasure to make the following awards at the end of term:

- U14 B Most Improved Player – Harry Nelstrop
- U14 B Players of the Season – Ben Roper and Luke Widdowson
- Mr A Stromberg



Tennis

Junior Girls

U14 Squad; Izzy Morgan Evans, Annabel Garrod, Phoebe Williams, Tilly Mortimer, Maddie Ward, Catarina Edwards, Molly Phillo, Hattie Renolds, Effie Bowley, Amela Hill, Icy White, Alice Stanbridge, Lucy Issac, Poppy Brady, Tavi Preslee, Marina Jenson-Brown

U15 Squad; Kate Webster, Martha Veale, Phoebe Worrall, Poppy Lake, Edith Broch, Genevieve Phelps, Leila Yuasa, Henri Colclough, Molly Cook, Scarlett Ebdale, Laura Flux, Florence Kemp, Sarah Fischer, Alice Ardern-Norris, Elyzia Wong

The Junior Tennis girls have had a good season when we have played, seeing the girls really enjoy their tennis however it has struggled this year due to some pretty horrible weather, it’s poured with rain on match days which has been gutting for everyone involved.

We have managed to sneak in some good fixtures in between the rain and the girls played some great tennis. Fixtures against Beeston boys and girls was a great start and allowed the girls to settle into their doubles pairings. Our block fixture against Framlingham was the first to be rained off followed by matches against Wymondham and Reepham who also fell prey to the bad weather.

We have had two fixtures against the Prep School which has been an opportunity to see next year’s potential U14’s as well as the see the girls catch up with old friends!

Once again we have run our singles tournament which had been very competitive and see some great tennis and close matches. Fantastic finals were played between Poppy Lake and Kate Webster at U15 and Izzy Morgan-Evans and Phoebe Williams. Both matches were watched by the respective year groups and with gritty points and awesome rallies. Kate Webster and Izzy Morgan-Evans were the winners in each year group.

House tennis is always a great afternoon and the girls really got into the spirit of the event, this year playing for the newly presented “Golden Racquet” (thanks to Emily Larner) A close event but Edinburgh took the trophy.

We would like to thank all the girls involved in junior tennis, they have worked hard during training and matches. The U15’s can move with confidence into the senior tennis squad and we look forward to working with the U14’s again next season.

Mrs Curtis and Mrs Bracey.



Senior Girls

The Senior Girls' Tennis squad looked strong this year due to a large cohort of good year 11 girls moving up from the juniors. This group, when added to the current year 12's and 13's meant that we had strength in depth and were able easily to field three teams of six for most of the matches in the first half term.

Our first game against Framlingham was unfortunately cancelled due to poor weather. A combination of high winds and rain that day put a stop to both home and away games.

Up next were the formidable Cromer Ladies. We always have a bit of fun against the Cromer Ladies and the result has tended to be close over the last few years. This year was a bit of an exception with the A's winning 9 – 0 and the B's winning 6 – 3, possibly reflecting our strength in depth. The girls needed to play a different type of tennis to beat the wily Cromer ladies though, as the ball keeps coming back over the net at you. A more aggressive approach has to be taken and the girls had to play attacking tennis in order to finish the point off.

For our next match, we entertained Norwich. In the past, Norwich have had a strong top end but have been unable to match our numbers. This year, they brought up 5 pairs of girls which was good to see. However, both sides were hampered on the day with GCSE's and A levels taking place which meant that best teams could not be fielded. The Gresham's girls performed very well indeed and came away 13 – 2 winners. All games were played in a lovely atmosphere and both the Gresham's girls and the Norwich girls doing themselves proud both on and off court.

One of the highlights of the season is playing the North Elmham Ladies. This fixture is always amazingly good fun to play in and watch and is normally a hard

fought close match. Our girls learn so much from playing these sorts of matches in terms of tactics, style of play and court etiquette and I feel that they are invaluable to the season and enrich the all-round experience for the girls. The A's lost this one 7 – 8 but the B's won 5 – 4 so another nail biter and thank you Elmham Ladies for the great day.

Finally house Tennis. This turned out to be a slightly more even affair this year with all three houses fielding strong teams. The battle lines were drawn, the girls fought against each other and screams of delight and anguish could be heard as far away as Sheringham. However, all matches were finished as they should be with handshakes or, on most occasions, hugs. Oakeley came out top of the pile this year and were crowned champions. Edinburgh narrowly pipped Queens into second place beating them by one game. Well done to all the girls involved there.

Final season stats were: Matches Played 5, Won 4, Lost 1. For 40, Against 17.

The Senior Girls Tennis squad this year comprised of: Scarlet Brady, Diana Edwards, Maddie Gainher, Amy Garrod, Ella Gill, Rosie Gillet, Zara Howes, Lucy Lapping, Opal Malai (Girls Tennis Capt. And A team Capt.), Minty Mealing (B team Capt.) Laura Mitchell, Camilla Morgan-Evans, Izzy Morgan-Evans, Anna Sowerby, Lucie Thomas, Claudia Van Poortvliet, Poppy Vass and Polly Worrall (C team Capt.)



George William Saul Howson (1860-1919)



The ambitious new HM, 1900

At the centenary of the death of Howson, we reflect on the nature and working methods of the man who was largely responsible for making the School what it is today. Unlike most of his predecessors, Howson was not a clergyman, but instead preached a practical Christianity of high ideals. Corporal punishment was used sparingly, and pupils were expected to adhere to a code of conduct and morality. Howson's straight-talking northern character invigorated the quiet rural Grammar School with a gust of fresh air and anti-establishment attitude. His curriculum was refreshingly modern, with an emphasis on Science, rather than the traditional emphasis on the Classics and the 3 'Rs'.

Howson came from a family of schoolmasters. His grandfather had been Second Master at Giggleswick in Yorkshire, and his father taught at Horton-in-Ribbersdale, Alston and Penrith. After attending Giggleswick, George went on to study the new subject of Science at Merton College, Oxford, achieving a First in his Final Honours. After teaching at Newton Abbott in Devon, he became Senior Science Master at Uppingham, being appointed by the legendary Headmaster Edward Thring. Early photograph albums often show George enjoying outdoor pursuits such as fly fishing, photography and walking, both at home and abroad, in company with friends, colleagues and sisters Mary and Rosa.



Fishing in Banffshire with friends & sister May, c.1891

An advertisement for the post of Headmaster at Gresham's in 1900 attracted 140 applicants, with 53 being considered and 12 interviewed in the first instance. At the final

interviews in London five men were invited and the Governors voted on the remaining two candidates 4:11 in favour of George Howson. Encouraged to apply by the promise of new buildings and facilities, Howson had bombarded the Governors with letters making clear his determination and vision, producing 25 copies of a printed booklet as part of his campaign to win the position. At the end of the 19th century, the Gresham Grammar School had been reconstituted under the Endowed Schools Act, giving the Foundation a new lease of life. With newly released income from the endowment fund, the Governors had decided to build a new school on land at Waterloo Farm on the Cromer Road. The Headmaster, the Rev. Reginald Roberts, was pensioned off and staff given notice to offer the new man free reign.



Howson with sisters Mary & Rosa in a group of boarders, 1900

When Howson took on his new role in 1900 he had only one building, the Old School House, and seven boarders. The new buildings were not to be ready for three years. With the help of the railways, though, he was soon able to recruit from further afield, attracting boys from the new professional and business classes from London and the Midlands. Within five years he had 170 pupils and four boarding houses. In his application Howson had stressed his experience in the recent construction of modern science laboratories, his considerable knowledge of French and German, his experience as a house tutor, energy and enthusiasm, and the potential contribution of his two sisters Rosa and Mary. Using these attributes and bringing the influence of Thring to bear, Howson soon set about recruiting young and dedicated staff to help bring his ambitious vision to fruition.

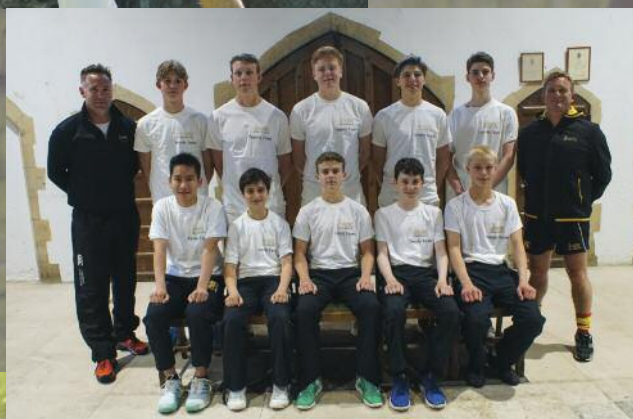
At the centre of Howson's vision lay his plans for a Chapel to be the focus of the School's daily worship. The foundation stone was laid in 1912 and fundraising began in earnest, with Howson giving generously. By the time he turned the key in the lock in January 1916 the Chapel was already becoming a memorial to the many OGs who gave their lives in the service of their country in the Great War. A School Mission was started in the early days and visits took place every Whit Monday to the Thorpe Hamlet Church Lads' Brigade. Howson strove to uphold the

"A single-minded, brave-hearted man of genius, a great headmaster."

Boys' Tennis

Squad: G Palasciano, R Rezyapov (captain), A Pieper, A Claybourne, O Holthaus, T Ziegler, H Van Vredenburg, H Bassett, A Cowell, S Phelps, C Hopkins, J Ghanbourie, O Croft, J Holmes, L Widdowson, L Li

Due to a late Easter the Perse were unable to join us for the annual 1st, 2nd and 3rd team Extravaganza on the first weekend of term. Biblical rain followed cancelling the Framlingham block meaning a depleted visiting Norwich team, (only four pairs) was our first real encounter. Norwich proved too strong, although it was a chance for year 9's Olly Croft and Jethro Holmes, amongst others, to make their debut in the first six. The OG's proved a more sociable fixture with 8 OG's of various shape, age and size heading back for a glorious day of big first serves, iffy back hands and unnecessary high fives. Whilst the youngsters showed promise the wilier old boys tipped them at the finish. Good matches against Cromer Tennis Club and the North Norfolk Chisellers followed, despite the absence of the senior boys already having embarked on their National Lampoon's European Vacation. The Chapel courts continued to impress and many afternoons were spent diving around on the grass, shouts of 'Salmon', catching balls in tubes and occasionally playing some very high quality tennis. With many strong youngsters coming through it is time once again to strengthen the fixture list and go in search of bigger prey in 2020.





With Field-Marshal Wood at the opening of the new buildings, 1903

tradition of Thring to aim for a life that is strenuous, thorough and sincere in all aspects. He gave everyone the impression that he had a great purpose and would achieve it whatever. The Director of Music, Geoffrey Shaw, remarked that "Mr Howson was singularly blessed in that to him was given the complete realisation of his ideals." Quite simply, his ideal was Christian citizenship, and the powerful lay sermons he preached in Chapel each term reflected this aim, stressing the importance of practical good conduct and moral example rather than spiritual exploration of faith.

Howson encouraged social responsibility as well as high ideals in his pupils. The school soon became known for good manners and a welcoming atmosphere to visitors, with many boys returning as OGs. Pupils were asked to adhere to a strict moral code of honour, promising not to swear, to smoke or behave indecently, and to report infringements by themselves or others to their housemaster. Howson's belief in self-discipline was reflected in an early decision not to have printed rules and to leave doors and windows unlocked. Boys thought of the Headmaster as a father figure, "who gave us our best gifts, our highest ideals", and who inspired confidence, trust, friendship and affection. Many spent holidays with George in London, Bolton Abbey, on the Broads or the Thames.

Professor George Hutchinson (W 1917 – 22), who found Howson "a most peculiar man" with unconventional ideas, conceded that boys were treated more humanely than in most other public schools, the use of the cane being rare and sparing. A feeling of brotherhood was often talked about, with masters and boys working together for the good of the whole.

Howson had the ability to attract and recruit excellent staff, but some of the younger men found his high ideals and the somewhat rarefied moral atmosphere hard to live up to and believed it would have benefited from tempering with more criticism and humour. Demanding high standards of himself as well as others in terms of hard work, punctuality, honesty and sincerity, Howson could apparently be a "terrible man" to "the malingerer, the underhand, the shifty and secretive." Freedom of speech was encouraged in staff meetings, however, and he asked for and considered suggestions for change, often taking a vote where there was division. When J. H. Simpson joined the staff in 1908, he found a freshness of mind and spirit, with little boredom or cynicism in evidence. Howson knew his boys and staff well, encouraging senior boys to roam freely in his own house even when he had visitors, and sought to draw home and school life together by inviting parents, boys and masters to dine together on a regular basis.

George was a cultured man, a lover of poetry, flowers, good furniture, china, paintings and music, and he brought this homely atmosphere into both his House and School. An evening in the company of Howson was a refreshing experience; he was known for having a fund of good stories, and for his shrewd and humorous wit and excellent fireside conversation. Boys were encouraged to entertain staff to study teas for informal conversation and society and to discuss current issues freely with masters in regular debates. The humanities flourished, with music and drama featuring strongly in the curriculum alongside drawing, with clubs and societies, lectures and outings to local



Instructing boys in the art of photography by the Glaven

factories extending the boys' education well beyond the confines of the classroom. Howson had a dislike of the hero-worship attached to games in most public schools, and inter-school matches as well as raucous cheering were not allowed. Boys were encouraged instead to have a healthy and well-balanced approach to exercise, playing courteous matches against local clergymen's and visiting university teams or taking part in non-competitive Swedish drill. Howson himself took delight in early morning swims in the freezing outdoor pool and enjoyed skating on the School pond and tobogganing in the snow.

Each week Howson would teach a lesson to every form, often using them as an opportunity to discuss important topical issues from newspaper articles or to reinforce a message from one of his sermons. Hutchinson recalled being rather terrified at an invitation to the Headmaster's study with one or two other boys one evening to discuss an article on the decline of the written word and claimed that Howson had adopted a book preaching the obsolescence of men and the superiority of women. Certainly, he encouraged a debate on women's suffrage in 1909, concluding that any doubts he had on the wisdom of the movement were removed after the discussion. In this and many other of his attitudes, Howson differed from many of his contemporary leaders of educational institutions, with his hatred of the snobbery often to be found in public schools and his liberal, anti-establishment views. Both his rather heavy, florid appearance and his straight-talking northern manner set Howson apart from his peers. He was a non-academic, practical, forthright and confident man, who would often puzzle people on first meeting by the seeming contradictions suggested between his appearance and nature.

Although he did not teach science at Gresham's, the subject was central to his vision for preparing boys for a life in business in the modern world. Encouraged by the stimulus for science given by the Balfour Act of 1902, Howson's new prospectus stressed the need for practical education, covering not just the 3 'R's', but Geography, History, English, French, Natural Science, drawing, music, and drill. At his address in 1912 to mark the School's 350th anniversary, Howson predicted, "I hope, nay prophesy, that our curriculum will become the model for the majority of public schools". He was unconcerned with public examinations, but strove to win Oxbridge scholarships

instead, to which the Honours Board in Big School bears testimony. Boys were encouraged to work on their own in the up-to-date science labs, carrying out experiments and conducting the sort of original research normally only begun at university level. A Natural History Society was founded, with Howson as its first president, that soon attracted 200 members. Boys explored the beautiful Norfolk countryside on their bicycles, investigating the varied flora and fauna, and making detailed scientific studies that often led to publication and drew many into careers in the field. "Creativity and originality, especially in science, were a natural product of the way the boys were taught", argue John Smart and Hugh Wright in their introduction to *Howson of Holt*, the biography by J. H. Simpson.

Both pen and camera portraits of George Howson show a marked change in him, from the lively and vigorous young man to the tired and dispirited seeming character of latter years. The once kindly, tender-hearted man became somewhat short-tempered and even "Napoleonic" in his last few years, perhaps worn down by the ill health he suffered from 1917 and by the deaths of so many of his beloved boys during the War. Continuing to work despite poor health, Howson went to London in the last week of December 1918 to attend the Headmasters' Conference and a meeting of the war memorial committee. Being too ill to attend either, however, he returned to Holt and died aged 58 on 7th January 1919.

Howson's funeral was held on 11th January in the Chapel that meant so much to him and he is buried on its south side. As Headmaster of what was by this time regarded as one of the top public schools, with nearly 250 pupils, Howson's obituary appeared in *The Times* and its *Educational Supplement*, with emphasis placed on his great personal influence on the School's success and achievements. Tributes by colleagues, friends and OGs in *The Gresham* followed, with some claiming him as the true founder of the School, ranking amongst the really creative educationalists of his generation, a builder of character, and maker of traditions. One OG remarked simply, "He has gone, but his guiding spirit remains, his example and influence abide with us."

Liz Larby, Archivist



The Chapel foundation stone is laid, 1912



The world-weary Howson of 1918



The Old Greshamian Club



The Old Greshamian (OG) Club is the alumni society for pupils who attended Gresham's School. We currently have over 6,000 members worldwide. All leavers (across the three Schools) automatically become lifetime members of the Club.

We are delighted to welcome our newest members, the 'Class of 2019'.

Membership of the Club entitles all Old Greshamians to a number of benefits and services. Here are just a few...

EVENTS – You will be invited to events, drinks parties and reunion dinners. If you wish to host your own event, either at Gresham's or in another location, we will pay for the first round or offer funds to reduce the overall cost of the event.

TRAVEL BENEFITS – We offer travel grants to students who wish to undertake interesting projects during their Gap Year, or any period of time after they have left school. Contact the Mark Seldon or the OG Club Office for more information and an application form. Successful recipients are expected to write a short article for the OG Magazine.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES – OGs have access to a variety of OG sporting clubs and societies. More information is available on our website and Facebook page.

NETWORKING – We have a growing community of OGs on our online networking platform <https://greshamsglobalconnect.com>. It's great to see so many 'Class of 2019' already signed-up! This platform will help you find work experience placements, mentoring and internships. You can also post and view jobs onto the job board. Please also friend request OG Club Holt on Facebook and join our Old Greshamian Group on LinkedIn.

NEWS – You will receive a copy of the annual OG Magazine and E-Newsletters. We are always delighted to hear from you. If you have any news that you would like to share with us please get in touch.

FINDING FRIENDS – Lost touch with friends and contemporaries? We have an extensive OG database and are happy to help you to reconnect.

DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS – – Moved house?

New email or mobile? Get in touch and let us know
ogclub@greshams.com



Development at Gresham's and The Gresham's Foundation

The aim of the Development Office is to keep Old Greshamians, parents (past and present) and Friends of the School engaged and informed of developments at Gresham's. We are keen to offer opportunities to return to Gresham's or to events outside of the School, as well as other ways to get involved in supporting the School and its aims for the future.

As you will have seen on the previous page, the OG Club is the heart and soul of keeping Old Greshamians together and offered the chance to meet up, play sport or to attend reunions and events both at Gresham's and across the country. The Club and the Development Office work closely together to devise and put on events during the year, and we very much hope that any current pupil is able to come along to an event shortly after they graduate from Gresham's. Equally, any ideas for new events or occasions are always very welcome, so do let us know if you have anything in mind.

On top of alumni relations, the Development Office also seeks support for the Gresham's Foundation, a charity founded in 2005 with the sole purpose of supporting the School and its advancement. In essence, wherever the need is in the School - whether it is the support of more bursaries for pupils or the funding of key projects, for example - the Foundation, and donations that it receives from supporters, greatly enables such efforts. We hope that past pupils will in time wish to give back to the School themselves and support those pupils that come after them. As former pupils will know better than anyone, a great number of things goes into what makes a Gresham's education so special, and so in turn there are numerous opportunities for people to support areas of School life that they feel most passionately about. At this moment in time, and as it has been for a number of years, one of the School's own priorities is the need for increased support of bursaries for pupils wishing to come to Gresham's.

As ever, we hope to see and hear from so many Old Greshamians, Parents and Friends of the School this coming calendar year.

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