



The Gresham
2021-2022

Foreword

Welcome to the Gresham magazine. It was a real pleasure to emerge from the pandemic into a largely 'normal' year in 2021-22. The pupils certainly re-engaged with School life and were busy and productive. The year started with the new Dyson building being fully operational and the work that the pupils have produced in there has been exceptional. For all of the staff it was a huge pleasure to be able to return to established routines and to be able to host major events again. The buzz around the School was obvious. I hope you will enjoy reading about what took place.

With all good wishes,
Douglas.

Douglas Robb
Headmaster





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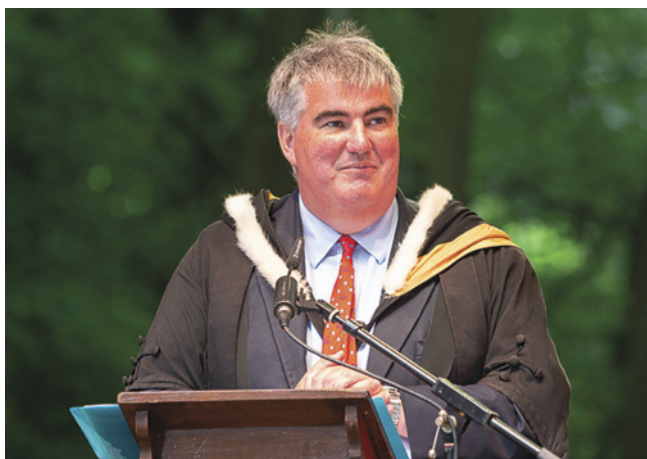
I hope you enjoy the pages that follow as they, at last, represent a 'normal' year in the life of the school with all restrictions lifted. I am very grateful to all the contributors especially those students that have taken the time to submit their own pieces and I hope to include more of these next year. My thanks as always to Bill Robinson and the omni-present Lucinda Robb for their fantastic photos and also to the O'Donnell proof reading team.

Best Regards

Sam Curtis







Speech Day 2022

Headmaster

Douglas Robb

Sir James and Lady Dyson, Prime Warden, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, good afternoon and welcome to Speech Day. It is a slightly sad moment for all of us that normally I would defer at this point to the real Headmaster of Gresham's, sitting here in his Panama hat, but unfortunately Logie is not with us, but I am sure is looking down with a warm grin at one of his favourite pupils returned to give away prizes. It is such a pleasure to be here in this very special place and to be able to hold a full Speech Day and leavers' ball experience for our Upper Sixth year group.

We made a very determined and deliberate decision to move past the restrictions which have blighted schools over the last few years and from September we have been at full steam ahead. The proof of this is the booklet which you collected earlier; at 115 pages it is 15% longer than the 2019 version; this has been a busy year indeed. I ask staff to contribute to this document because it obviates the need for me to cause offence to those pupils I would inevitably miss out if I tried to give an account of the year gone by. Every child is mentioned, at least once, so as I drone on please do feel free to bury your head and hunt down your own child.

It feels like a glorious time to be the Head of this wonderful School. Gresham's is full of energy, achievement and of course pupils and I think there is a real sense of direction and purpose. I have been delighted by the way in which the staff and governing body have been dynamic, ambitious and proactive in their approach to education over the last couple of years. Gresham's set a high standard for online education and it has certainly propelled digital thinking forward and into our line of sight. As I wrote to you last week we will be opening a new House in September next year which should allow us to accommodate all of the pupils who wish to be educated here. All three Schools are

all very full and happy places, I could not ask for any more.

Earlier today Sir James and Lady Dierdre officially opened the new Dyson building and we thanked all of those who had helped to build it. It is already established as a key centre in our School and is clearly having an impact on the pupils and their work both curricular and extra-curricular. We as Gresham's are so grateful for your kind gesture and I know the Chairman will say more later, but from everyone here, thank you both very much.

As the Chinese curse goes, 'we live in interesting times' and I would like to thank you, the parent body for all of your continued support. There are a number of key families who are leaving us today. None more so than the Woodhouses who have had four excellent children here at Gresham's, please give them a round of applause. The Dugdale clan also have had a dynasty of Greshamians through this School, all centred on the wonderful Angela, please also give them a round of applause.

I would like to single out Alice Kemp and her team for all of their amazing work in laying on 'Greshfest', a huge undertaking. As the staff here know you don't say no to Alice, thank you.

The staff have been magnificent during the year. They have gone the extra mile to ensure that all of pupils have had a huge range of opportunities both curricular and extra-curricular. It has been a pleasure to welcome in a new leadership team, with Tim Hipperson being joined by Sue Wilson as Deputy Head external relations, Dom Atkinson as Deputy Head Co-curriculum and a newcomer in Lizzie Alexander as Deputy Head Pastoral. I thank them all for their huge hard work in pushing this school forward.

I always like to thank the support staff, cleaning, catering and perhaps on a day like this particularly the grounds staff. We are blessed in having such a competent, committed and hard working team, led by the incredibly dedicated Andrew McRae. They make the School such a beautiful and arcadian space. There are too many individual characters to mention but I will embarrass Fred, our groundsman who is as hard working a man as you will ever meet. A round of applause for them please.

As always there are some academic staff moving on: Poppy Wheeler and Luke Brient leave us after helping in Art for the last year, both OGs, they head out on their careers.

Lisa Stringer heads off to Germany to join her husband after two years of teaching computing and running the RAF section in CCF. Nathalie Braybrook heads off to the Hewett School in Norwich after three years as a German assistant. Tim Chaloner has had an excellent Indian Summer in his distinguished career having answered a plea to help out with Economics three years ago, he is an absolute pro Schoolmaster. Dr Adam Richardson heads off with his young family on an adventure to Brunei, he has taught maths, sport, DofE, and led the leadership mentors' program for five years. Please join me in giving them all a round of applause.

Mr Alan Stromberg steps down from house mastering Howson's after 12 years, but of course stays at Gresham's. He has been a superb role model and leader for that House. The boys absolutely adore him, and I ask you to join me in applauding his brilliant contribution.



And finally, Julie Flower retires after 29 years and two terms! Julie has worn many hats but has been the godmother of the netball club, a brilliant Housemistress of Britten House, and for the last six years has been a hugely impressive Director of Pastoral Care. As I said to the School last week, she is a real grown-up role model, but she also has a real twinkle in her eye. I wish her and Tig a very happy retirement together at last.

Finally, I would like to thank the Governing Body for all of their input and time and energy. It is a considerable commitment, generally a thankless task, with some serious responsibility and of course no reward. I would like to acknowledge their contribution, under Michael's leadership for setting the platform for this to be the happy and dynamic school we all enjoy.

To the leavers of 2022 you are ready. You are a talented group of young people and you have the world at your feet. Please go out there and change it for the better. Please be confident in yourselves but realise that anything meaningful will take a huge amount of hard work. I am very proud of you all and wish you every success and happiness in the future. Please give them a round of applause.

I have been Head here for eight years now, time flies when you are having fun! It has been an absolute pleasure; never dull, always developing and dynamic. As I watch another of my own children leave, I can honestly say that it is an absolute pleasure to be here in North Norfolk at this pretty special school. The Gresham's family is as strong as it has ever been for which I thank you all. I will now hand over to the Head Girl, Molly for her speech.



Head Girl

Molly Cook

Prime Warden, Chairman, Head Master, Honoured guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have been giving a lot of thought to how I could put into words and summarise in this short speech how amazing the last 5 years have been for me. I started Gresham's in year 9 not knowing anyone. On my first day I remember my excitement when I put on my freshly pressed kilt and brand new blazer and could not stop smiling as my new adventure was about to begin. Gresham's was the most impressive school I have ever seen.

Every day when I got home, my parents would ask how my day was and it was always the same reply 'it was my best day ever'. Life was wonderful, meeting new friends, playing hockey, netball, tennis and of course getting to know the Gresham's teachers and staff who were more like friends to me.

Thinking my time at Gresham's could not get any better, it did. One special evening last June when I just returned from an exhausting D of E expedition, I had an unexpected visit at home from Mr and Mrs Seldon (my house Mistress and her Husband) who came to tell me in person that I was going to be the next Head Girl. I could not believe what I was hearing and cried hysterically, soon to be followed by Mrs Seldon and my Mum.

What can I say about being Head Girl !!!!!!!!!

A very interesting time to be chosen as head girl as the school as well as the rest of the world was getting over lock down and restrictions imposed on us due to the covid pandemic. There was still much anxiety and nervousness about Covid which needed to be addressed in different ways. My role along with Head Boy Callum, my fellow prefects and Gresham's staff was to help reintroduce some degree of normality. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Callum and the other Prefects as I feel we worked brilliantly together as a team.

Excited about other responsibilities and challenges, I embraced it all as it gave me so many opportunities. I was invited to the Fishmongers Hall black tie dinner where I met some fascinating and inspiration people and it was probably had the best meal I have ever eaten. Another stand out moment was organising the Staff versus Prefect's hockey match this year which was a great event and got the school together for a great cause. It was so much fun and thanks to everybody's generosity raised £1000 for Ukraine. I must thank Mrs Alexander as she was key in the events organisation and she also demonstrated game changing goal keeping skills.

Probably my favourite memory this year as Head Girl was starting DANCERSIZE.

Dancersize was held here in 'The Theatre in the Woods' and was designed to bring together new students by basically allowing us all to make fools of ourselves dancing to music whilst convincing ourselves we were keeping fit. We would make up the moves as we went along aided by a portable speaker and a Karaoke microphone. Surprisingly no injuries were ever sustained. Although thought by some that it would not gain much popularity, surprisingly it turned out to be a big hit with all those who participated and attracted pupils from all year groups. I will always remember peoples excitement as well as my own when 'Shake It Off' by Taylor Swift came on and we could seriously let our hair down which was captured on video. I really hope that Dancercize is here to stay.

One of the most challenging moments for me was participating in the 'Westacre' public speaking competition which was judged by TV Presenter Anne Robinson. Reverend Jack and Mr Stromberg took a range of pupils from all year groups who wanted to enhance their public speaking skills. Nervous about my first public speaking experience, my fears quickly disappeared when Anne Robinson told a few of us off for spending too long on the loo and to hurry up. It turned out to be absolutely hilarious and even Ann Robinson saw the funny side. Needless to say we were not victorious.

On a serious note, I am eternally grateful to those who recognised my strengths and weaknesses regarding my choice of subjects which I would choose to study at A level. Feeling a bit of a lost cause as I could not grasp subjects which others could understand so naturally, I was allowed to focus on the subjects which I had a passion for. These were Art, Graphics and Photography. This I understand was an exception and was warned that the work load would be intense, which it certainly was. I have to give a big thank you



to the Art department. These are:

Mr Gray for his firm and direct teaching methods and his weekly spotify playlists.

Miss Pink. For being an all round inspirational person and putting up with my constant talking.

Mr Leeson. For allowing me the opportunity to have the insight into teaching methods, which was such a fulfilling experience.

Miss Nicol who always supported my wacky ideas.

And of course Mr Robb for ultimately allowing it all to happen. Their belief in me and support allowed me to fulfil my wildest dream, which was being accepted by Chelsea School of Art to study for a BA in Graphic Communication. As well as my amazing art teachers I want to mention the Gresham's learning support staff who would tirelessly and quietly help those who struggle with learning difficulties. Having been tutored myself as a dyslexic, I can vouch for their work as I managed to pass my GCSE Maths, which without their input would have been a miracle. It is testament to the school who recognize the personalized approach where needed. Although he has since retired, it would not seem right if I did not thank Mr Keen who I am sure at times wanted to pull his hair out.

Now!! I must mention the amazing Dyson building which I relocated to last year and have had the pleasure of spending every single lesson in there since, the only word I can use to describe it isWOW!

Sir James, I thank you on behalf of all the pupils who have so far had the opportunity to enjoy its many facilities and incredible design. I for one have been inspired by your STEAM ethos and feel truly part of a larger team and knowing that my art contribution could one day find its way to be part of greater innovations.

The building and its facilities have completely changed the

way in which I work and has allowed me to expand all my creative skills while keeping my three disciplines separate.

Now! I like to think I am a positive outgoing person but this was not always the case. Doing my GCSEs was one of the hardest times at school for me. Because I was dyslexic, I was having to work a lot harder than most which at times got me down. Although I continued to keep a smile on my face, quite often I would go back to my boarding house after school and cry my eyes out in Mrs Seldon's arms.

I want to apologise to you Mrs Seldon for I must of cleaned you out of tissues. Whenever I was feeling like I wasn't good enough in my lessons the only person who could help me was Mrs Seldon, with your encouragement and freindship. You are the reason I wanted to succeed. I will sum Mrs Seldon up in three words for you all that haven't had the pleasure of knowing her: crazy, happy, inspirational. Every morning when I came into school and I was greeted with a 'Good morning Mols' and even just her saying that you know its going to be a good day. You, Mrs Seldon and your family are very special and I will never forget everything you have done for me and the other girls in Queens'.

You will forever have a place in my heart.

Thank you.

How could I forget the main man himself, Mr Robb. Easily spotted in his mustard trousers or his shorts, He is there for everyone. You are truly a headmaster like no other.

I have loved our weekly catch ups where I have been lucky to have the opportunity to express all my crazy thoughts. Sometimes you embraced them, but others you thought I was joking but you would always find a way to indulge me and give me a chance to make them happen.

It will be with a heavy heart that I leave Gresham's but I will take with me the fondest memories of my life so far.

THANK YOU GRESHAM'S





Head Boy

Callum Richardson

Prime Warden, Chairman, Headmaster, ladies and gentlemen. This is the first time I've managed to get on stage without being asked to sing, or unleash some questionable dance moves, so I look forward to savouring this moment with you all (thanks Mr Curtis). When I received the honouring news that I was to be made head of school alongside Molly around this time last year, I was informed that sharing a few highlights across the last five years in this speech would be of great help. With that in mind, I'd like to draw upon some of the amazing opportunities that I and my cohort have been provided with over this course of time, with one of which being the most recent whole school play, titled "Little Shop of Horrors". The play was a great success, from a full sized and fully operational man-eating plant to a selection of top-quality backstage members and cast. Although, perhaps my role as a drug reliant, murdering and abusive evil dentist, which left excitable, keen prep schoolers petrified of their own Head of School may not quite have been an apt reflection of what we're trying to achieve at Gresham's! Further memories that I will continue to cherish, contain our under 16 unbeaten rugby season under Mr Coventry, with a nail biting final match against Stamford school where we managed to come away just a couple of points ahead, which arguably is what lead to many long and, at times, taxing car journeys with my father up to the Midlands on a weekly basis playing for the academy at Leicester Tigers. We discussed what I like to describe as trivial and perhaps repetitive topics, where the requested inclusion of every minor detail of the day, alongside countless discussions of what my future may hold, inevitably resulted in earphones being securely fastened as we approached the outskirts of Holt. I'm sure many of you students here can relate to these journeys from time to time. On the other hand, I have found that the decline of my cricketing career from Prep School First Team Captain to aimlessly attempting to slog for Mr Thomson's 3rd eleven under the tutelage of the reliable Hector Robb, has brought just as much, if not more satisfaction than that of Mr Coventry's season, and more to the point, I have discovered in the last week at the Lapping's "back yard cricket festival", that a light pre-match intoxication seems to improve my performance dramatically. I hope this is not alarming to any of the leading members who sit behind

me! I would also like to take this opportunity to stand up for school food. I understand that this topic might be slightly controversial, but it has been brought up at every single school council and house prefects meeting in some way shape or form, so I thought why not bring it up in the Head of School speech as well! Although I must disclaim that there may have been a hiccup or two here and there (chicken gate!) and I'm sure Mr Robb won't mind me mentioning what could be interpreted as a "hard lined" response from him in Chapel on the following Monday, leaving fear in the eye of any non-CFB believer, I would like to mention that you don't reach my suit fittings without a good supply of decent food, and in all seriousness I really must thank the catering staff for consistently delivering healthy and although at times, some slightly intriguing combinations of really good tasting food.

I'm sure we'll hear many thank yous throughout the day, but I truly must thank Mr Robb and Mrs Alexander for everything they have done for me over the course of the last year. I truly enjoyed our fortnightly meetings on an early Tuesday morning, and just want you to know that I really did try and make it in on time, and more to the point fully dressed! Dragging myself and Rory, my brother, out of bed at an ungodly hour to make it in for the early start never did play to my strengths, but I always felt so welcomed and well-hosted on arrival. My wing woman Molly, has been such a good companion in this venture, and I'd just like to thank her for all her efforts in everything she has done. I'd also like to thank Mr Burnett who was fundamental in creating a warm and enjoyable experience in Farfield House, overseeing the tireless and much appreciated work of our two matrons and all the cleaning staff, who not only do a fantastic job but also stick around for a few laughs and some long conversations. I will not forget how Mandy, a Farfield cleaner, used a ladder to lock me in the showers, before proceeding to hide all of my belongings from my room, leaving me in an utter muddle. Revenge is sweet Mandy, and I haven't gone just yet. In addition to this, the behind-the-scenes effort of both Lucinda Robb and FOG's should certainly not go unmentioned, I can't remember the last school event where I haven't seen Lucinda capturing the joy of each moment with her camera, and the work of the friends of Gresham's to organise such successful events such as Greshfest, have created further amazing opportunities for pupils at this school.

Finally, I hope incredible teaching across music, drama, academics and sport illustrates how limitless the opportunities for pupils are at this school, furthered by the new Dyson Building, generously donated by Sir James, and if there was any message I could give to the future generations of pupils, it would be to grab hold of these opportunities and get involved in as much of what this school has to offer. I'm sure many of the parents here will agree that these opportunities will not present themselves as accessibly as when you are in school, so I can't echo enough how crucial I think it is that you grasp what is in front of you.

I couldn't deliver this speech without mentioning music at Gresham's, and despite my firm acknowledgement at the beginning of this speech that this is my first non-musical or dramatic act, I now feel this can be my own making and doing my utmost not to disappoint, if this song was good enough for the Queen at the Jubilee Festival, then I'm sure it's good enough for us!



Chairman of the Governors

Michael Goff

Sir James and Lady Dyson, Prime Warden, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you very much indeed for supporting this amazing school. Gresham's is to all intents and purposes full. Its finances are sound. Its confidence is high and we have a full strategy for the near future.

To say thank you to Sir James and Lady Dyson seems barely adequate. The Dyson STEAM building is a cornerstone of our current success. Indeed, it is more than that. The outreach programme that we have instituted has ignited STEAM throughout Norfolk.

The Gresham's STEAM stand at the Royal Norfolk Show was visited by Princess Anne and won Best in Show. It was also visited by just about every other student in the county, all wishing they were at Gresham's. Sir James, it may take a while to convert them into your engineers but they are on the way.

And so, we would like to say thank you and assure you that we really appreciate your generosity. We will use the Dyson Building as expansively and imaginatively as we can.

And as we are so popular we really need another boarding house, but they are fearfully expensive and we recognise that not all of you want a full boarding experience. So, we are opening a day house in September 2023 as per the letter you have recently received. It is named after John Arkell a much-loved past Headmaster.

Work starts on Big School in the holidays allowing Admissions and the Head to be relocated. We will have a new School Shop in the Pavilion and we are taking over our own uniform supplies, to help with costs and supply.

This will be followed by an updating of the Reith Block which has stood untouched since 1968. The refurbishment will deliver a flexible lecture theatre and a whole new floor dedicated to examinations.

The CFB will be refaced in view of its illustrious new neighbour and will be the admin nerve centre. All this will

lead to a re landscaping of the Parade Ground to give a green wall approach and a piazza feel.

The astros are being resurfaced and we are reviewing our sports provision. We have got planning permission for a new Pavilion with facilities for visiting teams but we feel a whole new sports centre might be more appropriate.

Yesterday, when the heavens opened on the Prep School prize giving we would have considered a canopy over the Theatre in the Woods to have been money well spent. We also have a dance studio in the pipeline.

But enough of buildings. The heart of the School is its people. Douglas Robb is an outstanding Head and working with him is always rewarding. A man of energy and ambition whose eyes are everywhere and whose drive is relentless. Thank you, Douglas, for all that you do for Gresham's.

I would also like to thank the whole staff. The Common Room is full of colour and energy. The facilities building buzzes with plans and structure. The grounds look amazing. The catering is great. I look forward to fish and chip Friday. The Bursary is imaginative and proactive. Sport and the co-curriculum are flying with 90% of Greshamians representing the School this year. Indeed, everyone here feels a part of the whole and everyone is valued.

Sir John Gresham, the original Dick Whittington, left his wealth to The Fishmongers' Company in 1555 to be managed on behalf of this School. We value the relationship we have with them to this day and are grateful for their support. We are delighted to welcome the Prime Warden today.

Ladies and Gentlemen, most of the governors are OGs or parents. We understand the sacrifice you make to come to Gresham's. We don't take you for granted. We recognise that you have choice. We are fully aware of the responsibilities you lay on us.

The Governing Body is committed and brings in expertise in finance, education, property, health and safety, drama and sport. Thank you so much for all you do. You give freely of your time, seeking no recognition or reward save the satisfaction of doing something worthwhile.

Greshamians are self-confident and capable. They are socially comfortable and yet free of entitlement. They have even been described as "individual, often rebellious".

At Logie Bruce Lockhart's memorial service 500 OGs came to the service and afterwards they all ignored the "Keep off the Grass" notice and over time I reckon they all spoke to today's speaker. Pretty brave of him to set himself up like that. But as they all chatted with him I realised that we all shared something. We had all been through the same mill, been sent on the same cross country runs, been put in the same cold showers, had worn the same aprons in the workshops. Even though there was a 40-year age gap the shared memories came flooding back.

Ladies and Gentlemen Sir James Dyson.



Guest speaker

James Dyson

Prime Warden, Chairman, Headmaster, parents, pupils and leavers. Firstly, congratulations to all the prize winners.

I have always avoided giving advice. Indeed, I have gone through life ignoring advice unless, that is, I happen to agree with it! Before seeing the careers advisor, I ticked the box about 'liking the outdoors' (who doesn't?). "Be an... estate agent", he divined. Although he was trying to help, this proves that important life decisions are very personal! I would like to share some of the experiences that have punctuated my life to attempt to draw something useful from them. This is not advice, it's encouragement!

I am a maker. I have always wanted to engineer and create things. I fear that making things might look complex from the outside and put people off. I want to challenge that. When you open one of our robots – for example – they do look impossibly complex. But most complex things, can be broken down into a series of separate problems to be solved. Then complexity becomes manageable.

The same is true of your journey through life. As you look to the future, and life beyond Gresham's, don't let anyone tell you that something is 'impossible'. Break down the challenge into simple objectives. Prove them wrong! It's a great motivator!

If this speech is about anything it's about the things I couldn't see when I was sitting where you are today. These are simply things that are clearer with the perspective of time. I've broken this into five sections.

Firstly: Be curious! throw yourself into everything, try out everything, seize opportunities. Discover what it is you love.

My experiences here at Gresham's – and shortly after I left – shaped me in ways I couldn't see at the time. My father was head of classics. I was christened in the chapel. I am a 'child of Gresham's'. During the long holidays I roamed the grounds here with fellow staff children the Bruce-Lockharts, Williams and Colombes who are happily here with us today.

I sailed from Morston, picnicked at Blakeney Point and Stiffkey, ran every morning across the Holt Lowes, splashing through the icy Glaven. Who couldn't be influenced by the vast, open, spaces of Norfolk? I threw myself into everything the school

could offer, including acting. My last performance on this stage, I was Trinculo to ITN Tim Ewart's Caliban. Logie – my late, great headmaster – was a fan of the individual. He believed that exam results were important but so were other skills which is why he created the Coryphaena Club.

Second. Be countercultural. Look at things from different angles. Maybe by starting the 'wrong way'? Your view is as good as anybody else's. If different, it's almost certainly more interesting. I've always been naturally attracted to the prosaic. Glamour repels me. My obtuseness wants the 'dull' to be 'exciting'.

Coming from a family of classicists, I should have become an academic, or a surgeon (though the one who interviewed me didn't agree!). Instead, I went to art school. I ended up at the Royal College of Art and Design – which was a hot house of artists and designers such as David Hockney and Ridley Scott. However, although a design student, I made the perverse decision to reject design as a career. I wanted to invent, design and make things. To control the whole process.

On graduating five years later I chose to reject the excitement of that '60s 'Swinging London' scene. Instead, I headed down to Bath in a 'clapped out' Issigonis Mini for life in a factory. Though, what's not immediately obvious is that just like the products, I would need to travel all over the world. But first, I had to design, build and sell a high-speed landing craft. Then, recklessly, I set out on my own along with a hefty mortgage and a family. Rather than the glamour of computers or mobile phones I've been interested in areas 'overlooked' and 'out of fashion' (and there's nothing wrong with that!). Coming up with new technology for solid state batteries electric motors and robots. OK, they're 'glamorous' until you realise that, amongst





other things, they are destined to put out the bins and load the dishwasher.

Next. Look out for guardian angels. Spend time with the people who encourage you. Be inquisitive always wanting to learn. Inspiration will follow.

When I sat where you are I thought experience was important, a necessity in fact, I now know the opposite to be true. Surprisingly naivety is helpful. Experience can be a cage inhibiting, and hard to escape from. Today the world changes so quickly that freedom from experience can be an asset!

Watch out for the experts the boring 'know it alls'. Ignore the naysayers, the doubting Thomases - I've met so many along the way. Trust me they take the fun out of everything. All they do is inhibit progress.

My break came while I was at college. I went to raise some money to build a 'space frame' theatre that I'd designed for the impresario, Joan Littlewood. My unfortunate target was Jeremy Fry, a manufacturing entrepreneur - a rarity at the time and even more so now. Without hesitation, he said "I'm not giving you any money! But will you design a high-speed landing craft for me?"

Even more unusual Jeremy Fry was an engineer and inventor. He believed against prevailing thought that engineers can make good entrepreneurs.

I learnt the art of iterative 'Research and Development' where you make just one change at a time. Just as importantly, to largely ignore what is called 'market research'. This is NOT to say that you don't listen to customers, of course you do - above all. But that type of 'market research' can be misleading of true current opinion. (Proof of this is that politicians live by it!).



Most importantly it can never predict the future. None of us can. We have to take our own view and trust our own instincts. You may be just as wrong but at least it's your failure!

Next up - embrace failure. Of course, you can learn many things from a textbook or through others. However, you learn more and viscerally, from constantly experimenting and failing.

Failure causes you to examine and overcome the problem. Getting it 'right first time' does not give you that same ingrained learning. People like to portray brilliance as effortless. But that is seldom the reality.

Success demands determination to overcome problems, concentration and stamina. Which afterwards can look like a 'flash of brilliance'. The harder you try, the more determined you are the more you get out of it. My life has been one "littered" with failures.

Failure comes in many shapes and sizes. My 'electric car' (probably the closest I've come to a 'glamorous' product!) was my saddest failure. Not a failure of the car or the design or the team. Rather a commercial one. We found that we and other makers, lose stacks of money making electric cars. The batteries cost too much particularly for a car like ours which was packed with them to give a decent range.

Ending the project was very hard. Not to mention rather costly. But out of that failure new life has emerged. Our pioneering car engineers are bringing new perspectives across all we do.

Finally. Do something you love. I loved painting at Gresham's. Unfortunately, art, in those days, was not considered a career. In a 'red rag to the bull' moment I rode off on my Honda 50 to art school, in London.

I've always pursued things that interest me and which I enjoy. One project has led to another. To those of you moving on to the next chapter, I urge you to throw yourself into everything.

Be a 'doer' rather than one of those 'far too many' attention-seeking 'grandstanders' who solve nothing. Be different.

Embrace failure and discover your mojo. Believe in your ideas and ignore the naysayers instead, through science and engineering, the arts and ingenuity, shape the world in your image for the better. My hope is that the Dyson STEAM building will nurture just these ideas. Never give up in your quest to see them through. Make it a world of 'doers' and never 'grandstanders'.

Chapel Notes

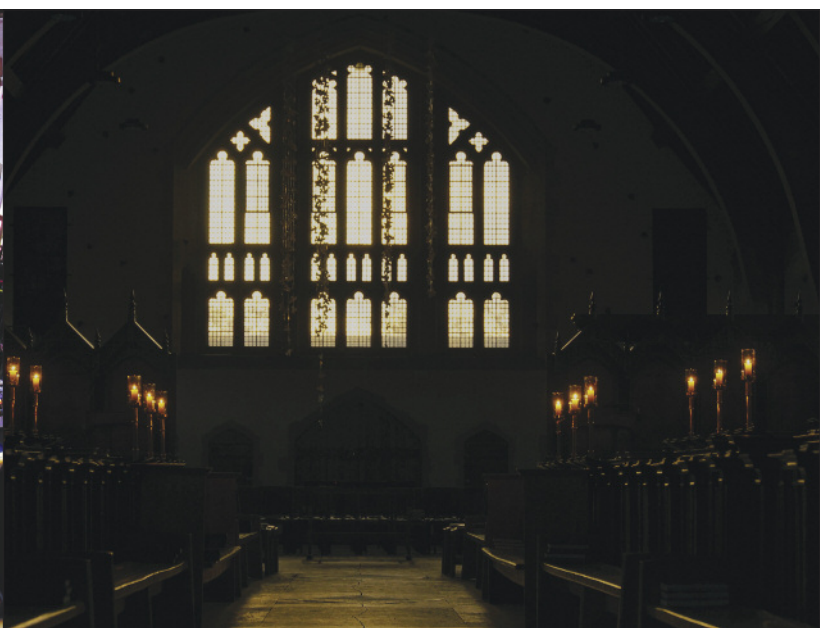
Chapel continues to be the very heart of our school community with a busy and varied program of events involving the whole Gresham's family. Happily 2021-22 saw the welcome return of whole school Chapel services and, very importantly, congregational singing! What a sound the school made. Gresham's has always had a fine tradition of enthusiastic hymn singing but many long standing staff have commented that the level of volume over the past twelve months has surpassed anything the Chapel has seen before. To listen to the whole school sing *How Shall I Sing That Majesty* is quite an experience!

The passionate singing of the congregation was accompanied throughout the year by our fantastic school choirs and musicians. Every Monday morning service began with an uplifting instrumental, or choral performance from our students. Special mention should go to Jimmy Thomson, Rose Taylor, Johnny Derbyshire, Julius Roettger,

Toby Nash, Isadora Angell, Jake Osiatynsk, Tavi Presslee and Kate Webster for wonderful solo performances which proved to be the perfect start of the week for the school community. Mr Jones, our Director of Chapel Music, has also overseen incredible growth in the quality and breadth of choral music since his return. It was truly inspiring and heartening to hear such beautiful music from the Chapel Choir with Saturday services, Sunday Evensongs and Christmas Carol Services all sounding truly divine because of their efforts.

We have also enjoyed an incredible array of talks and presentations from staff and students alike which have given us much food for thought and kept the whole school thoroughly engaged in Chapel life. Student talks have been delivered on subjects as varied as the environment; LGBTQ+ history; Chinese New Year; Sikhism and being an active bystander.

Memorable and hilarious theatrical presentations of Bible stories have also been a feature of Saturday Chapel services this year with Year 12 drama performing both the



Nativity and the story of Jonah to an enthralled school.

As well as our regular round of services we also held a large number of special events throughout the year. 'Soul Space' returned and saw the historic interior of the Chapel transformed with stunning immersive light and sound and creative, tactile stations which proved very popular with our students. A CCF contingent of around 250 cadets joined the Holt parade in November for a well-observed and fitting outdoor Service of Remembrance. A few weeks later our annual tradition of singing in St Margaret's, Cley for Advent Sunday returned with a packed congregation enjoying the beautiful music. Then in December we held our first ever Christmas Tree Festival to raise money for a local charity, The Holt Youth Project. The Chapel was filled with over forty Christmas trees, all beautifully decorated by members of the Gresham's community. The Trees represented every year group or boarding house at the Senior, Prep and Pre-Prep schools, symbolically bringing the whole Gresham's family together under one roof at Christmas.

The annual Service of Confirmation was held in the Lent Term.

The service was officiated by the Rt Reverend Jane Steen, the Bishop of Lynn. We have seen a considerable increase in the number of people in our school community taking part with over sixty staff and students were baptised and/or confirmed in the School Chapel in 2021 and 2022. During the Confirmation Service the Bishop of Lynn gave each of them a hazel tree to plant as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy Project, one of which was planted in the school grounds.

In the Summer Term we marked Ascension Day in style as the choir opened the service with a performance from the Chapel rooftop balcony. Ten days later a special Labyrinth was created on the floor in Chapel to celebrate Pentecost. The beautiful pathway was constructed by staff and pupils using natural materials giving us all an opportunity to reflect and unwind.

The school year drew to a close on Speech Day with the Leaver's Service. The music and hymns singing brought a tear to many eyes and ushered in the end of a wonderful year.



Edinburgh

What a great year it was for Edinburgh House! During the course of the year we welcomed thirty-nine girls as well as Mrs Atkinson, Mr Girling, Mrs Knightbridge and Matron Howard to the team.

It was really great to be able to host Edi Entertains in February. Every year group worked together to entertain the audience and more importantly to raise £1000 for Dreamflight in memory of Abbie Boast (Edi, 2020-2022). As well as enjoying videos or quizzes from girls in years 9, 10, 11 and 12, we learnt some interesting anecdotes about our Year 13 in their "Two Truths and a Lie"! We enjoyed brilliant singing from Summer Hollinger, Sophie Langton, Solveig Paulsen, Tamsin Schofield, Reva Spiegel, Maddie Woodcock and all the girls who sung in this year's Part Song. It was particularly good to welcome parents back to an Edi House event.

We've enjoyed many, fun and varied socials each term. Among others, these included a year 9 walk to Kelling Heath, a year 10 picnic supper at Baconsthorpe Castle, a Year 11 Safari Dinner, a Year 12 beach social and a Year 13 Leavers' supper. It was also really fun to celebrate the Jubilee with Queens' House, marking the renaming of the 'Edinburgh Field' to 'Jubilee Field' in recognition of the Queens' Platinum Jubilee. We welcomed back Mr Peaver and Mrs Radley, first and second HsM of Edinburgh respectively, to celebrate this occasion. We were able to thank Mr Peaver for kindly gifting us a portrait of the Duke of Edinburgh which has pride of place in the newly refurbished hallway!

The Edi girls worked really hard and achieved much academically. Our final merit tally saw Mia Webster top in year 9, Sophie Langton and Maddie Woodcock in year 10, Elsa Holthaus in year 11, Xenia Paulsen in year 12 and Molly Field in year 13. It was great to see Leila Yuasa leading the



Auden Society, as well as Florence Kemp and Kate Webster made School Prefects.

It was not our year for House Music! However, we still had a brilliant time preparing for it and on the night. The Instrumental, "Mr. Blue Sky", led by Elyzia Wong, involved many of the Edinburgh girls across all year groups. The Part Song, "Man in the Mirror", led by Molly Fields and Kate Webster, was slick and beautifully performed. The Unison, Elton John's, "I'm Still Standing" was a great choice





It has been brilliant to see the girls leading the way on stage with Ruby Spiegel playing Audrey and Kate Webster, Ronnette in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and twelve further Edi girls in the chorus and crew. Likewise, the junior girls were well represented in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Many Edi girls sang in *Songs from the Shows*; Summer Hollinger and Emma Colby won awards in the 10 Minute Play Competition and four of our Year 12s all performed superbly in, "A Murder Mystery". We are very proud of Ruby Spiegel for making it into the Top 10 in the Song Academy's Young Songwriter 2022 competition and of Solveig Paulsen who won the 'Ensembles – Piano Duet' category of the Grand Prix of the International Festival Contest in Israel with her piano partner.

The girls had much to celebrate on the sports pitch and we are particularly proud that our girls were leading on the sports pitch: Phoebe Worrall was Captain of 1st XI Hockey; Florence Kemp, the Captain of 1st VII Netball; Kate Webster, Captain of the 1st team tennis; Esther Payne, the Captain of 1st XI Cricket and Marlene Leibold shared the position of Captain of Swimming. Marlene Leibold notably broke several long-standing school swimming records and Hannah Broadhurst

had considerable success in shooting where she won several titles, including the British Junior Ladies Championships and British Junior Ladies Small-Bore Champion 2022. We were delighted that Alice Teesdale shot a perfect 100 at the Newmarket Short Range Open match (as well as took the opportunity to fly with the RAF this year!) Interhouse sports competitions were as fun as ever with the Edi girls coming first in the Senior Hockey, 1st in the Senior Swimming and winning the House relay competition! The Edi girls did brilliantly to win The Flower Cup for the fourth consecutive time.

A particular thanks goes to Molly Fields who was been a superb Head of House, supported by Deputy Heads of House Genevieve Phelps and Phoebe Worrall, and Head Boarder, Martha Veale. Molly, together with our House prefects, championed our House values of kindness, hard work and embracing opportunities, helping to create a happy, friendly and inclusive House atmosphere. We ended the year by saying a fond farewell to all of our Edi leavers, as well as to several staff members: to Mrs Atkinson, to Matron Deb and to awesome Cowan family. We will miss you all in Edi!



Howson's

In a momentous year in the house, it's only right to talk about the squad list first. Mrs Gemma Helps was a new signing as part-time matron, and she certainly gets the boys ship-shape on Wednesdays and Saturdays. In the first full year of school for 3 years, it was tremendous to have a new, kind-hearted, enthusiastic cohort of boys in the 3rd Form. Jaqui, Tobias, Freddie, Ferg, Jamie, Efra and Camillo make up the boarding boys: they gelled extremely well and sorted themselves out very quickly. A mid-season transfer (Charles) was an unusual move so early in the term and I am sure he will establish himself happily in the team. Sadly, Efra left us at the end of the year, back to Barcelona, and he will be sorely missed. Other new signings were Harry VB into year 10 who whilst he took a little time to settle is now one of Gresham's most fervent advocates; Bruno and Ben into Year 11 (very solid midfielders; should make the national team); and Liam Williams into the 6th Form.

Howson's had two School prefects this year – House Captain Arthur Woodhouse (following in the proud Woodhouse family tradition of serving Howson's very honourably and with great compassion), and Joseph Oxtoby, music and drama scholar and all-round stage performer. An additional twelve boys were made House prefects, reflective of a tremendous group of boys who led by impressive example. Seven of the eighteen in the cohort were unusually taking the IB Diploma, which added an extra layer of depth they brought to the House. An unusual signing this year - just for the U6th – was George Loose. For those that follow their local rugby, you will know he is a very talented centre, currently making waves in the junior adult set-up and who earned a couple of England caps while he was with us.





Success on the sporting side of school life was pretty good for the House. We won both senior hockey and rugby (let's be honest, the two most important trophies) and to see boys such as Nick Dugdale and Hector R put their bodies on the line in the rugby was fantastic. Our hockey team has talents such as Tom Ellis (also a fine long-distance runner and holder of the school cross country cup) and Toby Pallister (a star player down at Norwich City HC as well), as well as senior 1st XI players Jack Reader and OT. Our 3rd Form are not as sporting as previous years, and they took sound drubbings in their inter-house fixtures this year: they have other aptitudes.

Our House Entertains this year was one of the best for many a year. With more than half the boys taking part, we put on a two-hour show of singing, dancing, comedy, sketches, classical music and staff skits too. Mr Thomson and Mr Curtis wrote and performed a wonderful, surprise song for the Housemaster, in his last year of twelve in the House. The 3rd Form dance was, for many people, still the highlight of the show; others love Harry Nelstrop letting his comic naughtiness shine. Some 6th Form come just for the beer and party afterwards, but that's fine too. Best dressed Award this year is shared jointly: Alex Morrissey and Harry VB. Well done to them, PLEASE return the dresses, you can't keep them forever. Thank you to all the parents who come to support and cheer a wonderful evening.

House trips are a signature of Howson's and this year was not a disappointment. The highlight for many was the annual pilgrimage to the Norwich Festival, and to the Spiegeltent, where our 6th Form saw some very dubious circus acrobatics. The junior years had such delights as a trip to a Brazilian 'free jazz' concert at St Andrew's Halls - a night that won't be forgotten in a hurry. Perhaps the best trip of the year was the U6th Easter trip to the Norfolk broads. Having built our own survival raft from locally scavenged timber and ropes, the fourteen boys plus their Housemaster proceeded to navigate it down-stream from Wroxham, along the River Ant, the River Bure and out onto Breydon water, eventually meeting the sea south of Yarmouth.

Mr Baker, at the end of the year, organised a surprise farewell party for the outgoing Housemaster, at which many old Howson's boys and their parents lifted their glasses and ate copious amounts of cake. The new set of prefects were announced at the end of term BBQ and Tom Ellis was duly handed the baton of House Captain; he will be tremendous, everyone agrees! *Fortiter sed Suaviter.*

Oakeley

It has been a wonderful year crammed full of achievements and activities. House Music in the Michaelmas Term was, as always, an experience one will never forget with Oakeley winning the Part Song section with their stunning rendition of "Take Me to Church" led by Tavi Presslee and Edith Broch who also sang solos within the song along with Mojubafoluwa Akinyeye and Rosa Toebes. The house prefects energetically led our unison song "Maneater" by Nelly Furtado – a bold, but empowering choice of song with the whole of the upper 6th taking centre stage dressed in leather outfits! Our instrumental choice was the fun, light-hearted "Muppets Theme" which was organised and lead by Grace Hare.

Debating has become an important event in our calendar. Oakeley's sixth form debating team reached the final round of the Sixth Form Interhouse Debating Competition, narrowly missing first place in the final against Woodlands. Well done to Georgie Clarke and Grace Hare for their dedication and expert skills to get Oakeley into the final round, and to Lara King, who joined them in the last couple of rounds and spoke with confidence and knowledge. Our Year 10/11 debating team did a fantastic job winning overall. Mojubafoluwa Akinyeye, Kitty Robinson and Eva O'Donnell argued and debated impressively and made a formidable team, producing impressive, complex points. Oakeley's new year 9 debating team have made a fantastic start. Zinnia-Claire Booty, Cerys Dentry and Emilia Pinkstone won their debating

competitions and wowed the audiences with their knowledge, confidence, and impressive debating skills. Other academic team achievements have included four of our Seniors, Pink Tongyai, Jasmin Taylor-Riches, Akshika Yogarajah and Molly Philo who qualified for the semi-finals of the Science Quiz. Cerys Dentry, Zinnia-Claire Booty and Eva O'Donnell took part in the Junior Science Quiz and worked well together.

The Lent term was a busy term for Oakeley with our annual charity events. The Valentine's Ball in the Lent Term was Oakeley's social event of the year; with the help of Mr Curtis and the Charity Committee we raised £650.75 from this. A lot of fun was had at this event with a delicious dinner served down the long Big School corridor followed with games and dancing in Big School Hall. As well as the ball, Oakeley held an enormous bake sale with all the girls from the house baking some fantastic cakes; this raised almost £300. We struggled to find enough trays to displays the cakes! At the end of our charity week, we raised a grand total of £1644.67 from the bake sale, the Valentine's Ball, and a Mufti Day. The money we raised was split between our two charities: Justice and Care and Pancreatic Cancer UK. There was an impressive team effort for all these events, particularly from Oakeley's prefect team.

In sport the girls have worked hard together despite sometimes not possessing the strongest team. We had an outstanding result in house netball, and although our Juniors









came last, both of our Senior A and B teams won their strands! Unfortunately, both of our junior and senior hockey teams came last in Interhouse Indoor Hockey, but the girls showed a lot of passion throughout all their games. House swimming was the hardest interhouse competition the girls have had to do, with both of our Junior and Senior teams coming last. It was hard to create a team at first, as swimming is a difficult sport for many people, but a massive thank you and well done to the girls who bravely stepped up and took part in this, especially Annabel Edwards, who offered to step in at the very last minute (the competition had already started at the time). Nicole Ho, Anthea Kan, who despite swimming not being their strongest sport, got stuck in and demonstrated what it is to be part of a team. Very well done to Julianna Mercado for swimming the greatest number of races as well as Charlotte Gaunt who is a strong swimmer too. This Year's Gritty Grasshopper was brilliant. We had 10 girls from years 9, 10 and 11 competing. For me, it was about the team spirit and working together; the girls got muddy, smelly, but all had smiles on their faces. Girls who, might not consider themselves a sporting person took part and got involved, which made it even more special and what the event is all about.

We have so many Oakeley girls getting involved with plays and musicals in school this year that it is worth noting. Julianna Mercado and Georgie Clarke landed principal roles in 'Little Shop of Horrors', with Alma de Richemont as an understudy for a principal role. Their performances were spectacular and filled with energy and wonderful singing. A special mention must go to Teagan Gray for her amazing commitment to her role as a human-sized, talking plant puppet; she had to spend a lot of the first act inside a plant head to create mouth movements as the plant talked and sang, I can only imagine how hot it must have been inside there! Several Junior girls have also performed in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' – a fun and light-hearted evening for all who went to watch it. The Oompa Lumpa dances will stay with me for a long time.

Within Oakeley we have enjoyed numerous socials and get togethers with the popular year group Saturday breakfasts taking place throughout the year. We have enjoyed pancakes and ice cream, a fabulously indulgent cheese and wine night for the 6th form, trips to 'The Two Magpies' for dinner with the Lower 6th and Upper 6th. Firepit and s'more evenings, smoothie nights, make your own pizza nights, a fun Dance Off social for boarders using the Wii, Afternoon teas for years 9 and 13 and the ever-enjoyable street food vans! A particular highlight was the parent-daughter tennis social held in the summer term with Edinburgh and Queens'. The many matches was made more delightful with the huge cakes served afterwards.

Overall, Oakeley has had a fun, busy and fulfilling year. Every Oakeley girl should be proud of our community and the contributions we have all made as a house. A big thank you to the prefects for inspiring the younger girls in the house and helping to keep the house running as it should!

Olivia Ravilious and Julianna Mercado

Farfield

Farfield began the year in unique fashion with Mr Burnett greeting us on day one through his study window. Despite having covid and being a new Housemaster, he took on the role seamlessly with the help of newly appointed Assistant Head of House, Mr Beales. Bobby Rash, the new Head of House, showed great enthusiasm and vowed to make a year to remember.

We started off the year with a bang, with Bobby leading the boys to a House music victory in classic Farfield style. The Farfield boys performed a Bruno Mars mashup of Uptown Funk and 24K Magic for unison with maximum energy to bring home the win. Archie Kenyon led the instrumentalists for a consecutive win with a rendition of Canned Heat by Jamiroquai. Dally Armstrong led part song to an unfortunate 6th place, however we were all very proud of their efforts leading up to the event.

The second half of the Michaelmas term was jam packed. One of the highlights being the school musical, Little Shop of Horrors, which was performed on four consecutive evenings with two casts. There was an enormous contribution from the house with key roles of Callum Richardson and Raphael Chapple playing the part of 'Orin' the dentist along-side Johnny Derbyshire playing 'Skip' and Ben Hunt as the narrator.

Farfield Sundays were full of fun activities such as paintballing and movie nights which were greatly received by the full boarders. In November, Farfield had a Hawaiian themed social with delicious Hawaiian Poke Bowls and silly games such as, bingo, heads or tails and pass the object through the legs. This allowed the different years to socialise and get to know each other better in a more relaxed way.

The much-anticipated Farfield Entertains, hosted by Raphael

Chapple, was held in the Lent term showcasing some new talent within the house. There were great musical, drama and comedy performances from a number of the boys. This ranged from debut performances by Rory Richardson, the year 11 boy band, and a quirky act from Soren Young. Archie Kenyon and Dally Armstrong put together a hilarious performance but it was sad to see them do their last Farfield Entertains. And of course, we can't forget Noah's iconic rendition of Adelle's 'I Set Fire to the Rain'.

Approaching the end of the year, the whole school came together for one final event, the Pop Concert. This included Ned Porter on drums who played almost every song, Archie Kenyon, Jethro Holmes, Hal Sinclair and Callum Richardson on guitar, Bobby Rash on bass, Raphael Chapple, Johnny Derbyshire, Albert Williams, Nureyen Mwang'ombe, Noah Wong, Rory and Callum Richardson on vocals, Jimmy Thompson on keys and Fergus Robson and George Baker on trumpet.

To round off another successful year for Farfield, we brought home the Sports Day trophy. Again. There were some outstanding performances from Bobby Rash who won the 75m Hurdles, Sebastian Chapple who won the high jump reaching a height of 168cm, Ru McIntyre who came 1st in the 100m and Albert Williams who came 1st in the 200m, just to name a few. A special mention to John Hawksley who played a critical role in the event by dressing up as the Farfield owl. Legend! Some other sporting achievements consist of, Seb Schofield, Rocco Lum, Arthur Birkbeck and Dally Armstrong coming 7th in the swimming nationals and these boys helped Farfield win House Swimming too.

Overall, a great year for Farfield and we hope for a repeat in years to come!





Queens'

This academic year has seen Queens' going from strength to strength in various areas of school life. The house, led by Head of House Henri Colclough and Deputy Head of House Affie Tolliday has shown – once again – great house spirit, kindness and compassion – qualities we always pride ourselves on in Queens'.

This year we welcomed to the Dream Team Mrs Buckingham as a Year 9 Tutor, Matron Katy and Mr Wight who shadowed Mr Kinder on his duty nights and will be joining us as a full-time tutor next academic year.

The first test, every year, is House Music and it was incredible to see the show the girls put on. Knowing full well that we are not the most 'instrumental' of houses, the prefects decided to give instrumental a different twist and work with what was available, doing brilliantly. The audience was completely mesmerized by Naomi Harvey-Samuel on the oboe and Marcella Bartlette on the cello. A second place in Unison was very well received by all the girls too and I am sure I have never seen anyone rapping for Part Song as we did.

The Senior play this year saw many of our girls take to the stage – and a couple of them in the crew too. Anna Paynter-Smith wowed us all with her amazing contribution with the incredible puppets, which are still on display in the Auden Theatre.

We have had a very social year too with hundreds of different activities with other houses or on our own – the range has been vast – from dining with Farfield boys to a night out watching an OG professional wrestler... all very good fun and giving the girls countless different things to try or watch. Our main events this year have been, amongst others, our annual Street Party to celebrate Queens' Day, the Year 9 Sleepover, our joint Jubilee Party with Edinburgh House, including the renaming of the Jubilee Field, and our lovely Sixth Form Leavers' Dinner, which really was one of the finest events we have ever held and will now set the standard for

future years' dinners. The Year 11 Safari Dinner was an enormous success too.

Sport in Queens' this year has been a massive success, particularly with our Juniors who have demonstrated an incredible commitment and real drive on the sports field.

They have won House Hockey, House Netball, and House Swimming – well done, girls – impressive performances!

We are also immensely proud of our cricketers, who have played a key role in the first ever season of girls' First XI cricket at Gresham's.

We ended the year with the fantastic effort of becoming Sports Day Champions! Such a great way of heading into the holidays.

It is not all about sports in Queens' and we have had other successes, for instance Mrs Corder's reading competition was won by Queens', led by Romilly Hammond who submitted the most reviews in the whole school. (We have continued our run of winning every competition ever held by the Librarian!) We also brought home the Academic Cup once again – by far my favourite trophy, as it takes into consideration the effort of the whole house. On the academic front, we are extremely proud of all our leavers and the exciting futures that they will enjoy, and we are delighted that Amber Ellis-Keeler has secured a place to study at Oxford – well done!

Molly Cook, first Head of school for Queens' has been an outstanding Head of School and we are all very proud that she is one of ours. I do not recall any Head of School in the past acting as reverend in a chapel service! Or leading the Year 9's in a dancercise class. Or producing their own range of postcards

cards. Truly one in a million.

It has been a fantastic year for Queens'. We look forward to welcoming our new girls in September and we say goodbye to our Year 13 leavers. Girls, now it is time for you to spread your wings and fly. We will miss you all.







Tallis

A fantastic year for Tallis! We welcomed Dr Phil Taylor and Mrs Helen O'Donnell to our Tallis Tutor Team who both quickly established a brilliant rapport with the students. Both Jo Porter and Melissa Blanchard, in their roles as Matron, have served the boys brilliantly and with the requisite humour demanded by a role caring for 70+ boys!

Our newbies have been exceptional and our Year 9 in particular have shown excellent comradery throughout the academic year! We kicked off our fundraising with our Year 9 doing a fourteen mile sponsored walk to and from Sheringham in September. Collectively the boys raised more than a thousand pounds for the Holt Youth Project. The weather was very much in our favour... until the heavens opened about a mile away from home. Luckily Matron Porter was ready with towels, tea and biscuits! They showed great

spirit too in our Gritty Grasshopper Triumph! Massive well done to Henry Bongertz, Josh Budd, James Campbell Mackenzie, Stevie Clayson, Walt Davidson, Luca Harris, Joseph Hibbert-Pim, Zach Kemp, Oliver Parker, Oliver Robertson-Widdowson, Ben Weir and Seb Wiles. Special mention must also go to Ben Weir who has so impressed with his triumph in Cross Country fixtures but in particular in the Tallis 'Farmer Wright' Run in which he coasted to victory by a clear six minutes over his nearest student competitor! Their energy, humour and unity have been brilliant to observe this academic year and we look forward to seeing what they can accomplish as they move through the School.

Year 10 too have impressed as a cohort. The booming voices of Toby Ashton and Jack Kooreman usually to be heard from wherever you might find yourself in Tallis! Each member of the cohort has conducted themselves brilliantly in terms of their approach to GCSE study and their behaviour in House. We have been impressed too by the unity they have shown as a group of boys leading to success in the Inter-House Rugby and Inter-House Hockey in particular – not to mention



the relays on Sports Day!! Freddie Armstrong's excellent turn as Willy Wonka in the Junior School Play was a real highlight of the academic year as was the usual excellent running by Sam Green in the 'Farmer Wright' Run. Excellent academic endeavour has been seen throughout the year by Joshua Knightbridge in particular but also by Aidan Robinson, Jesse Rainey, Will Sayer and Lucio Cary. Some awesome debating skills shown too by Jack Kooreman in the Year Ten/Eleven Inter-House Debating! With a year of experience hopefully he can take a superb debating team far into the competition. Each member of the year has set themselves up well for success next Summer provided they meet the challenge of Year 11 with the same enthusiasm, commitment and energy – *and then some* – that we have seen this year! As more impressive achievements were completed by this year group, Josh Knightbridge among other Tallis boys made his 1st XI cricket debut which is especially memorable to play at the top of the school in just year 10. Well done Josh!

Jakub Nikiciuk has settled brilliantly with the Year 11 boys in House, showing his prowess between the sticks on Tallis

Field but most importantly in the classroom also with a whopping 65+ merits this academic year! The other boys too have grown in academic confidence with just the occasional cajoling necessary to have them elevate the hygiene status of their rooms to a level commensurate with human habitation – won't specify names here! Anthony Haworth-McKenna and Fred Browne have both successfully lurched from sporting injury to sporting injury and ensured that Mr Oates and Mr Cox have had opportunity to observe the inner workings of A&E Departments. Levin Rainey, Freddie Green and Joe Grady have, with some varying degrees of encouragement/coercion, begun to consistently see good on their various musical commitments being used to take home inspiring wins in House Music's Instrumental department. Charlie King's excellent podcast interview with Lord Dyson was exceptional, but more impressive was his tenacity in seeking the opportunity in the first place! Firm example to us all to actively chase those things we want! Recognition must also go to George Pinkstone for being part of a Team which finished second in the East of England, Royal Society of Chemistry 'Top of the Bench' Competition and Jonny Weir,



who in December was selected for the United Kingdom Cadet Rifle Team. Further success was also achieved by Arthur Wilcox being selected for the annual Bunbury Festival containing the best under-15 boy cricketers in England, following in the footsteps of his older brother and Head of House, Ben Wilcox. Each of the Year 11 deserve a massive well done for their approach to the Summer Examinations – I hope that their efforts bring just reward. As a House we bid a fond farewell to Teddy Dyter, Thomas Halsall and Anthony Haworth-Mckenna and we wish them all the very best for their endeavours beyond Gresham's.

Year 12 are a brilliant year group and one we very much look forward to helping steer the fortunes of the House next year! To a man they are funny, mature and responsible and have proven to be genuinely good company to the boys. Regular attendance by the boys at our Tea and Biscuits on a Tuesday evening with the excellent brewing skills of Theo McDowell always a pre-requisite alongside an Oreo or two, has been one of my most hotly anticipated moments of the working week. Willem Fehler (Miami) and Toby Pollicott-Reid have

been awesome additions as have been Josh Howland and, *slightly later than the others*, Felix Del Mar. They have shown excellent commitment and leadership on the sport's field in each of the major games with numerous boys representing the 1st team in different sports, even a year early which emphasises the talent this year group holds. They have been a permanent source of help to Matron (both of them), and been brilliant with the lower years. Jake Osiatynski has continued to be involved in pretty much everything the School does and has consistently discharged his responsibilities with the greatest care and passion. His commitment to music and the excellent piano recitals we saw involving himself, William Johnson and Boaz Van Der Maat in Lent Term again proving to be real personal highlights. Boaz and Lucas Triffitt also showed excellent teamwork when it came to the Cambridge Half Marathon in March 2022! Emil Schwarzler's excellent support of the lower years, his role in Soc(!)ety, weekend activities programme, drama productions, swimming all while managing an excellent academic record with the IB has been hugely impressive! The Papworths continue to live, eat and breathe rugby and Sam Hyatt, Jack



Whitlam and Lucas Triffitt are never seen too far removed from a hockey stick or a cricket bat! Konstantin Lehner continues to dominate the backstroke in the swimming pool...and then there are those FIFA games William Johnson...!

The Year 13 have done the House extremely proud this year. The boys have conducted themselves brilliantly and proven highly capable in leading the boys – particularly at House Music in October! Ben Wilcox (Head of House), Joel Philpott and Foij Scamell-Katz were instrumental (sorry!) in leading the boys both physically and musically. As ever, we triumphed in the Instrumental, were robbed of a much-deserved first place in the Part-Song and fully deserved the catastrophic demise that was our Unison – Boney-M ruined for a generation – but still we liked the confetti cannons!! We did a very good job of expressing the phrase “It’s not all about winning, it’s the taking part that counts”. Therefore the typical sense of burning injustice was renewed once more in October! Regular food nights on the Tallis Field – Bucket List, Fat Teds and a wood- fired pizza

company that struggled to leave Tallis afterwards (old van) have provided the boys some fast food on some of those more temperate evenings on the Tallis Field and football and rugby, often led by the Year 13, have kept the boys well-entertained. Highlight of the year with these boys was the Christmas Meal at the pub in Letheringsett, particularly for those of us old enough to enjoy a pint (the minority)! This cohort have brought a sense of steadiness and calm following a tumultuous year or two and have led by example and for this we are very grateful. We wish Charlie Addison, Jack Barnes, Toby Collins, Chima Chikelu, Sam Davies, Sam Doncaster, Archie Harrod, Archie Jones, Finn Lowe, Harry Nunn, Frank Osborne, Joel Philpott, Foij Scamell-Katz, Max Sturgeon, Adrian Von Wrede and Ben Wilcox all the very best for the future and thank them for their service to the House.

Tallis is in excellent shape. The boys would like to extend their thanks to the House Team, but in particular to Mr Cox and Mr Oates, for their excellent support of the boys and the good humour and tireless commitment they always show.

Woodlands

There was a fresh sense of optimism as we started the new School year, saying goodbye to Covid restrictions and welcoming Miss Mitchell as Assistant Housemistress and Mr Cooper and Miss Shah as House tutors. The boys have thoroughly enjoyed weekends when Miss Mitchell was on duty as they consumed their body weight in pancakes. Miss Shah and Mr Cooper will now also be our (not so) secret weapons when House Music comes around.

The House has thrived academically this year and I am so proud of the way the boys have applied themselves to their academic studies. Year 10 led the way in the House merit league with over 550 merits. We have excelled in the Debating this year with the highlight being Aidan Barros, Nick Morgan and Nikita Tarasov arguing their way into the final of the Senior House Debating competition against

Oakeley and successfully proposed the motion, 'This House prefers a world with no belief in the afterlife.' There was also further academic success in the House as James Burrage, Takunda Chininga, Zach Humphrey and Harry Todd defeated Farfield in the final of the Senior Science Quiz. The trophy cabinet is starting to look very healthy again!

The Common Room continues to be the heartbeat of the House and it has been wonderful to see it so busy throughout the day. Chess became a firm favourite with the boys, especially between Theo Ashby, Nikolaus Protzen and Yannick Reiss who often battled it out for top spot. The pool table had a facelift and now has a 'Woodlands red' cloth...but still the infamous 'Woody roll'. As spring turned to summer, the croquet hoops were hammered into the ground and the tennis courts were rolled out - it was lovely seeing all the different year groups mix and enjoy our walled garden.

Socially, it was a busy year for the House. In the Michaelmas term the Upper Sixth had a Steak Night in the woods and each hosted a guest for Come Dine with Me, where they



were in charge of the cooking. Julius Schwend treated us to German delights of flädle suppe and spätzle and Aidan Barros introduced us to the Portugese dessert, aletria. At the beginning of the Summer term, the Upper Sixth and their parents were welcomed into the Common Room for the first ever Upper Sixth leavers' dinner. A wonderful time was had by all, especially during the speeches by Josh Bush and Archie Thompson-Poole. The Lower Sixth enjoyed a Curry Night in Holt to celebrate the end of their exams and Year 11 were taken bowling and to an escape room to wish them well before their exams begun. The Year 10 boys enjoyed a Curry Night and also a Pizza Night at Stubby's in Sheringham and the Year 9s camped out in the woods, cooked supper over an open fire...and got a bit of sleep. There were also several whole House socials; the Christmas quiz reached new heights, with Dr Richardson's tutor group winning the first ever tutor group dance round, *Burgersmith* curated the first ever Woody Burger for our Burger Night and Julius Schwend, Yannick Reiss, Julius Roettger, Nikolaus Protzen and Paul Tostman created an excellent German themed quiz for our

German Night. There was even a trip to the Venue in Holt to watch the Extreme Wrestling Championship and the likes of The Alpha Athlete and The Bulk!

Charity plays a big part in School and House life. In October, the House were incredibly generous in their donations towards the Harvest Festival and thankfully Mr Sharrock had no issues getting the donations down to Chapel this year! November saw the Sixth Form put their razors down to grow a Mo in support of Movember to raise awareness of men's physical and mental health. The results were... interesting. Springtime saw the boys get behind International Women's Day and the boys pledged to #breakthebias and think about all the inspirational women in their lives. In the Summer term, the Gritty Grasshopper returned bigger and better than ever. The boys and parents fully got behind the charitable element of the event with Woodlands placing second. In the physical component of the event, the boys showed unity and determination and they dragged each other round the course. Not even their Housemaster in a Spiderman costume armed with water canons and paint could slow them down.



The Lower Sixth team came second while the Year 10 team smashed the course record to finish first. This excellent team spirit across all the teams meant that Woodlands won the Gritty Grasshopper trophy for the first time – time for a bigger mantlepiece!

The strong tradition of Woody boys on the stage continued with Josh Bush, Will Braithwaite and Dougie Light all contributing the excellent Senior production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. The Junior production was 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and there was once again a strong Woody representation from Robbie Fitzsimmons, Hector Lochore, Francis Robinson, Henry Jones, Dougie Light, Peter Robinson and Toby Waterfall. Josh Bush and Spike Cook also contributed to the Page to Stage evening with Spike also winning the 10-minute play competition for his script titled '?'.

House Music awards escaped us for another year, but the House came together incredibly well and put on a good show. We began with the Instrumental, 'Long Train Running' by the Doobie Brothers followed by a Norfolk farmer themed version of Otis Reading's 'Dock of the Bay'. The boys then

looked very 80s disco for their rendition of 'Dancing in the Moonlight' by Toploader for Unison. Individually, Julius Roettger continued to add to his musical accolades as he added a Gold Award and Grade 8 singing with Distinction to his CV. Perhaps next year will be our year in House Music.

It has been another busy year on the sports pitches for the Woody boys, finishing second in the majority of competitions. Richie Mann captained the 1st XV rugby with Rafe Lochore named as Most Improved Player of the Season for his evasive running and try scoring prowess with Yannick Reiss and James Burrage also making a real impact. In hockey, Rafe dazzled crowds with his energetic performances and Max Coubrough, Oliver Croot and Hector Lochore showed that there is a bright future for hockey in Woody and at Gresham's. Charlie Hood, Josh Keeble, Julius Schwend and Horace Wong all put in excellent displays for the 1st XI football team as they had their most successful season for some time. Shooting has gone from strength to strength and Julius Roettger, Oliver Rankin, Henry Jones and Sam Woodhouse are keeping the strong Woody connection to the



shooting range going and adding plenty of silverware along the way. Over the past two years, the inter-house swimming shield has been firmly cemented to the mantelpiece, and the Juniors dominated their gala with outstanding performances from Alex Murdoch and Aaron McKernan, but the Seniors could not hold off the Farfield onslaught despite Oliver Williamson, Alex Dyble, Matthew Williamson, Will Braithwaite and Leo Hung's outstanding efforts. Continuing in the pool, it was lovely to see Alex Dyble, Zach Humphrey and Matthew Williamson all pass their Lifeguarding course to become trained lifeguards. In the Summer term, the boys put on their whites and got out their rackets and clubs. In golf, Felix Bartram has been representing the county and exploring the stunning golf courses in Norfolk. In tennis, Nikolaus Protzen and Oliver Croot have been featuring regularly in fixtures and performing really well. Several of the boys attended the Norfolk School Athletics Championships at the UEA. James Burrage won the U20 100m, Edgar Alston the U17 shot put and Ben Michel the U20 high jump. The House put in some outstanding displays during Sports Day, but Farfield (again),

beat us to top spot. In cricket, Will Panter put in some strong performances for the U14s and helped the U17s progress to the Quarter-finals of the National Cup alongside Ben Panter, Trent Stoltz and Campbell Tillcock. Charlie Hood has an incredible season, scoring five centuries and fell an agonising 22 runs short of the School record.

With the end of the academic year upon us, we wish the Upper Sixth and those leaving us the best of luck for their future endeavours and say a big thank you to the House tutors and also the Prefect team, led by Head of House, Josh Bush and his Deputy, Archie Thompson-Poole. Julie, our brilliant Matron, also deserves a special mention for her boundless energy and enthusiasm for all things Woodlands. We say goodbye to Dr Richardson as he and his family seek a new challenge in Brunei.

This has been the most successful year in Woodlands for some time and it is exciting to watch the boys grow, progress and continue to drive the House forward. We are looking forward to welcoming the new Woody cohort and are excited for even more success next year.



Adventure

It has been another great year for adventure! Head of Adventure Mr Majid, with the assistance of Mr Liberman, has provided plenty of opportunities for students to experience the Adventure Woodland area, situated within our grounds. The site was opened throughout the year, including various Sundays for Boarders, allowing students to challenge themselves on our High Ropes Obstacle course, Zip line, Climbing Tower, Assault Course, Low Ropes and - new this year - Abseiling. The year 9 "Survival" course also rolled out again during Tuesday and Thursday GAPs, allowing each House to be put through their paces learning how to use woodland tools safely, build shelters and start fires using unconventional methods. In the final exercise, the students had to combine their skills and work as a team to prepare a whole fish to be cooked and eaten in a survival scenario. This led to a variety of outcomes, but generally most were surprised at how tasty and fun the challenge had been.





IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

Charity Report

The School Charity Committee had a very busy and successful year of fundraising for the Gresham's Charity of the Year – The Holt Youth Project. Our charity for 2021-2022 was introduced to the school in October with a powerful pupil led talk about the work The Holt Youth Project do with young carers in North Norfolk. The following eight months saw lots of exciting fundraising activities take place including the Gritty Grasshopper, Gresham's Triathlon, the Valentine's Ball, Bunfire Night, Farfield and Tallis Sponsored Walk, Gresham's Guys and Girls Christmas Singles, concerts, bake sales and the Christmas Tree Festival.

Almost all of these activities were advertised skilfully by Avis Fung and Emma Talumma whose creative skills rival any marketing agency.

The Charity Committee has also worked alongside numerous music, drama and sporting events this academic year to provide refreshments for audiences, crowds and congregations. Numerous staff and pupils helped to keep our Gresham's family fed and watered.

A special well done should also go to Anton Lucas, Poppy Brady and Kimberly Navida who represented the school for the Goldsmith's Award (an award which recognises school-charity community partnerships). They reached the regional finals of the competition giving a special online presentation to the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths. The Goldsmiths were to be very impressed with their passionate presentation and highly commended all that Gresham's does for the community of Holt and its surrounding areas.

All of this hard work resulted in a record breaking £24278.11 raised for The Holt Youth Project in just one academic year. An enormous thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

Gritty Grasshopper 2022

The GG22 has concluded, the race times are in and most of the mud and stench has been washed out. Over 270 students took part in what was a great whole school event. It saw the Houses come together to raise some much-needed funds for the Holt Youth Project, at the last count the total was £4132.

Notable moments from the afternoon included the Howson's chants and team spirit, the new fashion of wearing underwear on the outside and the brilliant support that the girls' houses showed each other around the course. There are a few different categories; the team race, result, the House race result, and the ultimate winners; a combination of the house race time and total funds raised by the house. To work this out we subtracted the total pennies raised from the Houses' total time.

In joint third place for the fastest team on the day were Farfield and Tallis year 10 who were just 1 minute behind Tallis year 9 and Woodlands year 12 who claimed joint second place. The Tallis year 9 team will be one to watch for next year.

The fastest team on the day was the Year 10 Woodlands Team who managed to complete the course in an amazing





time of 45mins, which I think in the race's current format, will be hard to beat. The bar has been set!

Next, house totals. When we added together the times of all year groups within each House, we see Farfield come in third with a total time of 156 minutes, Tallis a close second with 148 minutes and Woodlands the fastest house on the day with a total of 146 minutes.

All of the houses made an amazing effort to raise funds this year, with more raised than ever before at a Gritty Grasshopper. Our top four fund raisers are in reverse order: fourth place Oakeley, third place Farfield, second place Woodlands and in front by hundreds of pounds, Queens'.

The Ultimate race winners and those taking away Gritty Grasshopper this year are the House with the fastest time and the second most funds raised... Woodlands.

The House times are as follows:

Oakeley	193mins	7th
Queens'	173mins	6th
Edinburgh	172.5mins	5th
Howsons	154mins	4th
Farfield	147mins	3rd
Tallis	144mins	2nd
Woodlands	138mins	1st

Running for Young Minds

On Sunday March 6th more than 55 members of the School Community took to the streets of Cambridge for the Half Marathon. It was great to be back in Cambridge and for many of the students to have their first taste of a mass sporting event. Weather was fine and dry with a cool breeze making it ideal conditions for our runners. First home for the students was Tom Ellis with a ridiculous 1hr 24 and then Joe Oxtoby on 1hr 31. Both times very fast and very impressive!! A massive well done to all those who took part!

Well done too to all those students who offered excellent support on the Gresham's water station on Mile Three.

Together we have raised over three thousand pounds for Young Minds!!

Grufts 2022

Grufts Dog Show made a welcome return to the calendar this summer. A group of hardworking IB students put the event together as a CAS project and ran the event on the day. Dogs of every variety brought their owners along for a fun afternoon in the summer sunshine to raise some funds for Olpalagilagi Primary School in Kenya. With beauty classes for pedigree pups and crossbreeds, followed by fun events like Musical sits and the hotly contested Waggiest Tail, there was something for everybody and most went home with at least one rosette. The funds raised will go towards stationery items for Olpalagilagi and will hopefully be delivered by a group from school next summer. Look out for Grufts 2023.



Digital Leaders

Pre-prep and Prep

This year, the Pre-Prep and Prep school team, Krista Fitzsimmons and Sophie Langton, have welcomed new members: Reva Spiegel, Kim Pollen, Maddi Woodcock, and Amelia Parsons. They all have undertaken their training as Digital Leaders and upskilled their use of digital devices and apps. Their projects have included making quizzes and tutorials for Internet Safer Day; surveys to research student use of digital devices and leading a Prep School assembly. Reva Spiegel, Amelia Parsons, Sophie Langton, Maddi Woodcock, and Kim Pollen have worked as a team to deliver an entertaining yet informative talk that saw the lower year groups engage and be more digitally aware of their online presence. This was also an opportunity to advertise the Digital Leaders Programme to Prep School, in the hopes of getting more recruits in the coming years.

Senior

The Senior School team, through their 'Educate and Entertain' programme the Michaelmas term saw the leaders organise Safer Internet Day for the Senior School with an informative video on body image editing online for tutor groups and the first episode of the Digital Leader's podcast. The team have undertaken considerable research, created informative posters for those who may have received harmful online content and provided plans for parent digital education to be released in the future. In addition to spending a morning teaching year 9 pupils about wellness apps, joining Gresham's Media with the second podcast episode. A significant well done to Charlie King, Gabriella Hippolite and Emil Schwaerzler. Also, to Pauline Riederer Fein Von Paar Zu Schoenau who left us at the end of the year.

Thank you to both teams for their insight, which has proven beneficial to advise staff on the Online committee to better promote safety digitally.

On 28th September, Year 9 and Year 10 students who study Mandarin travelled to London for a day trip to China Town and British Museum. We first stopped off at Golden Phoenix Restaurant in China town, where we tried best Chinese food for lunch and pupils have practiced their excellent chopsticks skills. We then visited the British Museum and looked at their new exhibition and explored the cultures of China from 5000 BC to the present, through different historical objects. We have learned about the background, meaning and culture of the Chinese language. On the way back, pupils enjoyed their bubble tea drinks. This trip was informative and fun. A special thank you to Mr Braithwaite for joining us for the trip and driving us safely.

Mrs C Greenfield





Yoga

The benefits of yoga

Although Yoga has its origins in ancient India, its methods and purposes are universal, relying not on cultural background, faith or deity, but simply on the individual. Yoga has become important in the lives of many contemporary Westerners as a way of improving health and fitness of the body, but also as a means of personal and spiritual development.

Yoga is a discipline that has relevance to everyone, regardless of age, experience or background.

Yoga Classes

The Yoga class continues to be really well attended and the attendees are keen and very happy to be part of the yoga sessions in the space that we have. Music is used to emphasise and enhance the deepening or length of a posture. I tend to be unconventional in my choice of tracks to accompany a sequence of poses, especially for a number of sun salutations in a row. Use of new and contemporary music to motivate, uplift and inspire the group in their movements is as important as the physical, emotional and spiritual encounter they have with each of the asanas.

I have been impressed by the mature and engaged attitude and approach to the meditational sessions of the participants as the attendees have been not only accepted, but also been absorbed by a particular Zen Buddhist Mantra to remove negative energy blocks, which through a substantially sized blue tooth speaker does resonate powerfully in the mind and in the body.

On a recent Saturday, when we focus more on meditational techniques and relaxation than Tuesday and Thursday which are more dynamic flow sessions, the students were so relaxed and calm with initial stretching, followed by relaxation and beautiful music finishing with reawakening and namaste. They were exhausted and grateful to have the space to be still, peaceful where they could rejuvenate. I have had the chance to observe the level of mental and physical

exhaustion that many of our students' experience, and to watch how the yoga sessions act not only as a place to exercise but also and most importantly to be quiet, to rest and to take a little bit of refuge from the busy world. These practisers of yoga are not 'unsporty' or 'unfit' they are incredibly flexible and supple and are in the process of learning how to use their core strength and to find their inner balance. It is always surprising to many observers to see how intensely physical yoga practice can be.

The practice of Yoga is about letting the mind settle, the body find its limits through a series of asanas as well as a peaceful way to discover one's own strengths and limits and to work with them on both physical, emotional, and eventually, through the encouragement of meditative exercises, and a spiritual level. It is a wonderful way of releasing stress and toxins that have built up in the body and mind due to the busy and demanding nature of our busy lives. The girls and boy(s) I teach tell me that after their yoga and meditation practice, they feel more alive, suppler, balanced and readier and re-energised to deal with the tasks and responsibilities of school life

It is a misconception that Yoga is purely relaxing, especially when viewed against a traditional school sport programme, it is in fact a strenuous and fully engaging activity, and can be a very physical and all-encompassing practice, that many athletes have to include in their training programme to avoid prolonged shortening of their muscles which can lead to long term sports injury.

It would be wonderful to see some of the boys join the yoga sessions. Through regular and committed practice they may find an increased flexibility in the way they move, a more profound understanding of how to use focussed breathing. Some time away from more traditional sports could give them the breathing space they need to go to a deeper level not only on a sports level but also on a creative one, as an individual within a vibrant and diverse community. Namaste.

The Gresham's Poetry Recital Competition 2021

This year saw our inaugural poetry recital competition and involved all students from Year 9-13. The competition began with students choosing their own poem to learn and then performing it to camera and sending it to their teacher. From there the competition was face-to-face and judged by the members of the English department. Students were judged on the use of their voice, their understanding of the poem, their performance of the poem and accuracy of the text.

The finalists from each year group were:

From Year 9:

Dougie Light
Camillo von Landsberg-Velen
Ruby Palmer
Harry Seldon
Zinnia-Claire Booty

From Year 10:

Tara Gray
Reva Spiegel
Louis Carroll
Aaron Steed
Poppy Goode
Freddie Armstrong

From Year 11:

Ruby Spiegel
Will Braithwaite

From Year 12:

Toby Policott-Read
Libby McCarthy
Solveig Paulsen
Xenia Paulsen

And the **winners** were:

Zinnia Clare-Booty
Aaron Steed
Will Briathwaite
Solveig Paulsen.

The quality and effort shown has been superb and it has been especially brilliant to see how many students are writing their own poetry – not just for this event, but regularly for their own enjoyment. There is a LOT of literary talent at Gresham's!





Award Winning Stand

The centrepiece of the School's award-winning stand at this year's Norfolk Show was our "Infinity Cube", an interactive audio-visual installation using AI to allow visitors to control the experience with their bodies in real time. Building on experimental work with neural networks by 6th form Computer Science students, especially Avis Fung

and Alfie Kydd, staff and students across the STEAM disciplines collaborated to create a memorable experience which saw visitors queuing for the entire two days of the show. Special thanks must go to Rob Rogers for all his hard work on the cube's construction.





News From The Library

Queens' house continued their dominant streak in library competitions this year by winning the House Read and Review Challenge which ran in the Michaelmas term. Some excellent reviews on a range of fiction and non-fiction titles were received from across the school and then shared with others to spread the love of reading and encourage readers to branch out and consider new authors or genres. It was a close run thing, but in the end Queens' triumphed overall in terms of both the quality and quantity of the girls' submissions.

March saw the Library celebrate World Book Day, working with the English and Drama departments to run a literary photo booth, where pupils and staff could dress as fictional characters and have their pictures taken with the fabulous Book Day Gresham's grasshopper illustration created by Teagan Gray. As well as characters from Peter Pan and David Walliams books, we were visited by, amongst others; superheroes, vampires, princesses and Sherlock Holmes,

along with a few characters who were trickier to identify - who can't resist a feather boa as a prop?

Award-winning teen author William Hussey ran an exciting workshop for lower school pupils, during which a number of Year 10s showed impressive improvisation skills when they were selected to perform in a thought-provoking fictionalised witch trial. Mrs O'Donnell's Tallis tutor group were victorious in a fiendish quiz to mark 25 years of World Book Day, and creative writing, book discussions, bookmark making, recommendation sharing and World Book day books all added to the buzz across school.

The Library's Services and Duke of Edinburgh volunteer groups worked hard this year, selecting, processing and cataloguing books, reviewing titles, creating displays, and organising activities and promotions. Their contributions have also been invaluable in readying the fiction library stock for a complete reorganisation next academic year.

The Kinder Files



Gresham's Archivists

Throughout the year, four Lower Sixth students - Oli Randell, Toby Pollicott-Reid, Ben Roper and Phoebe Williams - spent every Friday afternoon working in the School Archive. In that time, they researched the military occupation of Gresham's during the Second World War, traced the lives of OGs who fell in the 1939-45 conflict, and prepared an exhibition for Open Day showcasing gems of the Gresham's Archive. Their main project has been cataloguing dozens of boxes of records and documents from the Fishmongers' Company that relate to Gresham's. The highlights of this material were press cuttings relating to the opening of Big School, annual reports on the health of the school written by headmasters George Howson and James Eccles, and documents relating to the property portfolio of the School. Gresham's Archivist Liz Larby was at the centre of this project, and we wish her a very happy retirement.

Schools' Challenge General Knowledge Quiz 2021-2022

This year proved to be the most successful in the competition's history as our A team - Georgie Clarke, Eva O'Donnell, Joe Oxtoby and Maddi Woodcock - emerged as champions of the East Anglia North region, lifted the trophy, and reached the inter-regional round for the very first time. This was a particular triumph for Joe Oxtoby in his final year at Gresham's and a regular in the competition. Along the way, the A team beat our B team - Cerys Dentry (who also participated in the A team), Evie Ford, Will Johnson and Hector Robb - Reepham High, and King Edward VII's Academy King's Lynn before finally losing to the Perse School (who were runners-up in the national final).

Debating

2021-22 was another busy and successful year for Gresham's debating.

A record ten debaters took part in the online regional round of the Oxford Union Schools' Debating competition: Nikita Tarasov, Alisa Yudina, Kitty Robinson, Mojubafoluwa Akinyeye, Tillie Craven, Miranda Harvey-Samuel, Toby Pollicott-Reid, Anton Lucas, Emma Colby and Arthur Janes. They debated whether professional athletes should be viewed as role models and whether it was better to create new roles for minority actors,

rather than recasting existing ones.

The inter-house competitions again played out to packed houses and were very closely contested in all year groups. The number of debaters was expanded to three per team, with the additional member asking and answering two 'killer questions'.

The winners of the Marsham Trophy in the Sixth Form competition were Woodlands (Aidan Barros, Nick Morgan and Nikita Tarasov, with Thomas Larnar



in the first round) who saw off a very strong Oakeley team (Grace Hare, Georgie Clarke and Lara King) in successfully proposing the motion *This House prefers a world with no belief in the afterlife*.

It was Oakeley's turn to lift the O'Connell Cup in the Years 10 and 11 competition as a very promising team of Mojubafoluwa Akinyeye, Eva O'Donnell and Kitty Robinson overcame a strong challenge from Queens' (Tillie Craven,

Miranda Harvey-Samuel and Hazel Simpson) to oppose the motion *This House believes that the best way to prepare for the future is to study the past*.

In the summer term witnessed an excellent four-way debating final in the Year 9 competition in which each team championed the importance of one 'Great Elizabethan' alive in 2022: David Attenborough (Oakeley) against Tanni Grey-Thompson (Queens'), and Malorie Blackman (Tallis) vs Banksy (Woodlands).

The Carolyn Thomas Trophy was again lifted by Oakeley (Zinny Booty, Cerys Dentry, and Emilia Pinkstone) with Tallis (Seb Wiles, Joe Hibbert-Pim and James Campbell-McKenzie) declared runners-up.

Dally Armstrong also deserves special mention for pioneering a Tuesday afternoon Debating Club which is entirely student-run, very popular and is a hotbed of radical and open debate.

Simon Kinder



Jubilee Celebrations

GRESHAM'S
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JUBILEE ORCHESTRA
CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE REIGN
OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

REHEARSALS

- Sunday 24th April 09:30 - 12:30
- Wednesday 27th April 17:30 - 18:15
- Wednesday 4th May 17:30 - 18:15
- Wednesday 18th May 17:30 - 18:15
- Wednesday 25th May 17:30 - 18:15

JUBILEE CONCERT DAY
Friday 27th May
Morning Rehearsals TBC
Orchestra Call on Stage 14:00
Performance 15:30 - 16:30

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Combined Cadet Force

The CCF enjoyed an excellent year, seeing new projects develop alongside the revitalisation of traditional elements of the training programme. The senior cadets, LCdts Kate Webster, Archie Kenyon & Oscar Birkbeck for the Royal Navy Section, CSM Dally Armstrong, CSgts Nureyn Mwangombe, Thomas Lerner, Joe Nash & Afton Tolliday for the Army Section, and Flt Sgts Oliver Bailey and Jasmin Taylor-Riches for the RAF Section provided an excellent example of leadership throughout the year. CSM Dally Armstrong was awarded the CCF prize for his exemplary dedication to the Contingent.

A group of Army Section cadets including Joe Grady, Seb Schofield, Sophia Colman, George Baker and George Pinkstone travelled to Grantham barracks during the October half term for the MOD's national STEM challenge event. The day was focused around practical STEM tasks and they enjoyed activities as varied as rescuing vehicles with the REME, controlling a bomb disposal robot with the Royal Logistics Corps and building bridges with the Royal Engineers. They also had a rare opportunity to explore some large-scale military kit including the Royal Artillery's MLRS and the Royal Armoured Corps Jackal. It was an excellent day which really showcased the ideas of science in action as well as the many and varied careers available in the Army.

The year also saw the contingent hold several significant parades. The first was for the Biennial Review when we welcomed Colonel Paul Morris of the Royal Anglian Regiment as Inspecting Officer. He was greeted at midday by all three sections smartly turned out on parade, with the newly formed contingent band providing some military music and a guard

of honour commanded by Cdt CSM Dally Armstrong presenting the salute. Colonel Morris also enjoyed a full tour of training in the afternoon seeing a wide range of activities including the RAF section flight simulator, Royal Navy Field Gun team and Army section patrol competition. The cadets and NCOs all delivered an excellent display of what is offered through participation in the CCF. A few weeks later the Contingent marked the Queen's Jubilee with another full parade and a march past by all three sections, accompanied by the marching band who delivered an excellent selection of music reflecting all three services. A banner party of Nico Allen, Molly Philo, George Retter & Hal Sinclair offered the salute.

The Royal Navy Section have developed an outstanding afloat programme with Krista Fitzsimmons, Maddie Saunders, Alice Stanbridge, Alice Duffy, Lily Coubrough and Hannah Broadhurst completing powerboating qualifications and numerous yr10 & yr11 cadets advancing their sailing and kayaking skills. The afloat opportunities continued on the tri-service summer camp when an adventure training phase was based at Hickling Broad with five days of afloat activity, ably overseen by our own team plus Julian Jefferies and newly recruited adult instructor Claire Grasby, who contributed a wealth of sailing and powerboating experience. The RN training programme has also seen a re-working, with lots of exciting new ideas introduced by Sub Lt Sizer, fresh from her Officer's course. In addition the Royal Navy Field Gun was introduced as an activity for the section, a demanding physical and teamwork-focused challenge that put several teams of cadets through their paces.







The **Army Section** programme has been enhanced with practical application of skills such as fieldcraft using both blank and paintball ammunition. A substantial cohort of U6 SNCOs including Sgts Will Alston, Henri Colclough, Oscar Harrison, Florence Kemp, Flo O'Leary, Bobby Rash, Martha Veale & Joe Wilson supported the aforementioned platoon commanders. Large numbers of cadets enjoyed live firing on the ranges at RAF Marham on field days, as well as plenty of shooting in the school range and the increased use of the cadet target rifle. The section has also developed a good liaison with Muckleburgh, the perfect location for fieldcraft and the backdrop to a complex 48hr field exercise on our summer camp. Lots of year 11 pupils successfully completed a leadership weekend in October, as well as completing the junior NCO cadre through the Lent term. The L6 NCOs also developed their leadership and instructional skills through the year with several showing excellent potential for leading roles in the future and Nico Allen, Henry Flint, Grace Hare, Freddie Papworth, Molly Philo, George Retter & Hal Sinclair achieving early promotion to Sgt.

The **RAF Section** has benefitted from a strong senior team with Hector Robb, Teddy Bowden, Harry Bidwell, James Burrage, Gen Phelps & Julius Schwend supporting Oliver Bailey and Jasmin Taylor-Riches in the top posts. They have been delighted to get flying slots this year with Ben Hunt, Alfie Kydd, Julius Roettger, Alice Teesdale, Jimmy Thomson and Johnny Weir being the first to have a chance to get back in the air. The Field Days have enabled visits to Duxford and RAF Coningsby, as well as military exercises and training, based on-site at Gresham's. Jonny Weir represented the section at the junior leadership course in October and achieved early promotion along with Harry Purslow and Jimmy Thomson. Many RAF cadets have enjoyed time on the contingent flying simulator which has become an excellent training tool for a plethora of different skills. Special thanks for this go to Head Engineer Fergus Robson who led the project. This will undoubtedly be one of many projects advanced by newly arrived Fg Offr Williams as he takes over from Flt Lt Stringer to lead the section forward.

In other activities the **REME section** has begun to expand with new engineering projects starting in conjunction with the STEAM focus. Clay target shooting has seen a resurgence this year with experience sessions being offered to all yeargroups and two teams involved in the National Cadet Clay Competitions, led by Will Alston and Ned Porter. The target rifle shooters have also enjoyed much success at Bisley and in other competitions and cadets have started attending some of the wide range of national courses with Freddie Smith experiencing a superb week on the band course with the Royal Navy at Dartmouth.

The Contingent was pleased to hold a formal dinner for the SNCOs which also gave an opportunity to pay tribute to Lt Cdr Gareth Burnell, the founder and mainstay of the RN section at Gresham's. It was also a chance to thank a fine team of CCF staff, especially the SSI, CQMS and Chief Clerk, for their invaluable assistance, and a fine cohort of NCOs for their contribution to the Contingent. We look forward to building on the momentum they have all created.

Lt Col S Gates
Contingent Commander

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 compiles 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 250 young people working towards completing their award. It has been heartening to return to our normal expedition programme; this has resulted in a busy year. In the Easter holidays 26 pupils travelled to the Peak District to complete their gold practice expedition and 4 U6 pupils, William Alston, Joseph Wilson, Archie Thompson-Poole and Nicholas Morgan completed their gold assessment expedition.

Congratulations to the following who have completed their Gold award and were presented with their award on Speech Day:

William Alston, Harry Bidwell, Edward Bowden, Henri Colclough, Molly Cook, Nicholas Dugdale, Thomas Duinhoven, Oscar Harrison, Florence Kemp, Robert Lapping, Thomas Lamer, Rafe Lochore, Nicholas Morgan, Genevieve Phelps, Jack Reader, Hector Robb, Alex Roper, Foxy Scammell-Katz, Perdy Sheppard, Oliver Thomas, Archie Thompson-Poole, Afton Tolliday, Martha Veale, Kate Webster, Sophia Wedgwood, Joseph Wilson, Arthur Woodhouse

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







New for 2021

Dave's 2 - the Return! The Renovation Squad

With the demolition of Dave's Diner and 'The Bop' to make way for the Britain building and the Dyson centre the school was briefly without a social centre for the students. Step forward 'The Renovation Squad'. This was an elite team of 'DIYers' aided by Mr Coventry, Mr Curtis and Mr Humphries who began transforming the north end of the Cairns centre into a multi-use space for students of all ages. It has already hosted the Rugby Dinner, two film nights and will very shortly take receipt of the hottest ticket in town, 'The Moon Ball Dinner'! The 'renovators' will continue on Friday afternoons as part of the services provision to redecorate and repurpose various items from around the school and to develop this student led area throughout the year. Open mic nights, inter house darts, Dance groups, Art exhibitions and Monologue evenings are all in the offing for 2022.

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STEAM

By Aaron Steed yr 10 (H)

Gresham's has seen the conception of many exciting and revolutionary activities since the completion of The Dyson Building. Its grand, auspicious structure and cutting-edge technology has inspired many great minds to come together to create new pieces of art and machinery on a scale never before seen at Gresham's, it is quite the project. I would also thank the staff who have been brilliant at rising to the challenge of this new space.

Built through two lock downs the Dyson Building plays host to many clubs and GAPs throughout the year which are a pleasure to be a part of, these activities only becoming more popular as the year progresses. The staff do a great job of running all the clubs and activities which greatly increase the students' interest, including many talented engineers, chemists and teachers alike, all banded together.

The Story of James Dyson and the Dyson Building

James Dyson was born on the 2nd of May 1947 in Cromer being one of three children. He was named after his grandfather, James Dyson. James' father sadly died in 1956 of cancer but he remained at Gresham's as a student until he left in 1965. James had always been interested in technology and engineering and enjoyed his time at Gresham's as it allowed his skills to blossom. After completing his education at the Royal College of Art, James continued his engineering, focusing on vacuum technology embracing newer ways of thinking. In 1991 he established his own company offering new revolutionary appliances. 5,127 prototypes were required to get the result that James wanted in his new vacuum, a clear demonstration of his complete refusal to give up in life. The new products flew off the shelves and soon nearly every British household across the country had a Dyson vacuum. James made many accomplishments throughout this time, he and his wife Deidre had 3 children together and he was then rewarded for his breakthroughs and endless work, being knighted by

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2007, becoming Sir James Dyson. His decision to re-engage with his old school and create a 'legacy' building for future generations is one for which we are all extremely thankful.

Design, technology and engineering are some of the main factors that bring the Dyson Building to life. It is constructed from many modern and interesting materials and its contemporary look makes it stand out from the rest of the buildings around it, almost encouraging students to be different. It is clear to see the unique choice of building materials and construction techniques chosen by the designers of the project, using Steel, glass and copper to piece together their vision. The Dyson's enormous windows and unusual patterns of décor make for an almost vibrant individuality, whilst blending seamlessly with the landscape and its surrounding buildings.

Design

Mr Humphrey and Mr Gray were among some of the teachers taking advantage of the Dyson building's facilities. They took charge of the 3D Design sector, and they did a fabulous job at running it, insuring everything ran like clockwork. Many sessions were held where the students around the workshop could work independently on projects, ranging from modern concept chairs to items such as sculptural lights. The Gap session in the afternoons was a very helpful extra period which the students could utilise to get important work done during their free time.

With the Dyson building also came the new high-tech machines, including saws, sanders and even laser cutters. This opened up countless new possibilities for work and students could now cut out intricate wooden shapes within a few short moments of having sent a file to the machine.

By still retaining the old workshop for the larger messier work the department is now able to produce work that is more ambitious across the board and the machinery available to the students and staff is on a level not normally seen at a secondary school. It has also had an impact on the Graphics students who can now explore a more physical approach to the subject. In August the results proved just how successful this way of working has been with every single Graphics student receiving an A* and eight out of our nine Design students gaining an A*.



There have been many great pieces of inspiration coming from the STEAM activities, some big and some small, the STEAM programme aims to help students with what they want to achieve and give them every opportunity to achieve it, giving words of wisdom in elective sessions and showing examples of work already completed by others that are displayed openly for others to see and perhaps become inspired by; this ranges from all people, staff, students even Lady Deidre Dyson herself! Having graciously provided a piece of her own work, displayed proudly in the Dyson, up on the wall, showing how simple yet wonderful art can be in its many forms.

There is always something new in The Dyson building, one can always find something that wasn't there the day before. One day there could be long and colourful snakes hanging from the pillars of the mezzanine floor, the next new giant portraits on the walls near the maths classrooms, ones of terrains or people painted in unusual ways with unusual colours. The building has had huge impact on the art students, and the community continues to grow in popularity, giving way to a new era of artists, working in modelling, painting and programming.

Sciences

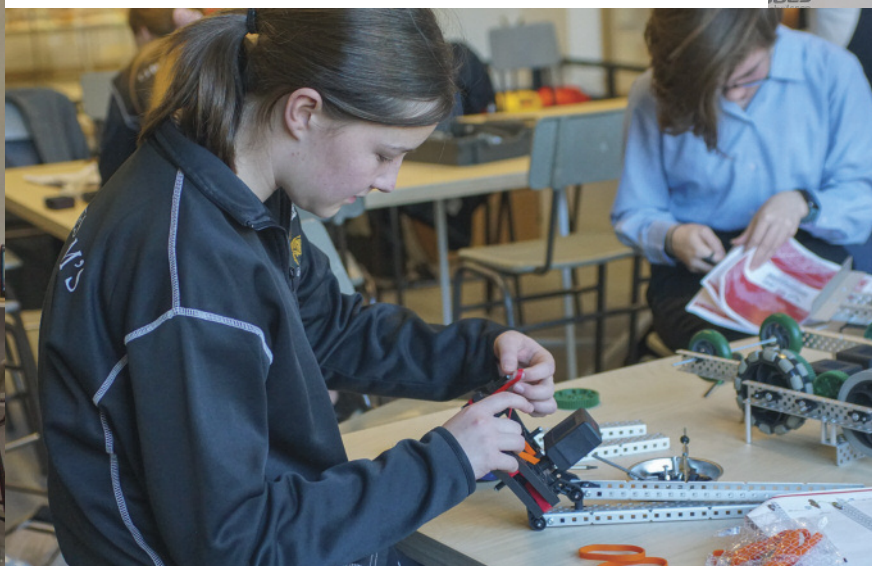
Sciences have always been an important area of study, especially for Sir James Dyson and the creation of 10 new Science labs, along with a purpose-built project lab has had a huge impact on the department, both in lessons and beyond the curriculum. Prior to the building, the labs were located either in the old Biology block or resided inside the Reith block and big school, but the Dyson building has brought all of the sciences together, enhancing collaboration between the different areas. The labs have been designed to be large open spaces with all facilities provided, meaning that although we have separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics rooms, any science subject can be taught in any

Art

The art block also flourished after the Dyson's construction, of course it was a lengthy process of getting the art block up and running as the original building for the art block had to be completely stripped of everything inside, as the idea was to move all of its facilities to the Dyson, the art block could then be used for whatever reason by staff and students, sooner becoming a tuck-shop

The art sector really took off following the Dyson's opening as the artists of the school were given great new freedoms and more advanced and available equipment to work with, that being sublimation printing, a new kiln and updated screen-printing facilities; it was all a huge upgrade. Of course, the students took full advantage of these new facilities and immediately began to work on art projects; these would take many forms, from intricately cut pictures of faces, to moulded statues made from stone but partially covered with a layer of pink plaster.

Miss. Pink assumed the head role of the art sector and served as a great teacher whenever in office, she would always have a smile on her face when working around students and was very talented when it came to solving problems or helping students with their creations, being quite the artist herself.



lab giving more flexibility with teaching space now and in the future. The labs have been purposefully designed to be adaptable spaces, with desks moveable around central pods to create a working environment that suits the teacher and the groups they teach. There is plenty of circulation space around the outside meaning students have room for group work and practical tasks and the large glass windows on both sides creates not only a light and cheery environment but a sense of community as from the corridor you can see into almost all the rooms at the same time from specific positions. The views across our amazing grounds are also stunning, particularly as the sun sets behind the chapel and reminds us how fortunate we are to be taught in such a great place!

The introduction of more modern labs in the Dyson building has been matched with an investment in equipment for the department, with state-of-the-art fume cupboards, robotics equipment, 3D printers, data logging equipment and sensors just some examples of the material benefits students have had in the last 12 months. This has led to more clubs and hobbies being introduced to the curriculum, ones that exclusively promote the sciences through practical activities and guided learning. These include CREST awards, Vex robotics, Lego robotics, 3D printing, electric car building, computer programming and many more. With the STEAM ethos at the forefront, collaborations between Art, Music, Computing and Sciences have led to some more creative GAP activities, including using chemistry to create paints and then creating specific artwork with them. This is in addition to academic societies, like the Hodgkin society, where students meet to discuss cutting edge developments in a wide variety of Biological Sciences.

The benefit of this has not just been felt by our own students. A community outreach scheme led by the Science department has resulted in over 550 Year 6 students from 25 different local primary schools taking part in a fully funded STEAM competition. This extended throughout the Lent and Summer terms and culminated in a



grand final, which was won by Erpingham Primary School. This one-of-a-kind outreach will be even bigger this year as greater interest means we will be welcoming over 30 schools to the Dyson building and over 650 students. In addition, the Dyson building has become the North Norfolk hub for the Norwich Science festival, with the building hosting a variety of science challenges for the families of Norfolk to get involved in, including some run by our very own teachers here at the school. Alongside a STEAM careers festival that invited several local high schools, the vision for the building to impact not only our students but others in the community is in full swing!

The staff within the Dyson building have really encouraged the idea and ethos of STEAM since its invention, with part of its purpose to inspire younger minds and introduce them to the more modern subjects, combining the creative with the scientific and preparing them for a newer more exciting world. The Dyson building has been a brilliant new edition to Gresham's and will no doubt continue to inspire and encourage all young people who visit to leap into a sector of education that desperately needs to recruit young, forward thinking and enthusiastic scientists and we are privileged to be able to foster these young minds in such an amazing space.

Art & Creative Writing

The Forgotten Pavilion

Joe Baker

Standing on the ancient pavilion balcony, trees like bright emeralds stand tall in uneven rows, the deep and dark canopy lies in front, outlining an oval shaped piece of land covered with old grass where the cricket was once played, neighbouring a dense piece of woodland and a faraway cow field. The groundsman's cottage with its orange pantile was just out of range of even the biggest hitter. The faded scoreboard with random rusted numbers remembers the last score. Behind the broken sight screen lies the rusty hulk of the old roller, once the pride and joy of the groundsman, the redundant covers now reduced to frames for flowers. Birds sing their music to each other instead of the deck-chaired spectators; an unintentional nature reserve where plants had reclaimed what was theirs. I knew I was not meant to be here but the beauty of this lonely old was too tempting.

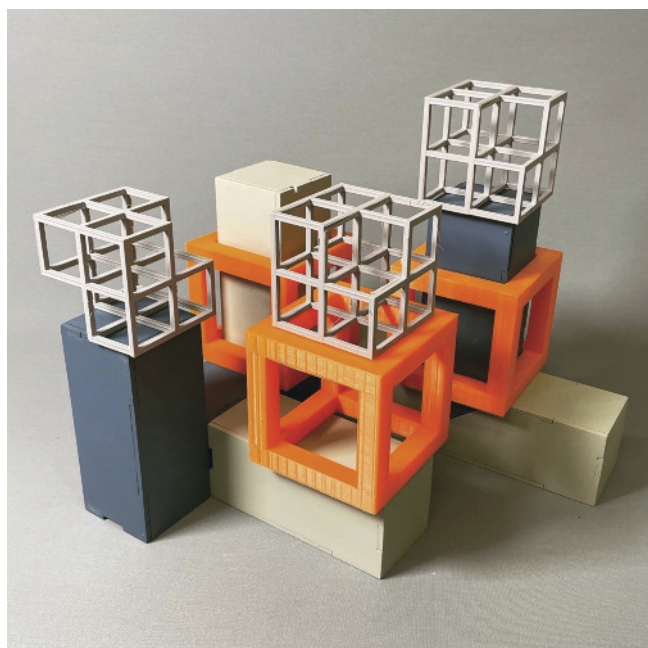
The rotting veranda has succumbed to wind and rain leaving behind a smell of past victories. Around me, dust covers the walls like paint and curtains of cobwebs drape along the windows, that are then brought to life by the light rays piercing their way through the shattered pavilion window. Camaraderie once shared here still seems to echo and linger in the dust filled air. A home of great memories, but now a home to everything wild.

Thwack! I could imagine the thunderous sound of leather on willow that was once made here mixed with the thud of the bowler's feet as he reached the wicket. Memories were created; epic victories cherished and crashing defeats mourned. I adjust my eyes through the dirt misted glass and imagine a much-loved pair of pads and gloves many years old bringing back nostalgic memories of a cricket life.

Team photographs hang on the wall, propelling me purposefully into a past moment. The interior gloominess forces eyes to zoom in and become focused on one picture, strangely familiar. Two rows of white-uniformed players stare out of the wall, which acts like a magic mirror where youthful young eyes gaze back at his old self. However only one face stares directly back at him compellingly and to that of a man in an umpire's coat, now a ghostly portrait of the father he had almost forgotten. How was this happening?

The dusty oak floor is studded with thousands of hob nail scars now an unused floor studded by woodworm. As I watch, the door is blown by the draught that drifts through the building, making the hinges whine eerily where once it would have opened and closed like the Captain's mouth yelling suggestions and words of encouragement. The shadows on the wall leach through the cracked pane which has a hole that is cricket-ball shaped. Looking out from the top of the steps, my gaze is drawn onto the now neglected field: thistles take the place of the boundary rope, the umpire-like sycamore tree standing sentinel at square leg with tiny clumps of ash saplings replacing the stumps. The previously lush grass is now confined to the distant cow field.

Bringing my attention back to the pavilion, my hands grip the splintered wooden railing and my thumb searches for a loose piece of paint to pick at. A sudden movement catches me eye. Out of the groundsman's cottage emerges a stooped old man who makes eye contact with me questioningly and holds a mobile phone to his ear. I freeze in fear. With the light fading I decide to make a hasty exit and make my way down the stairs. Behind me, the emerald trees are sentinels which continue to murmur and whisper in the wind.



Climate Change

Sam Howell

I sit here, In this chair, writing this poem.
I sit here, while the fumes of our cars and our buses and our bikes,
embed themselves into our world,
never to leave again.

I sit here using this computer in this house,
which was charged by a socket,
which was powered by a dwindling supply of coal and fuels,
producing an ever flourishing supply of waste.

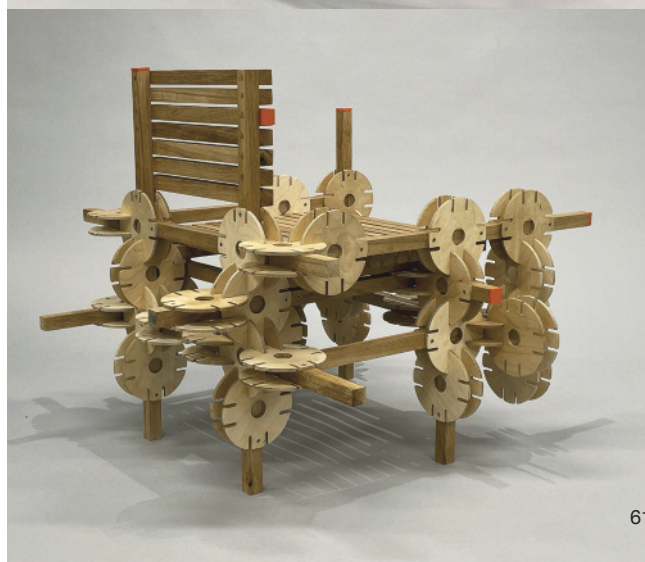
I sit here In this house with the heating on,
the water running, devices buzzing,
I try to think nothing of it,
“leave it to the next generation” I would say.

“It shouldn’t bother me in this lifetime” I would say.
But it is, and leaving it for someone else has already been done,
and that someone else would think “Oh some clever clogs
will fix it”
But this isn’t one person’s issue anymore.
It’s our issue.

Yesterday,
I sat in a machine with an engine,
that produced fumes,
drove it around and I enjoyed it!
I like to call it a hobby,
I do it regularly, and soon however,
I know that that hobby will never be the same,
there will be no engine that produces fumes,
and it will be replaced by something more climate friendly,
or will it?

The Person in the plane above me,
they sit there, they fly over me,
leaving a trail behind them,
to us, it simply disappears. But it is there,
and It will come back to bite us.
Are they aware of what we will become?

A monkjack stands in my garden,
Innocently chewing on a flower or a leaf,
keeping itself alive.
Is it aware that those flowers,
those leaves,
those blades of grass,
may no longer be there?



Winter

Aaron Steed

The wind howls; the bare trees sway,
The land is frozen in a masquerade of frost and tranquillity.
The cold pierces
 my cheek like a knife, sinking its tip into
 whatever it can find.
The morning is quiet,
The only sounds are the wind and the melody of singing
birds.

I retreat
 inside to the warmth of the fireplace,
blazing in a charade of heat and light,
 I sit on the sofa and gaze back at the window,
encased in frost.
 I pour myself a cup of tea, and I step
outside,
 the cold battles the heat
 as delicate white clouds escape
 the teacup the hot liquid rippling in the wake of the wind.

Summer is gone; winter is here.

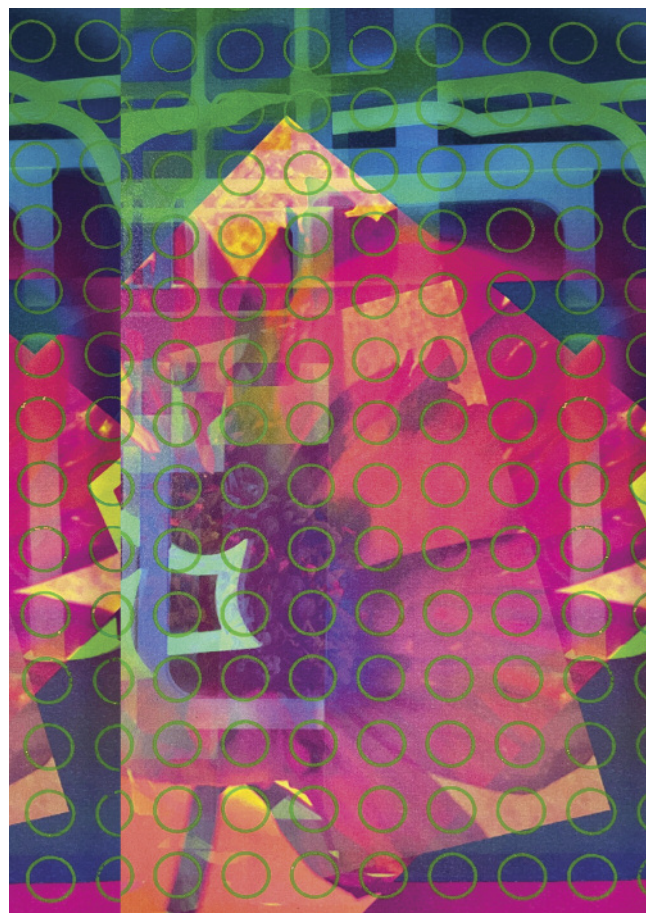
Extract from *The Incognito Girl*

Aaron Steed

It was cold, stormy, and bleak outside in the vast, hollowed out hills of the merciless Swiss alps, where a grand house stood towering over a cliffside, the rain battered against the shaded windows in a relentless assault, crashing against the frames to no avail.

Inside this grand house, up the grand staircase, in the furthest room on the right, in a fire-lit room sat a stout man, sitting in an old walnut leather chair, gazing at the fireplace, fixated on the flames, almost as if he were addicted.

Soon his eyes were drawn away from the flames as the sound of crumbing gravel became more and more obvious. The man turned reluctantly and stared out of the large arched window that protected him from the onslaught of the storm outside, seeing a long blue car slither elegantly into the rounded drive. The car stopped just outside of the enormous gateway of a front door that guarded the house's halls. The car's rear passenger door opened, and out stepped a silhouetted figure in a dark blue cloak covering her entire body. The figure was quickly invited in by a servant and thus the car left.



It's a Disposable World

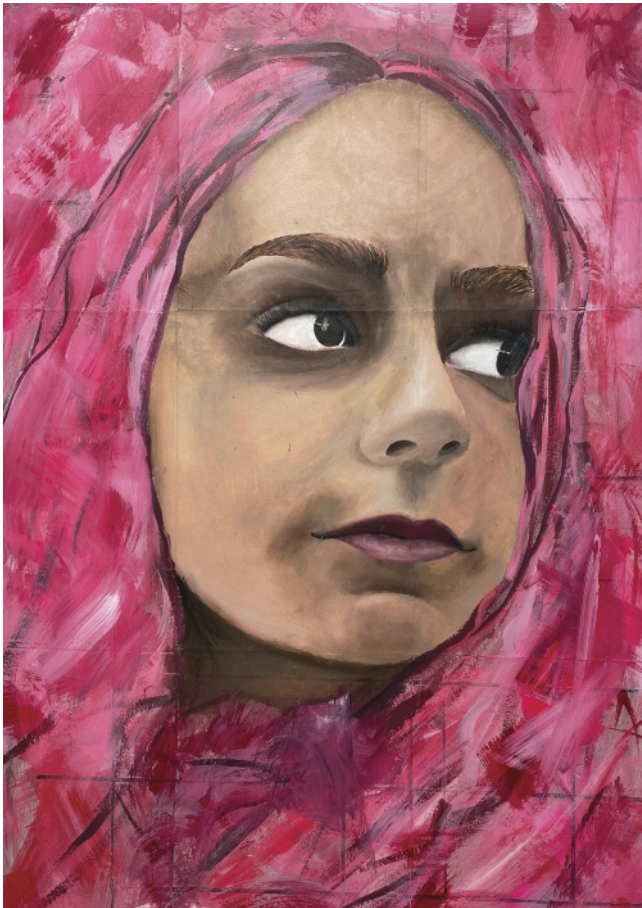
Jack Whyatt

No pollution was just one lie,
The one that had no gore.
But now that plastic starts to fly,
The lies multiply evermore

Do you want the world to die?
The question was overused.
But it's not just about the world,
It's about us who have abused

The guns in children's hands,
Why all the need for violence?
Then a bomb that hit the land,
and it came to an abrupt silence

It's all gone, a wreck, a war,
It's all gone to a new war.
But now that plastic starts to fly,
The worlds destruction multiplies evermore.



Precious Little Crystallite

Solveig Paulsen

The shy, tender surface of a glass
that quivers when the lips embrace it
holds a thousand nifty crystallites
that dance so gracefully
in the beams and gleams
of warmth and glory.

Behold a hand that clasps the glass
so bitter and so unforgivable
it sinks and scatters,
dances, shatters
towards the icy soil.
Just one droplet escapes the surface.

This cruel hand
so unapologetically
starts gently piecing them together
bit by bit
with every ounce of dedication.

Before us in the misty shadow,
the broken pieces spliced together
stand all alone. All form has vanished:
no enchanted crystallites
but single water droplets drifting
solemnly along the tender surface.
Now all it takes is that breeze
to sweep the fragile element
deep down to a universe of sorrows.





The Irony of Hope

Zinnia-Claire Booty

It seems funny
That the only thing left in the box was
Hope...
The thing that gave us feathers
But didn't enable us to fly

It seems selfish
To cherish a desire
With anticipation...
To crave with the expectation
Of obtainment and fulfilment

It seems ironic
That still we hope
To learn from our inevitable mistakes
As we watch history repeat itself
Again... and again... and again...

There has to be a reason
Why hope was the only remainder
In the cursed box...
The box that led us into a world
Of chaos and sin

So what's the point?
What's the point in hoping
When all hope has ever done
is let us down?

Sitting and hoping
won't do anything
to this grief stricken and greed driven world

Thinking that the repressed
Will revive themselves
When we are the ones who are guilty
Is futile

Is hope really a joke on us?
Is it really the only cure
For this malaise that has spread for too long?

Or is it just the balance
Between irony and sincerity
That society has got wrong?



Reflections.

By Tara Gray

Mirrors line the sunlit hall
They say she looked through them all
For a dream she could never quite reach

Partners link arms ready to dance
He sits in a corner in a trance
No one sees him there
no one wants to dare

And she is opening the cupboard
Filled with smoke
Gazing at all the hearts she broke
They say she doesn't care for anyone But herself

The black sea waves past me
They say it's all for love
Nothings ever enough he said
As he lies there broken in his bed

The girl collapses to the floor
The lock clicks shut on the cupboard door
Hearts shatter
Hopes are flattened
And people dance like nothing happened

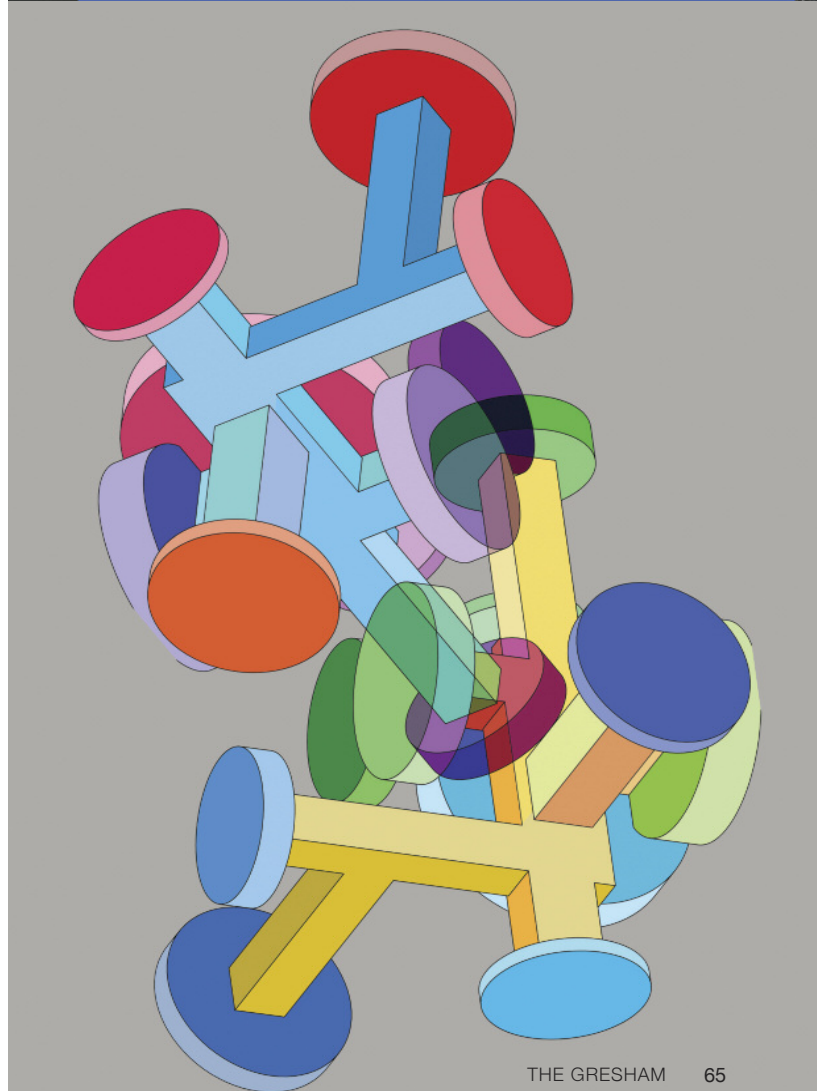
People laugh and people cry
One will live and one will die
Some will lose the will to fight

Reaching loving but never quite touching

The black sea waves past me
They say it's all for love
They say they want it all
They say they want to fall

Nothing is ever enough she said
As she lies alone in her bed

Silence hangs in the midnight air
No one bothers to look upstairs
No Blank glance
No second chance
And Everyone is stuck in an eternal trance



Old Thing

Beowulf O'Dwyer

The Abbey

A ruined abbey: rain hissed down from clouds the mottled grey of charcoal in an old fire. The abbey had been exposed to the elements for centuries, and they had done their job. Hunched grey figures, backs turned to the rain, were all that remained of the great pillars. Walls were reduced to low piles of rubble and roughly hewn stone, more reminiscent of the boundary of an old garden than that of a mighty church. A cross of weathered wood, the height of two men, had been erected where the altar had once stood; now little more than a heap of debris.

The structure was built of the indigenous light rock common hereabouts. Despite its state of disrepair, the faint outlines of arches and window frames could be made out, skeletons of their former selves. Once, the stone might have been finely carved and gilded by careful hands, but the wind and rain had numbed all decoration down to patterns and twists of protruding stubs of rock. The limestone coating that once gave the struts and walls a smooth shine had long since melted away, leaving behind only small white stalagmites where the drips had fallen.

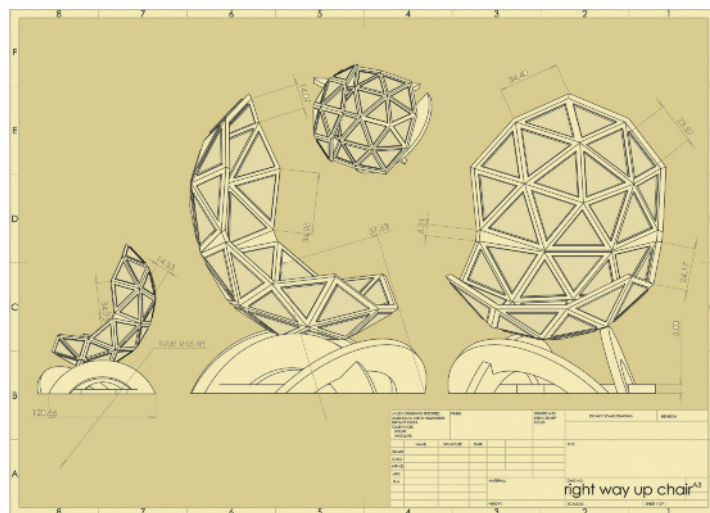
The abbey overlooked a wide valley, at the bottom of which a large, usually sluggish river flowed, today propelled into a torrent by the rain. Unkempt forest, like a menacing green cloak upon the land, grew where fields might once have been, to provide food for the inhabitants. Fishponds too would have squatted adjacent to the river, teeming with carp and bream. Stunted trees and marshes - bullrush heads dripping and swaying in the wind - were the only evidence that they had ever existed. Vines of ivy crept from branch to branch in the forest, and moss hung from the trees like the beards of old men. In the gnarled and pitted bark of the ancient oaks, one could imagine faces and eyes staring into the cold rain beyond. Their twisted branches snaked up the sides of the ruin, reaching their fingers through the ragged holes in the walls.

In a corner of the abbey's bounds stood the remains of an old mill. It had been hundreds of years since the blades, now hanging like broken wings, had spun in the wind. Their frames rotted, either lying on the ground where they had fallen or still clinging feebly to the shaft. The wooden roof had caved in or

blown off, and the rain slid down the cracks in the walls or plummeted down the hollow interior, before striking a crossbeam or rusted mechanism and falling in a steady dripping to the ground, where it lay in shimmering puddles, reflecting the clouds through the narrow orifice above. In the sheltered areas of the building's interior, the moss on the walls and damp soil that covered the floor produced a musty smell, alive with the sharp tang of vegetation.

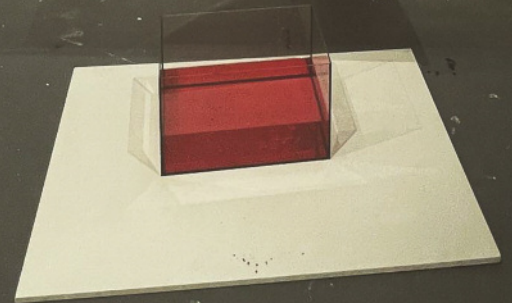
In the damp crevices of the old stonework, a plethora of plants flourished. Miniscule ferns, their minute leaves delicate and vividly green against the pale rock, lined the sides of the abbey. Ivy and creepers had snaked their leafy heads up the walls even when the building had been inhabited, and now - left unchecked by monks with shears - it coated the surfaces of the ruin in fluttering green tapestries, nature's interpretation of the ones that might have hung there long ago. In the sheltered areas, out of the light of the sun in clear weather, clusters of lichen as large as dinner plates clung to the masonry. Their yellows and purples made it seem as if a child had been at work with a paintbrush. Most dominating of all the plants were the brambles; their interweaving tendrils crossing back and forth, their ends and beginnings splitting and merging - they encased everything in a thorned net, as if tossed by a gladiator to hold the ruin still.

In the centre of the abbey, a large, open cloister would have been, surrounded by an ornate covered walkway. The balustrade of this walkway, reduced to stone teeth jutting from the ground, showed the outline of the space. The paving stones were buckled and cracked by tree roots and the battering of the elements; lines of plant life traced these fissures back and forth across the ground, taking root in the earth beneath the stone. Back when residents of the church had grown peas, carrots, and pumpkins in the garden, it would have been teeming with life, intersected by neat rows for the gardeners to use, and bursting with colour. Now, it was more subdued; the pale pastels of nature taking precedent over the crops of humankind. However, the occasional wild vegetable or runner-bean could still be found, generation after generation of the plant remembering the way things had once been.





ART & CREATIVE WRITING





Music

It's been a fulfilling and eventful year in the Music Department, which has seen the four focus areas go from strength to strength, offering opportunities within the areas of perform, create, study and community.

Director of Music: Michelle Wolfe

Perform Review

The aim is to provide pupils with opportunities to perform, to engage them in a wide variety of experiences, facilitating pupil-lead performances and challenge them with repertoire to stretch our most talented musicians.

The Scholars and Choirs concert heralds the start of the new academic year and is programmed to encourage and showcase our best musician, along with Chapel Choir and Schola Cantorum. Such choral standards as "O thou the Central Orb", impressively accompanied by Louis Horsman Carpenter, on the organ and "I was Glad" were counterbalanced by Schola singing a medley from Popular Musical Theatre. Our instrumentalists ranged from Year 9 to 13 and included memorable performances on violin, flute, marimba, piano, electric guitar, and clarinet as well as some fine solo singing. Performances from our most able pupils included Louis Horsman Carpenter, Oliver Thomas, Hannah Broadhurst, Isadora Angell, Grace Hare, Noah Wong, Rose Taylor, Jimmy Thomson, Julius Roettger, Elyzia Wong, Tavi Presslee, Will Johnson and Kate Webster.

'House Music' was launched after home weekend, with an update in rules and scoring to make way for a more contemporary sound and a level playing field for all involved. Judged by Midé Nike, a professional Beat Boxer and part of the award winning Accapella Choir 'Sons of Pitches' the Instrumental category opened the competition, setting the standard incredibly high. This saw Farfield victorious, with an impressive arrangement of 'Canned Heat'. Part Song was

won by a moving performance of 'Take Me To Church' by Oakley, and the revamped Unison category saw Farfield crowned victorious after their rousing mash up of 'Uptown Funk' and '24k Magic' meant that they were heading for gold to win the entire competition.

A long standing calendar commitment returned to Binham Priory in early November, with Hannah Broadhurst, Edith Broch, Johnny Derbyshire, Molly Fields, Archie Kenyon, Nureyn Mwang'ombe, Jake Osiatynski, Joseph Oxtoby, Solveig Paulsen, Freddie Smith, Jimmy Thomson, Kate Webster, Josh Wong and Noah Wong performing Fauré's Requiem along with other pieces from Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams and Stanford to large and appreciative audience. Julius Roettger, Tavi Presslee and Dalloway Armstrong sang the Fauré solos beautifully, well supported by blended ensemble singing from the rest of the choir. Louis Horsman Carpenter added an instrumental to the programme playing A Prelude in C by Krebs on the organ.

The Music Department lends its skills to support the production of the Musical, Little Shop of Horrors. Mr Carr worked with the cast to teach them singing and directed the musicians perfectly, with Will Johnson, Ollie Thoma, Bobby Rash and Jethro Holmes in the band.

Christmas is an incredibly busy time for musicians, with everyone in a celebratory mood. Schola Cantorum took part in the annual Advent Service in Cley Church, a long-standing date in the musical diary of the school. A full congregation enjoyed listening to the choir singing eight anthems, including Adam lay ybounden, The Angel Gabriel and People Look East as well as Palestrina's Matin Responsary and with a nod to our famous Old Greshamian, Benjamin Britten, Hymn to The Virgin. Brass Group accompanied the congregational carols.

The Auden stage was transformed for 'Jingle All The Way' with pupils performing festive favourites to a capacity theatre, entertaining a lively audience who clapped and joined in at



every opportunity. Chapel Choir made a welcome appearance away from their usual Chapel setting and opened the evening with a selection of choral classics. Concert Band, under the direction of Mrs Howard, wowed the audience with *Feliz Navidad* and Orchestra, directed by Mrs Wolfe, gave a nod to Christmas ballet and played *The March from The Nutcracker Suite*. Strings, directed by Miss Shah, and Brass Group, directed by Miss Roberts, took a turn as did clarinet duets. House Music part song winners Oakeley performed *Take Me to Church* along with Fairfield reviving their winning instrumental. Tallis' part song *Sh-Boom*, with its impressive barbershop harmonies completed the House Music set, and the Jazz set, directed by Mr Curtis, gave an old fashioned flair to the performances.

To conclude the term, Schola Cantorum was delighted to be able to return to Fishmongers' Hall in December to firstly sing at the annual Dinner and a few days later at the Carol Service. The dinner is an occasion which allows the choir to put on evening wear and sing carols on the sweeping double staircase at Fishmongers' Hall as guests arrive. Later, they entertain while the first course is cleared.

The Carol Service takes place in St Magnus The Martyr Church, The Fishmongers' Church in London. The Choir sang a mix of anthems including *O Holy Night* and *O Tannenbaum* and Tavi Presslee sang the solo verse of *Once in Royal*, the first of several congregational carols.

In the Lent Term, a group of dedicated singers enjoyed a trip to the West Midlands over the half term break. Tavi Presslee, Ruby Spiegel, Tamsin Schofield, Jake Osiatynski, Johnny Derbyshire, Noah Wong, Jimmy Thomson, Louis Horsman Carpenter, Ben Hunt and Will Johnson presented six choral performances across Ledbury, Hereford and Worcester, impressing the audiences with their wonderful singing, and laying the foundation for choir tours to come.

In March, pianists from across the Prep and Senior Schools had the opportunity to play the school's Steinway C grand piano in the Fishmongers' Recital Hall for the Piano Recital. With pieces ranging from Chopin Nocturnes and a Beethoven Sonata to an Elegy by Einaudi and a Scott Joplin ragtime, it was an amazing showcase for Jake Osiatynski, Jimmy Thomson, Noah Wong, Rory Richardson, Boaz van der Maat, Yee Yan Chan, William Johnson, Jiaqi Li, Zinny Booty, Hannah Broadhurst and Rose Taylor.

Gresham's takes on Broadway and the West End and our talented pupils perform songs from their favourite musicals in

'Songs From The Shows', directed by Mr Girling. Pupils from Year 9 to 13 took to the stage with many memorable performances, in full costume and impressively truly immersing themselves in the character for that moment under the spotlight. It would be unfair to highlight individual performances, which included songs from well-known musicals *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Miss Saigon*, *Hairspray*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Grease* and *Shrek*. Lesser known and older musicals were acknowledged too – *Chess*, *Spring Awakening*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Carousel* and *Anything Goes*. And the list goes on. Concert Band was a highlight with its *Chicago Medley*; who didn't go home humming *All that Jazz*? The Mr Curtis Collective brilliantly accompanied the *Anything Goes* set.

Music for a Spring Evening took place in Binham Village Hall in May with music from Tamsin Schofield, Ruby Spiegel, Raph Chapple, Larkin Armstrong, Emily Morton, Sophie Langton, Joe Oxtoby, Tavi Presslee, Julius Roettger, Alma de Richemont, Isadora Angell, Sophia Papakonstantinou, Reva Spiegel, Johnny Derbyshire and Jimmy Thomson. Supporting their fundraising efforts, singers were accompanied by Mr Carr on keyboard and entertained a packed hall with a largely vocal programme, ranging from opera to musical theatre. It was an opportunity for some pupils who had taken part in *Songs from the Shows* in the Lent Term to perform their songs once more from musicals including *The Addams Family*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Chess*, *Wicked*, *Waitress*, *Les Misérables*, *Follies* and *Phantom of the Opera*. In addition, arias from *Don Giovanni* and *Le Nozze di Figaro*, a beautifully played violin solo and duet and a performance of an original composition ensured a rousing round of applause at the end of the evening.

As the Country celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen, Gresham's too staged a memorable day of events in the Theatre in the Woods in recognition of this once in a lifetime event. A Chapel Service in the morning was followed by the CCF Parade which included our newly formed CCF Marching Band. After a coronation style lunch, musicians, singers and pupils from the Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior School came together for a concert to celebrate all things British. It was a spectacular event, mirroring a proms-style concert and one which allowed the whole Gresham's family to come together to watch and perform. Concert Band, Orchestra, Choirs and solos provided a celebratory programme including the theme from *James Bond*, a Beatles medley and music by Elgar and Warlock. The audience was



treated to the world premiere of Joel Philpott's (Year 13) composition 'Trio im Sommer', while Year 13s Kate Webster, Oliver Bailey and Oliver Thomas performed solos as one of their final contributions to the Music Department. Mr Girling led the audience and choirs in singing The National Anthem, I Vow to Thee my Country and, as a finale, Rule Britannia, amid much flag waving.

In June pupils from the choir were invited to sing with the successful classical vocal trio Blake as part of a fundraising evening. Blake member and OG Humphrey Berney had organised the evening picnic event in aid of the Rose Berney Memorial Fund, supporting mental health and suicide prevention. Special mention must go to Tavi Presslee who sang Lloyd Webber's Pie Jesu with Humphrey.

To end the year, the annual pop and rock spectacle was a sell out in the Theatre in the Woods, produced and directed by Mr Curtis, which entertained us all with the sounds of pop, rock, soul, punk and TikTok. Solos from Summer Hollinger and Jemima Todd's debut set the bar high, with 'Cardigan' performed by Bea Glancey. The Mac Millar set as a tribute to the artist was contrasted by the Country set from Reva Spiegel, Sophie Langton and Emily Morton. Indie Rock took us to the 90s from Johnny Derbyshire and Ruby Spiegel and Freddie Bowden served us up a dish of 'Naïve'. A highlight was the Year 9 Spice Girls Medley arranged by Mr Carr, and Noah Wong's tribute to Taylor Swift, with 'Are We Out Of The Woods'. A final farewell set from the Year 13 band included

Song 2, Stacy's Mom and finished with 'I Predict a Riot!'; ZZ Topson bid goodbye to Josh Bush, Archie Kenyon, Ollie Thomas, Bobby Rash and Ned Porter.

Create

Creating music is an integral part of the role of a musician. Led from the Strathmore Studio, this programme enables pupils to create multi platform content, all shared on the Gresham's Media YouTube Channel.

Anton Lucas, Jake Osiatynski and Jethro Holmes worked with the Drama Department to create two soundtracks. Recording a truly spine-chilling soundscape for "Fright Night", this collaboration helped to turn the event into a truly immersive experience. The soundtrack from Willy Wonka created the squirrel attack scene. This involved recording various nuts being cracked and blending this with sounds of squirrels eating, squeaking and scrabbling across the floor.

The Young Media Leaders (YML) meet on Friday afternoons and produce an array of media content for Gresham's Media Youtube Channel. The team comprises of Foxy Scammell-Katz, Jonny Derbyshire, Archibald Harrod, Theo McDowell, Jake Osiatynski, Joel Philpott, Max Sturgeon and Soren Young.

The two biggest YML projects were shooting the Gresham's Guys and Girls videos. The Guys' video for "2 become 1" was filmed at Voewood and featured a cameo appearance from Eduvie Oseragbaje, whilst Dakota was filmed on location in Sheringham and Fishmongers' Hall. The performance section



was filmed with the girls singing at double speed so in the resultant film they are simultaneously in time with the song yet also in slow motion.

Both singles were released on multiple platforms and raise funds for the school charity.

Gresham's Girls 2021: Tavi Presslee, Kate Webster, Bee Glancy, Tamsin Scofield, Juliana Mercado, Molly Fields, Martha Veale, Solveig Paulsen, Ruby Spiegel, Michelle Williams.

Gresham's Guys 2021: Foxy Scammell-Katz, Jake Osiatynski, Oliver Bailey, Joel Phillpott, Joshua Bush, Eduvie Oseragbaje, Bobby Rash, Callum Richardson, Johnny Derbyshire and Nureyn Mwang'ombe.

Charles King and Isabella Symington interviewed Sir James Dyson as part of the Gresham's Leadership podcast series. Other leader's podcasts featured Pauline Riederer Frein Von Paar Zu Schoenau, Gabriella Hippolite, Charles King and Emil Schwaerzler and can be viewed on the Gresham's Media Youtube Channel.

This summer sees the launch of the school record label "Strathmore Music". The first release is a four track EP by Linda Tallinn. As well as being available on CD, the tracks will be on Spotify, iTunes, Amazon Music and Apple Music. Her style is loosely influenced by 80s electronica and one track features Foxy Scammell-Katz on vocals.

Edward Anderson took full advantage of the Thursday afternoon STEAM: Making musical instruments GAPS

sessions in The Dyson Building to explore making musical instruments. This started with a Makey Makey circuit board connected to a laptop. Alligator clips can then be used to connect with many conductive objects such as a banana which can then be "played". He then moved on to making a theremin from a kit. We then moved into the studio and recorded a soundscape using the theremin and other synthesisers. The resultant ambient piece was added to some aerial footage of Ukraine to great effect. It can be viewed on the Gresham's Media Youtube Channel.

Study

Arts Award Programme

Throughout the Year 9 enrichment programme, all pupils covered the Arts Council Arts Award programme, encouraging them to learn about and reflect upon their arts practice across music, drama, fine art, creative writing and poetry, arts review, sharing and arts skill and researching their most inspiring artist. Pablo Bats-Gomez, William Broad, Brendon Chan, Ruby Cranfield, Ysolde Delahay, Cerys Dentry, Teagan Gray, Romilly Hammond, Naomi Harvey-Samuel, Hetty Holden, Joseph Hollick, Kristoffer Arthur Holm, Alice Hood, Henry Jones, Jiaqi Li, Carlota Magnier, Freddie Nelstrop, Esther Olby, Christopher Pallister, Jamie Philippi, Emilia Pinkstone, Frederick Rash, Fergus Robb, Peter Robinson, Harry Seldon, Sidney Slater and Tilly Sutton have all been awarded the Bronze Certificate for completing the portfolio.



Masterclasses

The Masterclass Programme enables our pupils to learn from notable musicians working in the industry, sharing their experience, performing for them and deepening their understanding of the art form and progression open to all. Libby Burgess spent the day in the Music Department. She has dedicated a year to her Project 48 which involves playing Bach's 'epic 48', all 48 Preludes and Fugues which make up the Well-Tempered Clavier, in the 48 counties of England to raise money for musicians' charities. Rose Taylor, Hannah Broadhurst, Kitty Robinson and William Johnson were treated to a masterclass in performance and invited, along with many other musicians, to her recital in the evening. Composer, writer and performer, James McConnell, came into the studio to talk to composition pupils about his life as a musician. The visit was also to oversee the recording of the cello part for his latest composition, a Cantata, the rather sad, true story of a bomb disposal expert working in Afghanistan. The work includes a part for treble voice and Tobias Nash, was chosen for the role.

Gresham's Music Scholars were treated to a masterclass by the flautist Scarlett Askew, who is a recent graduate of the postgraduate course at Trinity Laban. Scarlett worked with Kate Webster, Grace Hare and Jemima Atkinson, all of whom performed beautifully and were warmly supported by their peers.

Community

Outreach to school pupils and community groups is an integral part of the music provision. It's exciting to collaborate with musicians from across the county to enhance the cultural opportunities available to all involved.

Music and Munch, an informal monthly concert held in Tig's in the Britten Building and open to the community, provides a meeting point for many Holt residents over a light lunch and performances from many of our musicians. Many performances from our string players, singers, bands, ensembles and pianists entertain a dedicated public audience each month.

Choral Society

Handel's 'Messiah' Come and Sing day returned on Sunday 12 December and was one of those occasions when we welcomed the public, OGs, staff and pupils to dust off their copies of Messiah and sing, after a 'top and tail' rehearsal, under the direction of Mr Jones. Some of our most talented pupils sang the challenging solos and performed alongside local professional musicians and staff in the orchestra. A wonderful sound from the 'scratch' chorus completed the picture and, for the audience, provided an evening of quality singing and performance.

In a much-anticipated return of Gresham's Choral Society's termly project, we were delighted to welcome an ensemble



of professional orchestral players to the Auden theatre to perform alongside our student musicians. The concert opened with Schola Cantorum performing Haydn's Missa Sancti Nicolai Mass. Julius Roettger's rendition of a Bach aria, Ich Habe Genug, completed the first half. After the interval, our students joined forces with the Choral Society to sing Mozart's Requiem. The students did an excellent job of the many solos within the Requiem, and it was wonderful to see four students playing in the orchestra as well.

The relationship between Norfolk Music Hub and Gresham's Music has grown ever stronger, offering opportunities for our pupils and pupils from across the county to access high quality music experiences. We welcomed the British Army Band in October to the Auden Theatre, where forty children from Norfolk Schools and Gresham's gathered for a day of music with 31 members of the Marching Band under the baton of Bandmaster Sergeant Paul Dove.

Stephen Hussey from Urban Soul Orchestra began working with Gresham's pupils in February, preparing orchestral parts for musicians across the county to play a concert, which would be come to be known as the headliner for GreshFest 2022. Writing and arranging in Logic in the Studio enables traditional orchestral principles to be merged with dance music and synth sounds, producing click tracks for performance and written parts.

Two play days were scheduled, welcoming musicians from across the county to play with our pupils, under the direction of Stephen and Mrs Wolfe. This resulted in a spectacular performance from our musicians and those from schools across the county. Our performers were Isadora Angell, Oliver Bailey, Zinnia-Claire Booty, Hannah Broadhurst, Johnny Derbyshire, Chloe-Leila Grey, Lyrico Higashi, Jethro Holmes, Ben Hunt, William Johnson, Henry Jones, Sophie Langton, Nureyn Mwang'ombe, Jake Osiatynski, Sophia Papakonstantinou, Alice Patton, Tavi Presslee, Charlie Prout, Callum Richardson, Fergus Robb, Tamsin Schofield, Freddie Smith, Ruby Spiegel, Jimmy Thomson, Mia Webster and Noah Wong. The audience were treated to dance classics such as 'One More Time', 'Sky', 'Music Sounds Better With You' and other well known dance anthems. The pupils and audience were then treated to a spectacular performance from the Urban Soul Orchestra, which really got the Theatre in the Woods dancing and moving.

Through this partnership, we were delighted to host the Norfolk Music Hub Virtual Big Sing, again for GreshFest, with an array of stars from stage and screen performing well-known classic songs, ranging from Disney to the musicals. Claire Sweeney, Matt Henry, Mark Feehily, Maisie Smith, Red, Our Dementia Choir and Laura Wright – all performed, compéred by Mark De-Lisser. After performing in Theatre in the Woods, the concert was shared with school children across the country.

Drama

The Drama Department took a trip to the dark side in the Michalemas term, found a golden ticket in Lent and in the summer travelled by train for Murder and Mystery, to the sea for poetry and the Norfolk showground for a touch of steam punk. 2021-2022 was a seriously dramatic year

PAGE TO STAGE

In September students performed in our **Page to Stage** evening in the Auden. The programme consisted of a diverse range of monologues and scenes that performers selected or wrote themselves and then directed and shared, simply for the love of performing. The audience were introduced to characters from plays such as Sophocles' *Antigone* and Carson's *The Morning Show*, as well as scenes from television and film, such as the infamous *Fatal Beatings* scene written by Rowan Atkinson and Victoria Wood's *Surgeon's Acrobatic Class*. A fantastic showcase of the acting talent that we have here at Gresham's.

FRIGHT NIGHT

Just before Bunfire Night The Drama department's very first Fright Night took place. This promenade theatre piece turned the Auden Theatre and Senior School woods into an asylum. The audience were taken on a tour led by the doctors and met the patients that occupy the grounds. The cast were hugely creative and committed to their performances and worked incredibly hard to achieve their aim of combining spine-chilling storytelling and jump-scares along the route. The piece was also supported by the BTEC Digital Music Production pupils who created a sinister soundscape. Terrifying makeup designs were also provided by a talented student crew. The feedback from the audience was fantastic and the department looks forward to bringing another Fright Night production to Gresham's in the very near future!

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

At the end of November, a student company of 69 including principals, understudies, ensemble, crew, production team and band took to the stage after 9 weeks' rehearsal to





perform a B moviesque comedy-horror musical **Little Shop of Horrors**. The show had been in rehearsal since the start of term and the four performances, including an understudy dress, more than repaid the incredible commitment of time and energy over nine weeks. It was amazing to have a busy Auden again with audiences laughing and applauding the energised and talented company. In addition to the demands of acting, singing and dancing, the show had the design challenges of creating four versions of a man-eating plant from animatronic pod to hand puppet, from body puppet to a full-scale giant puppet capable of eating people - I speak from personal experience here. The challenges of design and animation were resolved through amazing student and staff designers and the puppeteers and singers working closely together throughout rehearsals. The company were wholly invested in the show and produced performances that captivated the audience and reminded us why live theatre is such a joy.

NATIVITY

To end a dramatic term the department was invited to create a short Nativity for Chapel. Four Year 12 A level Drama students rose to the occasion despite being short of eight characters. The result was a high speed Nativity that will be remembered for some time - they even managed not to be upstaged by Spice the donkey - no mean feat.

MONOLOGUE MASH UP

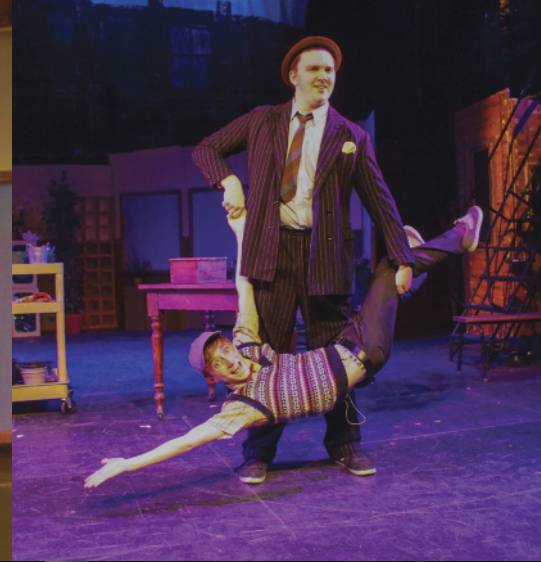
In Lent Term Drama GCSE and A level students took to the stage to perform their exam pieces - sharing a range of work from Greek Tragedy to Classic Comedy as actors, lighting and puppet designers. An engaging evening showcasing why experiencing live theatre is such a joy to be part of both as part of an audience or taking centre stage.

WORLD BOOK DAY

The Drama Department hosted the Library's new initiative inviting students to dress as characters from favourite books.

GCSE and A level Drama students got into the spirit of Book Day and were turned into Book Covers!





CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

The lower school production *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* starring students from Years 9 and 10 was performed on March 15th-17th to a packed audience of students, staff and parents. This was an exciting project for all involved where the cast and crew worked tremendously hard to bring this well-loved classic to life. The most satisfying element of this show was witnessing the development of the students during the process. For some, this was their stage debut whether on the stage as an actor or puppeteer, behind the scenes as a backstage member or costume designer, or in the lighting box as a sound or lighting technician. We all had so much fun during rehearsals and performances and hope that the audience had fun too!

JONAH AND THE WHALE

Returning to Chapel the year 12 Drama students took on the story of the man and the big fish. Fast-paced and fun, the story of Jonah made an impact as the giant theatrically gelled puppet swam down the aisle to a surprisingly catchy tune.

THE TEN-MINUTE PLAY COMPETITION

took place at the start of the Summer Term.

This year was another incredible competition with nine plays submitted including a ten-minute musical. 5 plays made it to the stage thanks to the sheer grit and determination of the companies who invested a huge amount of creativity and time in rehearsal to realise the playwrights' words.

This was an evening that had everything: six world premieres, if we include an excellent mockumentary trailer for *Little Shop of Horrors* thanks to Larkin Armstrong, magic, comedy, a heist, a hard-hitting domestic drama and a Pineapple God. Truly an evening to remember.

The House Cup for Best Play went to Spike Cook and "?" for Woodlands, judged by local Playwright James McDermott purely for the written text.

Best Production went to Emma Colby and Larkin Armstrong for *Not a Cult* with Pineapple God costume by Anna Paynter-Smith.





MURDER MYSTERY EVENING charity fund raiser for medical supplies for Ukraine

For one night only the Drama Department transformed the Auden into a luxurious train with the audience watching on two sides. A snowbound train, a brutal murder, a carriage full of suspects and a brilliant detective working against time to solve the crime. This evening was an extraordinary celebration of ensemble work with the company taking us back into the glamorous world of the 1930s and the golden age of detective fiction.



SEA FEVER

Year 12 Theatre students took part in **Sea Fever 6**, North Norfolk's Festival of Poetry & Prose at Wells Maltings on Saturday 7th May. Their performance was the climax of the festival showcasing two 'thirties plays in which WH Auden and Benjamin Britten combined their talents. In a world which faced the dictators, the plays *The Ascent of F6* and *On the Frontier* still have considerable resonance today. Historical context and commentary was provided by Anwen Hurt and Simon Kinder to accompany the performance in the Epic Theatre style, with the company on stage throughout taking on multiple roles with the aid of simple costume and props with excerpts from Britten's original music written to underscore the action. Despite the complexity of the language and challenge of the demands of the style the students gave assured performances that took the plays off the page and put them firmly on the stage. The event was extremely well received and all credit goes to the company of nine. Chips at Wells afterwards were a just reward. Jim Ring, director of the Sea Fever 6 Festival, commented:

"The students produced an astonishingly accomplished performance of material both theatrically and technically challenging. It was hugely creditable to all concerned at the school and really remarkable that they dealt so brilliantly with such ambitious pieces."



THE NORFOLK SHOW

At the end of summer term Drama Students went to the **Norfolk Show** as walk about characters as part of the innovative and award-winning Pavilion showcasing STEAM at Gresham's. Dressed to impress, the students made quite the statement.

Shooting

Coach: Mr ADE Grounds

Range Officers: Mr A Clarke, Ms M Masters and Mr T O'Donnell

Captain: Fergus Robson

Colours: Ben Hunt and Fergus Robson

The team performed very well throughout this year, and there have also been some fantastic new members join the Club, to help give it some strength and depth. It was good for the team to get back to winning ways and for them to know what they are capable of. The small-bore commitments were numerous as always and then we enjoyed another very successful summer at Bisley, despite the exceptional temperatures and resulting wild fires.

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 must learn to shoot consistently 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 this year (GRC v Cambridge University & GRC v OGs). It was a close competition against Cambridge University, with just 5 points being the margin of victory but, once again, Gresham's were victorious. Top shot on the day went to **Hannah Broadhurst** with her 194 ex 200. The GRC v OG match was once again held at Gresham's and was well supported by a strong OG team. The contest is always a 'light-hearted' event but hugely competitive and, for the first time in far too many years, it was the school team that emerged as victors, by just 9 points. Top shot on the day went to **Georgina Bohn** with her 197 ex 200. It was good to see so many former pupils continuing to support their old school.

Throughout the year some members of the team manage to shoot their first ever 100 out of 100 for the Club. There were more than ever this year, with five members of the Club achieving this impressive milestone in the past 12 months and they were **Georgina Bohn, Hannah Broadhurst, Georgie Clarke, Alice Teesdale & Belle Wong**. Very well done to them all.

As the Easter holidays approached, the team started getting their full-bore heads back on. The week's training at Bisley 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 increasingly colder (-6 degrees on one day!) and a little wetter during the middle part of the week. Conditions got so bad on one day, as the snow began to fall, and were certainly not conducive to good training, that we had to cancel the outdoor training and move that day's training indoors and to conduct 'dry training'. The new members of the team embraced it all and did particularly well and were very quick at picking up the new skills they were being taught. Our week coincided with the Great Britain Cadet training weekend so **Hannah Broadhurst** and **Georgie Clarke** went off to train with the Athelings while **Georgina Bohn, Louis Horsman Carpenter, Harry Purslow & Jonny Weir** all trained with the

Table 1: Major small-bore competitions and results

COMPETITION	TEAM	RESULT
BSSRA Winter Leagues	U19 H Broadhurst, G. Bohn, G. Clarke, L. Horsman Carpenter	1st
	U15 G Bohn, A. Steed, R. Taylor & B. Wong	3rd
BSSRA Spring Leagues	U19 H Broadhurst, G. Bohn, G. Clarke, L. Horsman Carpenter & F. Robson	2nd
	U15 G Bohn, F. Sizer, R. Taylor & B. Wong	2nd
BSSRA Summer Leagues	U19 G Bohn, H. Broadhurst, G. Clarke, L. Horsman Carpenter & H. Purslow	1st
	U15 G Bohn, F. Sizer, R. Taylor & B. Wong	1st
BSSRA Team of VIII	G. Bohn, H. Broadhurst, G. Clarke, L. Horsman Carpenter, B. Hunt, F. Robson, P. Tongyai & J. Weir	2nd
	U19 G. Clarke (1st) & H. Broadhurst (2nd)	1st
BSSRA Ind. Championships	U15H. Purslow (1st), L. Horsman Carpenter (2nd) & G. Bohn (3rd)	1st
	England 'A' H. Broadhurst, L. Horsman Carpenter & F. Robson	1st
BSSRA Home Internationals	England 'B' B. Hunt	1st
	England 'C' G. Bohn, G. Clarke & J. Roettger	Honours
NSRA Junior Winter	England 'D' H. Purslow, O. Rankin & J. Weir	Honours
	U18 H Broadhurst, G. Clarke, H. Purslow & J. Weir	1st
NSRA Junior Spring	U15 G Bohn, A. Steed, R. Taylor & B. Wong	1st
	U18 G Bohn, H. Broadhurst, L. Horsman Carpenter & B. Hunt	4th
NSRA Junior Summer	U15 M Bartlette, G. Bohn, R. Taylor & B. Wong	3rd
	U18 G Bohn, H. Broadhurst, G. Clarke & L. Horsman Carpenter	1st
NSRA National Team Handicap	U15 M Bartlette, A. Chisholm, M. Griesemann & H. Jones	2nd
	Gresham's 'A' G. Bohn, H. Broadhurst, L. Horsman Carpenter & F. Robson	1st
British Junior Ladies Champion	H. Broadhurst	1st
English U18 Championships	G. Bohn	1st
British U16 Championships	G. Bohn	1st
Inter-Counties Junior Leagues	Norfolk 'A' Division 1 G. Bohn, H. Broadhurst, L. Horsman Carpenter & F. Robson	1st
	Norfolk 'B' Division 1 G. Clarke, B. Hunt, P. Tongyai & J. Weir	5th



UK Cadet Rifle Team. Both Louis and Harry shot well enough to be selected for the final team to tour the Channel Islands in August.

The Summer Term is always a busy one for the team, mainly due to their academic pressures, but despite this, the team did manage to fulfil all of their match commitments. Seven 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		RESULT
NCRA Champs.	Top Junior	H. Broadhurst	1st
Class A	H. Broadhurst	G.B. Bohn G. Clarke	1st 2nd 3rd
Class B	B. Hunt		3rd
Class C	N / A		
Class D	T. McDowell		1st

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 (Table 4). The team are, as always, extremely grateful to all the staff for their continued support, and assistance, during the Schools Meeting. 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. Eleven of the 14 Gresham's team made it into the 'Schools Hundred', which is for the top 100 shots over the week, with **Hannah Broadhurst** being our top shot, in second place.

The Rifle Team were extremely pleased, and grateful, to have the support of a huge number of friends and family and some staff on the range during Ashburton Day. Thank you all so

Table 3: NRA Schools Meeting competitions and results
(Total No. of Cadets competing was 329)

COMPETITION	INDIVIDUAL / TEAM	RESULT
Cadet Monday Agg.	H. Broadhurst	3rd – 63.2
Cadet Tuesday Agg.	F. Robson	1st – 97.5
Cadet Wednesday Agg.	F. Sizer	4th – 97.3
Cadet 300yds. Agg.	F. Robson	1st – 65.4
Cadet 500yds. Agg.	H. Broadhurst	1st – 66.4
Cadet 600yds. Agg.	L. Tallinn	2nd – 65.5
Cadet Rifle Agg.	H. Broadhurst	3rd – 99.4
Schools Hundred	H. Broadhurst	2nd – 192.12
Cadet Grand Agg.	H. Broadhurst	3rd – 280.18
Babcock Trophy	Gresham's 'A'	1st – 370.17
Victoria College Trophy	Gresham's 'A'	2nd – 371.21
The Devon	Gresham's	1st – 484.26
Ashburton VIII	Gresham's	5th – 667.22
Cadet Pairs	Gresham's	3rd – 168.1
Cadet Fours	Gresham's	4th – 325.7
Reserve Man	G. Baker	10th – 76.1

much for coming along to cheer on your sons and daughters, it makes for a very special occasion.

The weather had been extremely hot during the week (up to 40 degrees on one day!), with wild fires burning throughout the danger area and even making it on to the range at one point. These conditions continued on Ashburton Day. The VIII dealt relatively well with the heat and got off to an excellent start, finishing in 1st = place after the first distance at 300 yards. The team then shot increasingly worse as the day progressed. They were 10th at 600 yards and then 11th at 500 yards. The Gresham's team did not have a 'classic'



National Schools Championships and had to settle for a 5th place finish. Well done to Bradfield College on their well-deserved victory.

Our Under 16 Cadets had more successful day on the ranges with **Marcella Bartlette**, **Georgina Bohn**, **Henry Jones** and **Finn Sizer** finishing a very respectable 4th in the Cadet Fours competition, which was a great result and hugely encouraging for the future.

The Schools Meeting was followed by the 153rd 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 that had amassed a vast amount of experience over the years.

There was early success for both **Hannah Broadhurst** and **Fergus Robson** as they were selected to shoot for England in the Cadet National Match, in which England had to settle for second, behind the Channel Islands. During the Imperial Meeting, there are two Schools team matches that run concurrently with the Grand Aggregate. Gresham's Rifle Club were second in the Anstey but were able to secure victory in the Garry Jones (Table 4).

In the Grand Aggregate, **Harry Purslow** was the top shot for the Club and he finished an excellent 152nd, out of almost 650 competitors (Table 4).

No one in the team made either of the two Finals but **Louis Horsman Carpenter** and **Oliver Rankin** did well to make Stage II of the St. George's and **Hannah Broadhurst**, **Georgie Clarke** and **Harry Purslow** did well to make Stage II of Her Majesty the Queen's Prize.

The British Cadet Rifle Team tour to Canada didn't happen once again but instead **Georgie Clarke** and **Hannah Broadhurst** did get to do a short tour of Northern England and then had a match against the Welsh team at Bisley.





Table 4: NRA Imperial Meeting competitions and results
(Total No. of competitors was 646)

COMPETITION	INDIVIDUAL / TEAM	RESULT
Grand Aggregate	H. Purslow, F. Robson H. Broadhurst L. Horsman Carpenter, G. Clarke, Bohn, L. Tallinn, B. Hunt, J. Weir, O. Rankin, A. Fung, G. Baker, T. McDowell	152nd – 544.411 81st – 541.5322 2nd – 538.48 302nd – 530.48 370th – 523.38 386th – 521.303 98th – 519.294 12th – 517.324 64th – 505.234 76th – 501.284 92nd – 497.255 44th – 472.245 66th – 460.17
St. George's Vase	L. Horsman Carpenter, O. Rankin Stage II – 71.7 Stage II – 68.5	
Her Majesty the Queen's Prize	H. Broadhurst, G. Clarke, H. Purslow Stage II – 145.11 Stage II – 141.11 Stage II – 145.21	
Anstey Trophy	Gresham's G. Clarke, L. Horsman Carpenter, H. Purslow & F. Robson	2nd
Gary Jones Trophy	Gresham's G. Clarke, L. Horsman Carpenter, H. Purslow & F. Robson	1st

The UK Cadet Rifle Team tour to the Channel Islands did take place as normal this year and both **Louis Horsman Carpenter** and **Harry Purslow** got to tour with their 10 other team mates on their 10-day tour. They shot fantastically well and ended up being the top and third top shots in the team. Very well done to both of them.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the members of staff that have given up their time to help the Rifle Club during the course of this year. It is no small operation running a Rifle Team but it is made infinitely easier when there are reliable, talented and hugely able staff on hand to assist. Thank you all.

Mr ADE Grounds
Master i/c Shooting

Rugby



Michaelmas Term 2021

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	LOST	CANCELLED
1st XV	10	6	0	4	3
2nd XV	6	4	0	2	3
3rd XV	2	1	0	1	3
U16A	10	7	0	3	1
U16B	4	2	0	2	2
U15A	10	5	0	5	4
U15B	9	5	0	4	2
U14A	9	5	0	4	2
U14B	8	2	1	5	1
RUGBY CLUB	68	37	1	30	21

It has been an encouraging year for the Rugby Club! Most notably we have seen some excellent results from across all the teams, especially the block fixture against Norwich School where the club recorded 6 wins out of 7. The 1st XV, U16A's and U15A's were all crowned County Champions.

We also saw the U15's have a good run in the National Cup Competition, narrowly losing 10-12 to RGS Colchester in the 3rd round.

The Rugby Club gave opportunities to many of the players to represent Gresham's 1st XV. Fred Todd had an excellent start to the season but a broken wrist made way for Will Morrissey and Frank Osbourne to experience 1st XV rugby. Teddy Bowden, Joseph Harrison, Ed Jay and Danny Whittred were among a handful of players who made their debuts for the 1st XV this year.

A successful rugby team is built on hard work, dedication and a front row consisting of Freddie Papworth and Henry Flint. The Rugby Club is lucky enough to have them both play for another year, including the likes of Yannick Reiss, Charles Alston and Josh Howland.

The 1st XV had a back line made up of some high calibre players: scrum half and Captain Richie Mann and Benji Hewitt, both Leicester Tigers DPP, and George Loose Leicester Tigers Academy and England U18's. The 1st XV



was orchestrated by Ben Wilcox in the fly half position who is one of the most physical 10's I have seen for a while. We were blessed with some real speedsters on the wings, consisting of James Burrage and Rafe Lochore, who scored some brilliant individual tries. Bobby Rash contributed on many occasions, be it from the full back position or on the wing.

Callum Richardson graduated from the Leicester Tigers Academy and was astronomical in his leadership and decision making in the forward pack. A special mention to Toby Collins who was made into a successful openside flanker after spending the majority of his playing years in the centres.

The U16 A's had a highly successful season with some outstanding performances from Ed Jay, Danny Whittred, Max McEwen, Seb Bjuroe, Elliot Hart, Freddie Green and Fred Browne. The U16 A's were also crowned the Team of the Year with their coach Mr Curtis being named Coach of the Year.

The U15's were also crowned the County Cup winners in this year's County Cup Sevens competition. The squad consists of some phenomenal players and Gresham's School's rugby for the future looks strong. George Marsh, Rory Richardson, Edgar Alston and Emmerson Gilbertson are all currently in the process of trialling for the Leicester Tigers DPP squad.

The U14's are harbouring a team which will flourish in the years to come, players such as Dougie Light, Will Broad, Joey Hollick, Will Waters, James Campbell-Mackenzie and

2021 Team Awards:

Team	Player of the Season	Most Improved
1st XV	Rafe Lochore	Josh Howland
2nd XV	George Retter	Zack Humphrey
3rd XV	Mgcinumuzi Ndlela & Hector Robb	Nick Morgan
U16A	Danny Whittred	Anthony Haworth-Mckenna
U16B	Milo Buxton	Thomas Halsall
U15A	George Marsh & Rory Richardson	Toby Ashton
U15B	Josh Knightbridge	Charl Malherbe
U14A	Will Broad	Seb Wiles
U14B	Charlie Eke	Walt Davidson
Team of the Year	U16A	
Coch of the Year	Sam Curtis (U16A)	
England U18's	George Loose	
Leicester Tigers Academy	Callum Richardson, George Loose	
Leicester Tigers DPP	Richie Mann, Benjy Hewitt, Henry Flint, Harry Papworth, Freddie Papworth, Max McEwen, Joe Baker, Danny Whittred, Edward Jay.	
Eastern Counties U17	Freddie Papworth, Harry Papworth, Josh Howland	
Senior Colours	Ben Wilcox, James Burrage, Rafe Lochore, Richie Mann, Alex Claybourn, Callum Richardson, Teddy Bowden, Fredd Todd, Bobby Rash, Jack Reader, Oscar Harrison, Toby Collins	
Half Colours	George Loose, Freddie Papworth, Benjy Hewitt, Charles Alston, Yannick Reiss, Josh Howland, Harry Papworth, Henry Flint, Will Morrissey, Joseph Harrison, Arthur Woodhouse, Thomas Warner, Mgcinumuzi Ndlela, Nick Dugdale, Frank Osborne, Charlie Addison	
Junior Colours	Joe Baker, Max McEwen, Ed Jay, Freddie Green, Danny Whittred, Seb Bjuroe, Elliott Hart, Fred Browne	
Inter-House 7s	Junior Cup: Tallis Senior Cup: Howson's	

Toby Waterfall all have the potential to play 1st team rugby in the future.

I would like to thank Richie Mann (Rugby Club Captain) and Callum Richardson (Vice Captain) for their outstanding contributions to Gresham's Rugby and all the U6th for their efforts over the years and wish them all the best in their rugby careers when they leave school.

2nd XV

Our competitive season began with a home fixture to Framlingham and we had a slow start to the game neither side gaining the upper hand. Both sides looked rusty but we managed to score a try before the half time break. With the wind now behind us and after some stern words at half time, we played with more freedom and cut out the penalties which allowed us to maintain field position a little better. We scored again shortly after half time and the floodgates opened. 4 tries later, the game finished with Gresham's winning 36 – 0.

The following week, we travelled to The Leys and, after a frustrating start, we found ourselves two tries down in the first 10 minutes due to penalty after penalty going against us. This fuelled the boys' anger and desire to win so much that they played like demons for the remainder of the game putting on 55 points to nothing for the last 60 minutes. "Don't poke the bear" comes to mind when I remember this performance!

After two strong performances, Felsted were next and what a game that was. Probably remembered for all the wrong reasons as we went toe to toe with a good Felsted 2nd team. It was a terrible afternoon weather-wise and both

teams struggled to hold onto a wet ball in the rain. We were down by a try at half time having had an underwhelming first half, but feeling as though we were in with a shout if we could use the wind to our advantage. However, half way through the second period, we suffered a number of unfortunate injury blows, including two or three head injuries, which left us vulnerable. Felsted capitalised and came away deserved winners 25 – 7 at the final gong.

Having had a month off due to home weekend and Ipswich School cancelling a fixture, we had regrouped and trained hard for the home fixture with Norwich. We wanted to put the Felstead game behind us and show the home crowd that we could play some decent rugby. This we did and the boys put in a spirited performance. Only a try up at half time, we knew this game could go either way and so a "settler" try and conversion in the second half calmed our nerves a little. Norwich didn't give in but we stood strong, holding out for a 12 – 0 win. We were back on track.

Our penultimate game was away at Culford. Again, the weather was the headline act as we ran out into some fairly grim driving rain. The Culford coach took one look at our



warm up and told me that we were too strong for his side. This proved to be the case as we came through 47 – 0 winners after stopping the game early. Normally, the boys head over to the first team game to support their peers. However, the rain was now coming down so hard, the boys sprinted for the changing rooms without a backward glance at the firsts. We all fought for radiator space inside as we drip-dried and warmed up our freezing limbs.

So far, we had had a great season. We had played 5, won 4 and lost 1, racking up 162 points for, with only 37 against. We wanted to finish this off in style and go out with a bang at Framlingham. I got on the coach having been nervous all morning, thinking about all the possibilities and combinations for the game ahead. Everything went well until the referee blew his starting whistle. The ball then turned into a giant, lathered bar of soap for our boys only it seemed and the play book went out of the window. We weren't helped by a definite home sided referee but to be honest, we were the

cause of our own downfall that day and lost the game 33 points to 10. We took a group photo and the boys did three cheers and fell over each other laughing. As I trudged dejectedly up the long Framlingham hill to the changing rooms feeling pretty low, one of our boys ran past me, clapped me on the back and said "Cheer up sir, it's only a game". He was right of course and sometimes the kids have a habit of making us adults realise what is important in life.

Thank you to everyone who stepped foot on the 2nd team pitch, whether home or away. It has been a pleasure to coach another group of amazing pupils.

U16A

Having had a full season of no fixtures it was always going to be interesting to see how the boys fared on match day. The season began with a convincing win over Framlingham and this was followed by another good win over The Leys. A large Felsted side pipped us in the second half on a day where the wet weather favoured their larger boys and didn't give us the opportunity to move the ball wide. An impressive performance against Norwich saw us score some fantastic tries out wide with the team really beginning to play to a pattern. The trip to Ipswich saw us thoroughly outclassed and it turned out to be 60 minutes of tackling practice. The boys stuck to the task bravely and their efforts were awarded by a win under the age old 'last try wins' classic rule. (We lost 63-7.) Two further wins over Culford and a fantastic display against an abrasive Bishop's Stortford side really saw the team progress and a combined effort with the 3rd XV saw the boys really enjoy themselves in a 50+



scoreline away in Suffolk. The boys were correctly crowned team of the season and I look forward to watching their progress next year.

The players:

1 Thanos: the most improved player by a country mile, strong and abrasive.

2 Kempo: line out throwing and defence developed strongly over the season.

3 The Deets: As fitness improved over the two years so did his rugby. By the end of the term a real force. I am not sure if the off season choice of 'finger-boarding' will maintain this fitness levels.

3 /4 Galford: Another player that increased his bravery quotient as the term progressed. Finished the season a real threat in attack.

4 Trent: Awesome in the line out and improved defensively as the season progressed.

5 Ed: Reliable at the breakdown and an active ball carrier.

6 Brownny: A real force both in attack and defence, was greatly missed after he broke his collar bone.

7 Stevo: A tackling machine with an amazing engine.

8 Danny: Captain and player of the season. A natural leader, prolific ball carrier and 'lover' of fitness drills.

9 Jo: Another hugely improved player in terms of skill set and bravery. At his best against Bishop's Stortford.

10 Max: A talented ball player at 9, 10 or 12. Another boy that flourished in the rain against Stortford where he bossed the game.

11 Freddie: Prolific try scorer and increasingly effective scramble defender. Another recommended for player of the season.

12 Seb: Like Max a flexible player able to slot into many positions. At his best in broken play on the attack and defending five yards off the line where he was outstanding all season.

13 Edjacent: Exciting from the first time I saw him sprint in U15 fitness. A match winner who with work on running lines and off loads will be a real handful in the Sixth Form.

14 Rav: A late edition but an absolute dynamo on the wing, strong in attack and in the tackle.

14/15 Rellis: Brave in the tackle and illusive in attack, made great progress over the term.

15 Max: A defender's nightmare! Incredible going forward and increasingly brave as the last line of defence.

15 Elliot: Winner of the bravery award for highest tackle count on almost a weekly basis, the best restart in the northern hemisphere and fantastic hands. Right up there with Danny for player of the season.

Reserves: Bruno, Zac, George and Felix all show great promise for the 2022 season and will without doubt move up the ranks.



One last thank-you to the always enthusiastic Sam Higgs whose youthful exuberance was a welcome addition to the squad. He also has the added advantage of being able to pass for an U16 if you are short of players!

U15A

The U15A team started the 2021 season with great prospects, hype, and an excellent start at pre-season. Being co-captained by George Marsh & Rory Richardson, we began the season well with victory in a match against Framlingham, by 10-5.

We soon played The Leys, we fought well but the long bus journey took its toll, and we were soon in the dust losing 5-38. However, we soon recuperated and the week after we went on to destroy Felsted 25-0, Edgar A scoring a hat trick. A week later we played Ipswich, arguably the best side we've played. We got stuck in, made excellent ground, and won the second half. However, strong defence of territory from the opposition lead to us conceding 25-40. Shortly after, we played Wymondham College, where we fought hard against each other, we met our "favourite ref", both teams smashed through each other, nevertheless our especially strong defence and coordinated line outs lead to us riding high and coming out triumphant 15-14 winning in round 2 of the national vase.

The fifth Saturday matchday in a row, we played Norwich; we started off losing by 14 points, but we soon got into gear leading to many strong tackles and scrums. We soon had the ball flowing across the pitch and we overpowered Norwich 29-14.

After a two-week rest, we got back to matches. We played Oakham, where Arlo A made his debut. We started off very slowly with "bus fever" and we were soon down. We fought hard and didn't show any fatigue, but were beaten 5-32. In the 3rd round of the vase, our pack adapted and went against RGS Colchester, with George M dominating. Scoring 2 well-earned tries, we played well but fell apart in the final minutes and sadly lost our place in the vase, 10-12. Even with the weight of losing the vase on our shoulders, after two days we defeated Culford School on home turf; our defence was supreme. We drove hard and strong with Rory Richardson scoring his first try. We won 22-8.



Our final match was against Bishop's Stortford, where we fought hard but still were "on the bus" and lost 10-22. However, we're looking forward to our next season and are already missing the last. One of the season highlights was during the Culford game Freddie A made an excellent tackle, ploughing their fly-half past his own deadball line. In our season all of us made great improvement in gameplay, however, Toby Ashton has made an excellent improvement and was awarded the most improved player of the season. George Marsh and Rory Richardson have been awarded joint player of the season. A big thanks to Mr Coventry and Mr Howland for their amazing coaching and support throughout our season.

U15B

U15Bs (the beasts) had a fantastic season book-ended by two barnstorming wins against Framlingham. Memorable moments include Will Sayer's score: catching the ball off a long kick-off he managed to run the entire length of the pitch for a world of a try. The tackling of James Christophi was masterful. Felix Lazell was the ultimate crash ball specialist, scattering defences on a regular basis like a set of skittles. We were led by Josh Knightbridge and Charl Malherbe who both showed the positive attitude and team spirit needed to make the most of this powerful team.

U14A

The U14As started the season positively with a 30-20 win over Framlingham, but were then on the losing side in three close encounters against The Leys, Felsted and Ipswich. However, they showed excellent hard work, dedication and commitment to improve and results soon followed. They peaked at the perfect time, securing victory against a strong Norwich side 35-15 in a tense encounter and then won three of their

remaining four matches; 35-5 v Langley, 40-15 v Culford and 15-5 v Bishop's Stortford College. Player of the Season and top try scorer was Will Broad and Most Improved Player of the Season was Seb Wiles who demonstrated that hard work in training really pays off. Captain Dougie Light led the team well, Toby Waterfall put in several physical and dominant performances, Joey Hollick showed creative flair, James Mackenzie demonstrated excellent evasive running skills and Oliver Robertson-Widdowson controlled games from scrum-half. The boys should be really proud of how they developed over the course of the season and it will be exciting to see them progress as they move up the School.

U14B

This was an interesting season with many rule variations and a gradual return to contact sport following many training sessions of socially distanced rugby, something that we will hopefully never experience again.

The U14B squad were a great bunch of good-humoured boys, willing during games afternoons and keen to improve. Some were relatively new to the game and others more experienced but they worked hard as a team and had some great matches. We lost more that we won, several of these being very close, but the effort never faltered and heads did not go down. Charlie Eke and Freddie Nelstrop captained the side well, and players such as Charlie Prout, Sidney Slater, Charlie Reynolds and Henry Bongertz regularly played well. Huge improvements were made by Walt Davidson, Josh Budd, Henry Jones and Freddy Rash, and players such as Harry Seldon, Oliver Parker and Daniel Cropley all had really solid seasons. It was great to be playing again and this bunch of boys made the experience very enjoyable.



Hockey

It has been a very good year on the hockey pitch. The excitement of the new pitch alongside both 1st XI's competing in Tier 1 has created a feel that Gresham's hockey is in a very strong place. I would like to start by thanking all the pupils, parents and staff for their enthusiasm and support over the past year. It is always much appreciated to have enthusiasm in training sessions, great support from the sidelines and excellent coaching from the wonderful team of staff.

Girls

1st XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
16	4	2	10	15	54	-39

The girls 1st XI season started with Pre-Season matches in August against Norwich City Hockey Club. It was brilliant to get back on the pitch. This year's side was captained by Phoebe Worrall who did a fantastic job throughout the year.

The focus of the season was to continue the start that the School had made in the Tier 1 English Schools Championships, a competition designed for the top 24 Schools across the country. This was always going to be a challenge for the young 1st XI after a large turnover of Upper Sixth players last year.

First matches up were a triangular tournament with The Perse and Norwich School. While the results went against Gresham's, the performances showed some potential and there were positives to be taken from the game. RHS were next up and on a warm sunny day at home, Gresham's defeated a tough opponent 1-0 with Flo O'Leary getting on the scoresheet after some excellent work in midfield. Sophia Colman showed why she is such a highly rated goalkeeper, making some fine saves throughout the game. This was certainly a pattern that emerged over the season.

Postponements against Langley and Wisbech meant a little of

the momentum that was gained was lost heading in to the first Tier 1 cup game against Ipswich School. This was the first of our Friday Night Lights series and it was wonderful to have a crowd down to the pitch to support and made for a brilliant atmosphere in a tight game. Florence Kemp and Sophia Colman were outstanding in defence throughout and the score at half time was 1-0 to Ipswich. In the second half, play was balanced but Ipswich were able to capitalise on their chances as Gresham's pushed to score, leading to a 3-0 loss.

Godolphin & Latymer were next up, away. This was our first real away fixture and the travel certainly affected our performance. Godolphin scored 5 goals, from 5 shots in the first 7 minutes and the game was over.

The girls bounced back brilliantly to face arch-rivals Norwich School after half term. Again, the atmosphere at Fishmongers was electric and the girls performed fantastically. The pick of the bunch was Hattie Reynolds whose tireless running and elimination caused Norwich problems all evening. The side had a number of good chances to win the game but deep into the second half, Norwich scored and hung on for a 1-0 win.

Surbiton High were next up and again this was away. Gresham's came out of the blocks quickly and were able to counter attack quickly through a superb pass from Lara King, who found Flo O'Leary, who outpaced her defender and slipped a perfect pass to Grace Hanworth-Knights to smash one past the Surbiton keeper. The second half saw the side defend brilliantly with Phoebe Worrall and Juno Schmidt performing brilliantly but they couldn't hold out the strength of Surbiton, (who made the National semi-final) who scored 3 goals in the last 10 minutes to take the tie away from the 1st XI.

Norwich High School were next up and, with a number of debutants involved, the side battled hard for a 3-1 win. Grace Hanworth-Knights, who played the whole season in the first XI at 14 years of age, played extremely well. This was followed by Kingston Grammar in the Tier 1 cup. Kingston were by far the best side we had played. Phoebe Worrall led by example with a gutsy performance at the back. Sophia Colman was



outstanding again and Oosha Moondi and Hattie Reynolds both showed that they can compete at this elite level, which bodes well for the coming season.

Our final two matches of the Tier 1 cup saw a trip to Cambridge and to Suffolk. Hills Road were first up. This was a really close affair which Gresham's should have won. With three minutes to go, we found ourselves 3-2 down, but Kate Webster picked up her second goal to tie the game and to give us our first point in the league. Framlingham were last up and were tipped to make it through to the semi-finals of the competition. In a hard fought match, Hattie Reynolds and Sophia Colman were exceptional.

Our final fixture was a re-arranged match against Culford. In the game, Gresham's were unable to capitalise on their possession and chances and eventually lost 3-1, trying to chase the game. Izzy Morgan-Evans was the pick of the midfield with Lily Coubrough showing how much she had improved as a forward over the last 12 months.

Overall, it was a very tough season for the girls but the effort, energy and determination the girls showed throughout the season is to be commended. We say goodbye to a number of U6th this year. Phoebe Worrall and Florence Kemp performed very well throughout the season at the back. It was brilliant to see Kate Webster back on the hockey field after a serious injury. She was consistently good throughout the season both in midfield and defence. Izzy Reading, Liv Rowe and Florence O'Leary worked tirelessly in the midfield and forward line. We wish them the best for the future.

While the season was challenging, there are a number of young players coming through who showed that they are capable of playing at a high level. With Amelia Hill, Lara King, Izzy Morgan-Evans, Lily Coubrough, Hattie Reynolds, Annabelle Garrod, Phoebe Williams, Sophia Colman, Rebe Harrison, Oosha Moondi & Grace Hanworth-Knights all returning, the future does look bright.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Curtis for all her hard work throughout the term and Mr Colman and Mr Ling for their officiating throughout the term.

2nd XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
14	7	4	3	24	9	15

The girls 2nd XI had a very good season captained well by Henri Colclough. In total we played 14 matches, winning 7, drawing 4 and losing 3.

The first month of the term saw us remain unbeaten and the girls were really working hard in training. The success on the pitch spurred them on to show real enthusiasm to learn and resulted in wins against RHS, Wymondham and Norwich School and draws with The Perse and Norwich School in a triangular day.

Jemima Todd was flying down the wing and Annabel Garrod causing havoc throughout many of our games and we had a very solid defence with Romilly Hammond and Hetty Holden playing in goal, regularly keeping clean sheets.

We travelled to the cup competition and found ourselves playing some 1st XIs from RHS and Bancroft's which ended in defeats but the girls gave really good accounts of themselves given they were playing first teams, Millie Hanworth-Knights and Alana Eke really showing some good hockey.

Our final game of the season was against Framlingham College and we saved a very good performance until last. The game ended in a 0-0 stalemate but it was certainly not a "bore draw" and the hockey on display was excellent.

A really enjoyable season with many memorable victories!
Dr Richardson



3rd XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
7	4	1	2	25	6	19

On the face of it, this was a successful season for the Girls' 3rd XI team. Of our 7 scheduled matches, one (against Wymondham College) was cancelled. Of the remaining 6, 3 were won, 2 lost and one drawn. The highest margin of victory, 14-0 away at the Lynn Sports Park against KES, was by no means the most satisfying, but it did allow many of the girls to experience scoring lots of goals! Ruby Vaughan-Jones, a fine and fast forward, Sadie Al-Ani Spence, another fine midfielder, and Alice Arden Norris, skillful on the left wing, all scored bountifully. Tamsin Schofield was soon establishing herself in the team (another fast forward who will probably make right wing her own position next year). No, the most satisfying victory was putting 6 goals away against Norwich, at home on Saturday 6th November, in front of a good home crowd too. It's always particularly satisfying to beat our rivals, but the manner in which the team played was tremendous – the girls bulldozed Norwich with power and intensity. Rosa Toebe, a new Dutch midfielder and a revelation, Molly Philo, the workhorse in central midfield, and our inspirational captain, Molly Cook, all had their best games of the season. If you want a good Captain, choosing the Head Girl is as good a place as any to start. Molly led from the front from day one, and she was worth 2 of any other player on the team: what a great player and motivator she was all season. Our 3rd victory of the season was against RHS, again at home. This was a closer affair. Martha Veale had perhaps her best game of the season here, and scored a goal too. Sadly, injury took her away from the squad after half term. Izzy Branton, new into the 6th Form, was starting to make her mark, and, in the same vein as Rosa, has a tremendously hard hit – when she hits it sweetly, the opposition can be seen to cower, not a bad skill to possess as a central defender. Alice Stanbridge became a very reliable defender, good at interception and anticipation – the key skills of a marker. Afton Tolliday, like her brother, a determined player and not easily missed on the pitch, even in bad light, became a vital cog in the team; Milly Hanworth-Knights, a L6th girl, was also starting to establish herself in the team by the end of the season and could possibly be a 2nd XI player next season. Key to any successful team has to be the goalkeeper. JTR (Jasmin Taylor-Riches) is that GK – determined, independent, loves a fight. She was a tremendous asset to the team all term – not surprisingly, her favourite part of the match day experience was the warm-up! The team's best performance of the season was a narrow 2-3 loss away at Fram. It was a tremendous game and the leaving girls, especially, gave it their all. Framlingham are a very strong school at the moment – after our game we went to watch our 1st XI get beaten soundly by an opposition

with 3 England girls in it! At least Sophia Colman saved a flick from one of these players. As ever, it has been a pleasure to coach and play alongside such an enthusiastic and funny group of players; well done to them all, and I hope they all keep playing.

Alan Stromberg – coach

4th XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
6	3	2	1	11	8	3

The 4th Team had a super season this year with 2 wins, 2 draws and only 1 loss. Overall, they scored 11 goals and conceded 8.

The standard of play in this team was very high and girls trained and competed with commitment and determination.

A particular highlight must be the convincing 4-0 win that the girls achieved against Framlingham in the final match of the season. Skyla Manning needs to be congratulated on receiving her Junior Colours and she has been a very dedicated player who has also scored some awesome goals! Similarly, congratulations to Emily Larner who achieved her Half Colours reflecting her commitment to hockey and excellent play, particularly down the right of the pitch.

Georgie Morris also needs a mention as she always trains exceedingly hard and is a very positive contributor both on and off the pitch! Many of these girls were Year 11 this year and I have no doubt that they will progress up the teams over the next couple of years.

What a lovely bunch of girls to work with! I will look forward to watching your hockey progress next year.

Mrs Bracey

U15A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
14	10	0	4	60	24	36

The U15A had a fantastic season, winning ten of our fourteen games and getting through to a National Semi Final in the Independent Schools Hockey Plate.

Our first games of the season were against The Perse and Norwich school in a triangular tournament. The Perse had many Cambridge City HC players amongst their ranks but our girls gave them a good battle and should have taken the lead but for a goal line clearance after a well worked penalty corner. We went on to create many good chances but just couldn't find the net. The Perse were more clinical on the day and

scored twice from fewer chances created. Next up was Norwich and having discussed the need for more shots on target the girls did not disappoint. We peppered the Norwich goal for the first 15 minutes and scored twice. A much improved attacking display and we ran out 4-2 winners against our local rivals. Alice Marjoram with two goals, Ellie Mathes and Felicity Brady with 1 each.

Next up was an excellent display against RHS on a sunny day in the estuary. The girls were so professional in all they did. They kept quiet when there were some strange umpiring decisions, they held their press even when winning 7-0 and stuck to the team principles all match. It was an excellent professional performance. Felicity Brady scoring 5 penalty corners from well worked routines and Oosha Moondi scoring twice from open play.

We then proceeded to beat Norwich High School for Girls and Culford in block fixtures before defeating Bedford Modern School 5-2 to set up a second round tie with Trent College in the plate. An exciting away trip to a school with strong hockey pedigree. We put in an excellent all round display which saw us inflict a heavy defeat on Trent College. Felicity Brady scored a well worked short corner before Grace Hanworth Knights tucked away a close range shot.

2-0 at half time ended up being a 7-0 rout after some excellent, cut throat hockey. Amelia Hollier scoring two of the goals coming off the bench to claim player of the match.

The next match saw us lose 2-3 to Framlingham College in a block fixture. It was a fantastic game of end to end hockey that just fell the wrong way. But the girls were not deterred and Cheadle Hulme from Manchester were visiting for the next cup match 2 days later. This fixture provided lots of intrigue with Gresham's never having played Cheadle Hulme before. In the end the game turned into a one sided affair and we ran away 8-0 winners, progressing to the Quarter Finals of the plate.

St John's Leatherhead were our opponents and we duly won 2-1 in a very good match of hockey. The girls were outstanding with Evie Hood, Oosha Moondi and Maddie Haworth-McKenna really shining. Dreams of a trip to the Olympic Stadium for the National Final were quashed when we then travelled for our semi final to Kent College Pembury and lost a very tight game 2-0. We had our chances but the legs were still tired from the long bus journey and we didn't really find 5th gear.

An excellent season of hockey that will live long in the memory. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching such a wonderful set of girls and will always look back on this season with fond memories.

Charlie Mack

U15B

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
7	6	0	1	12	4	8

The 15B squad had great depth and with lots of players working hard in training, the selection for the early games showed there was great competition for places. Early sessions comprised of sharpening up on our basic skills in small-sided game play. The squad selection came down to how the players participated in training sessions.

The term started with an early fixture against The Perse School who always provide tough opposition for us. We dominated the game well, creating lots of opportunities for ourselves but unable to capitalize on many of our chances. It was a simple

case of remaining calm in front of goal and in the second half we managed to score two goals resulting in a good win to start the term. Unfortunately, our second fixture against Norwich was cancelled as they were unable to field at team, so it was back to training for the squad.

Up next, we travelled to RHS. RHS had a good and very vocal goalkeeper who the players were not used to facing. It was a very warm day in Ipswich, so we kept rotating the players on and off the pitch to keep the momentum going. Once again, we dominated the game with possession and scored two goals in the second half to win. We followed up with an exciting win against Ipswich, they put our defence under more pressure in this game and managed to score two goals, but our attack stepped up a level in this game and put five goals past a surprised Ipswich team. A great 5-2 win. Next, we travelled to Culford, it was clear that the game was going to be tight, with our opposition fielding a strong goalkeeper. Fortunately, after lots of brilliant saves we were unable to steal a goal and take a 1-0-win home.

Our next was away at Framlingham, our opposition played a combined team, so we knew it was going to be a tough game. We were unable to create the same number of opportunities that we had in previous games against a strong opposition. We conceded a couple of short corners in the second half and Framlingham managed to score, they then defended well against us and so it resulted in a 1-0 loss. The players were looking forward to getting back to their winning ways but unfortunately our next fixture against Wymondham College was cancelled.

As we moved into the last part of the term, we had our final game which was a re-match against Framlingham. The squad were full of enthusiasm for the final game and wanted to finish with a win. It proved to be another tight, competitive game for the squad. With lots of end-to-end play, the players had to defend well and make the most of our opportunities. We managed to secure an excellent 2-1 win which was a fantastic way to finish a great hockey term.

Mojubafoluwa Akinyeye showed what great reactions she had making many point blank saves when it was needed. Our defensive players intercepted many offensive plays from our opposition showing great timing and reading of the game. Alex Grand was a standout in our defensive unit displaying a range of calm, controlled passing. A special mention to Bronwyn Wagg who worked tirelessly throughout the term in both training and match play. As a result, Bronwyn created and scored many goals throughout the term and secured the opposition's player of the match on several occasions.

Well done to all the players that were part of the squad.

Mrs Buckingham

U14A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
11	5	2	4	24	17	7

The U14 girls' hockey team made incredible progress during the Michaelmas term. On the first weekend of the term, they played Norwich School and The Perse in a triangular match and were soundly beaten by both teams. The team seemed to lack in confidence and an understanding of how to play the 11-a-side format. If I had been told after the first weekend that during the term we would beat Ipswich, Norwich, Culford,

Framlingham, Stamford and The Leys during the term, I would have found that difficult to believe! The success during the term was entirely due to the all the girls' enthusiasm and commitment to training. They also developed a very good understanding of the formation we played, and the team were lucky to have some very talented players.

The real highlight of the term was the victory over Ipswich before half term. Ipswich had beaten every team they had played during the term convincingly and ultimately qualified for the Nationals as the best team in the East. At that point in the term, we had yet to secure a victory, although there had been encouraging signs of improvement. The match itself was probably the most pleasing match I have ever witnessed as a coach. Grace Hanworth-Knights was available to play her first match for the team, but it was the rest of the team that stared in an incredible performance. Zinnia and Isobel terrorised the Ipswich defence with their pace in attack and Frances played intelligently at centre forward. Kitty is an incredibly skilful midfielder and Alice never allows the opposition any time on the ball in midfield. Grace played centre midfield, which gave everyone else the confidence to play. Zelig played in the screen and was outstanding. She broke up numerous Ipswich attacks and was also instrumental in setting up all our own attacking positions. Jemima, Mia, Alice and Lila were very secure in defence and the team was very lucky to have two outstanding goalkeepers at their disposal, Romilly and Hetty sharing the goalkeeping role and the captaincy. Hetty was in goal against Ipswich and made two or three vital saves.

We were 2-0 up against Ipswich shortly after half time and then were unlucky to have a third goal disallowed before Ipswich scored a late consolation goal. Grace and Frances scored our goals. The level of performance throughout the match was the most pleasing aspect of the match. The result was a bonus. Mr Cowan's presence on the side of the pitch obviously inspired the girls to reach a new level!

The belief in the team grew from this performance. In our next two matches we beat Norwich convincingly 4-1 in the County Cup, with the same players that lost 1-3 on the first weekend of term. We beat Culford 10-0!

At the East tournament after half term, we finished 3rd in our group, narrowly missing out on a place at the East finals (the top 2 qualifying), but we secured victories against The Leys and Stamford in this tournament.

This was undoubtedly one of my favourite terms as a coach. The attitude and commitment of the girls throughout the term was incredible and their progress as a team and individuals was a delight to observe.

Mr Buckingham

U14B

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
12	6	2	4	23	19	4

The U14B team had a fantastic season of hockey, playing 11 matches where they won 5, drew 2 and lost 4. Overall they scored 23 goals and conceded 19. The super C team remain unbeaten as they won all 3 of the matches they played, scoring 6 goals and conceding only 2 overall.

Particular highlights for the B team must include the tense and exciting 3-3 draw with Framlingham in the last match of the season. They should also be very proud of their convincing



wins against Culford and Queenswood where we scored 5 excellent goals in each match.

Charlotte Randell was an outstanding Captain who was also really impressive with her play as centre midfield throughout the season and she scored a lot of goals. Lottie Bowden was also tremendous as a forward and the opposition were all terrified of her impressive reverse stick hit from the left side of the pitch. Tilly Lennon must be congratulated on her solid defending and on the excellent wide balls that she sent and Cerys Dentry supported her well as a back.

Charlotte must be congratulated on her performance award at the end of the season and Lottie, Tilly and Cerys on their improvement awards. Particular highlights for the C team must include their brilliant 4-2 win against Norwich High School and an undefeated season is an awesome achievement; well done.

All of the girls in the U14B and C teams have made excellent progress this season and they have been a great little squad to work with. We will look forward to watching their hockey progress as they move upwards throughout the school.

Mrs Bracey

Boys

1st XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
21	7	7	7	61	42	19

The boy's season started early this year with the side entering the England Hockey Schools Tier 1 Championships for the first time. This meant playing matches in the Michaelmas term.

First up was Ipswich School, who would eventually make the quarter finals. After a fast start, Gresham's led through quick thinking by Sam Hyatt who took a free hit quickly around the circle and fired home. Ipswich dominated territory for the rest of the first half and led 2-1 at half time. Rafe Lochore scored a brilliant goal to level the scores before Ipswich got their noses back in front. Chasing the game, Gresham's conceded a 4th



but the boys had shown they could compete with the likes of Ipswich and at this level. A number of younger pupils made their 1st XI debuts. Max Coubrough, Hector Lochore, Oliver Croot (Y10) & Kit Pallister (Y9) all did very well in what was an enormous leap in standard. Jack Reader performed very well at the back and Bobby Rash was exceptional - a trend that continued all season.

Second up was Repton School - 42 time national champions. The boys played exceptionally well and led 2-1 with goals from Max Wilson and Muzi Ndlela. Rafe Lochore also hit the inside of the post in a first half where Gresham's looked like the side who had won so many titles. The game was a very evenly contested one but in the second half Repton managed to capitalise on two penalty corners to lead 3-2. With 4 minutes to go, Gresham's were pushing to score and so took the excellent Bobby Rash off to play with 11 outfield players. Unfortunately, a turnover in the midfield led to a penalty corner and a 4th goal.

The side played a number of friendly games in the build up to the normal hockey season before facing Bromsgrove in the Tier 1. This was our first long away game and the boys did not adapt well to the 4 hour journey. In a mediocre performance, Gresham's lost 3-2. Two goals from Rafe Lochore were not enough and this performance, in a game we should have won, eventually led to us not making the quarter finals. The boys bounced back against RHS, winning 7-0. Charlie Hood scored a spectacular goal, deflecting the ball into the goal from above the crossbar. Joe Nash was also on the scoresheet, along with Cameron Hansell.

Trent College were next up in the Schools' Champs. This was probably the best performance of the season with the 1st XI winning 5-0. Toby Pallister was exceptional in midfield and was back up by goals from Sam Hyatt, Rafe Lochore (2), Charlie Hood and Muzi Ndlela. With some momentum, the side dispatched Bishop's Stortford College 8-1. Max Wilson showed what a talent he was with an outstanding performance.

The next match was local rivals Norwich and, on a cold Friday in February, the atmosphere was hot! Having lost all of their encounters with Norwich over the past 7 years, this was a game that showed the meteoric rise of Gresham's hockey. With over 200 pupils and parents watching the match, Norwich and Gresham's slugged it out with a thrilling game which eventually ended in a 1-1 draw with both sides having chances to win the game. It was a brilliant match to be part of and one

the players will remember for a long time. Oliver Thomas was brilliant at the back throughout the game.

Oakham School were the final fixture in the Schools' Champs. Gresham's were by far the better side but could not find the back of the net and the game ended in a 2-2 draw. A 5-1 win against Culford, who the 1st XI had lost to in their last encounter again showed the improvement the side has made. Henry Baker and Archie Ward played very well at the back and Rafe Lochore continued his scoring spree, bagging 4 goals and breaking his stick.

After a sluggish first half and losing 2-1 at half time, Gresham's were able to lift their intensity and showed why they are one of the best sides in the country with a 3-2 comeback win. Max McEwen played well in midfield.

The season finished the way it started; against Ipswich School. Even with players missing and carrying injuries, Gresham's played brilliantly and led 3-2 with 10 minutes to go. Toby Pallister and Max Wilson were outstanding and with goals from Rafe and Charlie Hood, the boys could just not hang on. It was an incredibly exciting way to finish the season.

This season hopefully showed the players that they are able to not just compete with the elite schools in the country but actually could challenge them. A result against Oakham or Bromsgrove who would have put them in with a shout of making the quarter finals. With the likes of Jack Whitlam, Freddie Smith and the others mentioned above returning, the core nucleus of the side looks very strong.

We say goodbye to a number of U6th players: Rafe Lochore's ability to score goals will be incredibly difficult to replace; Joe Nash and Muzi Ndlela were huge assets this season, especially in the 5 zone; Oliver Thomas and Jack Reader have improved significantly over the last 2 years and leave the school has established quality defenders. Special thanks must go to Bobby Rash. Bobby was an outstanding goalkeeper all year but also an outstanding leader.

2nd XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
10	6	0	4	19	14	5

The boys' 2nd XI started the season with high hopes against a strong Norwich side. We travelled with incredible vibes which didn't quite follow through onto the astro. This saw us losing 3-0 after some encouraging patterns of play on a cold day in Norwich.

Training was necessary and our composure in front of goal is what we needed work on. Mr Coventry and Mr Hipperson worked us in training, which made the boys come out with three wins on the bounce. Gresham's v RHS 5-0, Gresham's vs Langley 6-1, Gresham's v Norwich 1-0 (County Cup) respectively.

A highlight from these fixtures was talisman Harry Nunn smacking in an off-balance strike at the edge of the D against his old school. We were in serious form going into the U18 tier 4 regional finals. This tournament hugely humbled us, which was extremely necessary. The less said about this day the better.

Our upcoming games saw us get three wins against Wisbech Grammar School, the OG's and Framlingham College. Beating Framlingham 2-1 was one of the highlights of the season.



We played like professionals and dug deep to get the unexpected win over Framlingham. Nick Dugdale was superb in this game: he let absolutely nothing past his carbon stick. We finished the season with a 5-1 loss to Ipswich School. They thought they were better than us, and to be fair, they were. It was a really enjoyable season with the essential 2nds ingredient – plenty of laughs.

By Harry Papworth

Ben Behrens: A brick wall. Sadly he has moved upwards and onwards to the first team.

Leo Kemp: A solid defender; loved running down the right flank.

Nick Dugdale (C): A true second team player. Made everything look easy and gave everything in all games. Really wanted a turn up front as he thought it would be 'fun'.

Sam Davies: Had fire in his eyes. Defended like a genius all season long.

Ralph Ellis: A bit too good for our seconds. His skills are unmatched.

Freddie Smith: A class passer of the ball and great player to play with. Reliable.

Richie Mann: A beautiful dribbler of the ball; composed goal scorer.

Elliot Hart: Superb player. Never afraid to stick a shoulder in but our most skilful player.

Harry Nunn: A fine striker of the ball. Scored our goal of the season. Class banter and late to most training sessions.

Harry Bidwell: A wonderful enigma – at times some clumsy moments but he scored goals like they were going out of fashion and excelled in the 2s.

George Verson Rowley: Solid defender. With him in the back line we had an assured defence.

Joseph Harrison: Moved the ball well and always ran around with a lot of energy.

Jack Beeson: Highly skilful, best position on the wide right, extremely humorous and funny in training.

Jack Whitlam: A former 1st team player who added some class on the left wing. Without him, we'd all be hungry as he brought a lot of food on the bus. Thank you, Jack.

Archie Jones: The most powerful shooter in our team. He loved hockey, with all his heart and his performances were unmatched throughout the season.

Mr Andrew Coventry

3rd XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
10	9	1	0	44	8	36

The Unbeaten Season

This was an unequivocally fantastic season for the 3rd XI, culminating in two matches that will be remembered by those who experienced them for years to come. Throughout the season, this group of talented and, most importantly, determined sportsmen saw off all manner of sides, from other schools' 1st XI's to sides full of ringers sent to stop us in our tracks. An unbeaten season, it will have many great memories for all involved and is my personal highlight from coaching 21 years of Gresham's sport.

The season began with a 4-2 victory over Norwich School that set the tone for the term. Captain Nico Allen never stopped running, Paul Tostmann was unplayable in the middle of the pitch, and Spike Cook up front threw himself into every challenge with abandon and little thought for his personal safety. Fred Browne scored the pick of the goals with a screamer that turned the game after half time arrived at 2-2.

Next up was Langley 2nds, the first of our outings against sides more 'senior' than 3rds. Away at Langley, one of the touchlines for the game was brought in to the 'frost line' that had not cleared during the day. We knew they were doing everything they could to reduce the impact of our flying right winger Alex Marjoram but he couldn't be stopped. Just before their astro froze completely, we secured an 8-1 victory with midfielders Fred Browne and Freddie Green showing significant flair in the face of some robust defending.

Bishop's Stortford College sent out a strong 2nds team against us for our third game and came closest to causing an upset. Away from home and with a string of 1st team squad players against us, the boys dug in and ground out a result that was all about heart. Jack Barnes was imperious in goal, a keeper that would certainly have played in other years' 1sts. The defence had gelled by this game: George Alford showed pace and skill



at right back, not to mention a mean reverse tomahawk; Campbell Tillcock showed off his outstanding positional play and a solid jab tackle in the centre; and Trent Stoltz proved that he was by far the most elegant defender, his stick skills good enough for most teams' playmaker position. A 1-1 draw was an impressive result and gave us confidence going into the next match, against a school 1st XI.

That school was King's Ely, but any fears that we were facing a challenge too far were dismissed when the boys found a new level and secured a very impressive 6-0 win. Hector Robb was a leader on the pitch, pushing the younger players to new levels, as he did for the rest of the season – as well as scoring five goals from a range of positions across the front three. Archie Thompson-Poole came into the side and showed his own brand of uncompromising attacking running, while Joe Baker made sure that the midfield had plenty of competition for places by showing a wide range of skills and passing.

Culford brought their 2nds to Gresham's for our next match. By now, word was getting round that something special was happening with the side and a sizeable crowd gathered to watch the boys cruise to another victory, 6-2, including a spectacular strike from left back for Trent Stoltz. Tom Towler returned from injury for this one, a rock in the centre-back role, timing his interventions perfectly on every occasion.

Away at Woodbridge, again playing their 1sts, we encountered a development side that couldn't live with our pace and passing. 6-0 up at half time, we shuffled the pack: Hector Robb took over in goal with Jack Barnes playing in the middle. Alford and Stoltz went up front with Spike Cook, Alex Marjoram and the midfield pulled back into defence. Ed Allpress and Zach Jones played excellently off the bench, both coming on to score. The 11-0 win was the biggest of the season.

With Wymondham cancelling after seeing our results to date, next up was Framlingham away. The most competitive game of the season, this one was all about resilience. The opposition resorted to all manner of physical 'tactics' in their attempts to win but found the boys in a stubborn, single-minded mood. Jack Beeson made the step up from the 2's, showed his quality and had a perfectly good goal disallowed in a bad-tempered affair. An exciting, nerve-jangling 1-0 victory here was hard-fought and filled the boys with belief going into the last two games of the season, which would prove to be memorable...

On a Thursday evening, under floodlights, the Norwich School played an intriguing side – half the 2nds stayed after their earlier match and the 1st's striker was added in a vain attempt to beat us, though we now had legendary status in our sights. The best hockey of the season was played as we pushed hard to maintain our record. There was excitement and excellence in equal measure as the score stuck at 1-1 for a large part of the game. Then with one of the last touches of the game, a short corner resulted in a goal that was celebrated loudly and enthusiastically on the pitch and the touchline.

The final game of the season was against Ipswich and promised to be a real test against a school with such a strong hockey reputation. However, they turned up without a full side and required two of our boys to step up. Zach Jones took the Ipswich shirt first and banged in a screamer with 2 minutes on the clock to see us 1-0 down! But that was a wake-up call and we came back to win 5-1 – one of our goals an own-goal, scored by Fred Browne for Ipswich. The celebrations for the unbeaten season were understated but a salute for the outgoing Upper Sixth players was a fitting end to proceedings.

Top scorer for the season was Spike Cook with 12 goals, Alex Marjoram chipped in with 5, as did Hector Robb. Nico Allen, as Captain, was Player of the Season. This was genuinely an excellent team with incredible team spirit and determination to win, but every game was also surrounded by a sense of fun and friendship that really made the season about much more than winning – though we did that a lot. In the School Sports International All-Corners League, we ended the season in 2nd place nationally, behind Solihull School, who only placed higher based on the number of matches played – with a win percentage of 67.65 compared with ours of 95%. (And they were coached by Jane Sixsmith.)

4th XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
5	3	1	1	16	8	8

The 4th XI had another successful season. A 3-1 win against Norwich School set them on their way. This was followed up with a close loss to Bishop's Stortford in a very competitive match played at Dereham Hockey Club. Next up were Wymondham College 1st XI and after a slow first half, the side put in a magnificent second half display to eventually

draw 2-2, with Levin scoring what can only be described as a 'worldy'. A 4-2 win followed against Framlingham with Mr Howland grading the performance as excellent. The season finished against arch rivals Norwich School. This time the side put in to practice all that they had been taught over the season and secured a 6-1 win, capping off an excellent season. Well done to all involved but special mention should be made to Upper Sixth leavers Takunda, Sam and Archie Thompson-Poole for their contribution over the season.

U15A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
9	4	1	4	33	25	8

The boys' U15A Team are one of the most energetic and enthusiastic group of boys that I have had the pleasure of coaching – always up for the craic. The season chucked up a mixed bag of results with 4 wins, 2 draws and 4 losses. Nearly always with high scoring games!

We lost our opening game 2-4 against local rivals Norwich despite some great play in goal by George Marsh. The game was finely balanced for the majority of the match but it was Norwich that nicked it in the end.

Next up we played RHS and we had too much fire power for them. 8-0 could have been more but there were some great goals created with Hector Lochore and Robbie Fitzsimmons playing some excellent hockey.

We mirrored the RHS game when we played Langley, winning 8-0 again. Bruno Brownjohn played well and Monty Rolfe caused havoc in the Langley defence.

We then had a bit of a lull and drew with Culford 2-2 and lost to Framlingham 2-3 in a very tight contest where the decisions went against us in the D. The boys didn't let this phase them though and I was delighted with their professionalism.

We finished up the season with a 3-1 victory over Ipswich – a school that is very proud of their hockey. This was a fantastic victory and just goes to show where our U15 boys sit when up against some tough opposition. They can beat anyone on their day when their enthusiasm is channelled in the correct way.

Dr Richardson

U15B

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
6	4	0	2	19	10	9

The U15Bs had an excellent season winning four of their six matches; 4-2 v RHS, 3-2 v Culford, 8-1 v Woodbridge and 2-1 v Framlingham.

The only two defeats were very close encounters where they lost 2-1 to both Norwich and Ipswich. During training the boys were incredibly enthusiastic and worked hard to improve individually and as a team.

What was pleasing was seeing positive performances by Robbie Fitzsimmons and Rory Richardson rewarded with opportunities to play in the A team. Edgar Alston led the team with some physical performances in the centre of midfield, Jesse Rainey was a solid and dependable centre back and



Jack Kooreman was a consistent performer in goal.

The team was littered with creativity and flair so, at times, team selection was difficult, but Arlo Andrew, Toby Ashton, Freddie Betts, Emerson Gilbertson, Sam Green and Ru McIntyre all contributed to the attacking success of the team. The boys should be proud of what they achieved this season and I hope they continue to develop and enjoy their hockey as they progress up the School.

Mr J Sharrock

14A

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
13	6	3	4	38	18	20

The U14 boys' hockey team had a very good season. The quality of the hockey that they played throughout the term improved significantly and, although they had some really good results, they often struggled to convert goal scoring opportunities and pressure into goals, so ultimately, they lost and drew matches that they dominated and should have won.

The team made a solid start to the term, drawing against Norwich School. We dominated the first half but failed to take our chances. James Mackenzie scored a brilliant goal at the beginning of the 2nd half, but we tired, and Norwich equalised and ultimately did well to hang on for a draw! Half the team contracted Covid after the match against Norwich, so our team was significantly depleted for our next two matches against RHS and Norwich again in the County Cup. We were back to full strength for victories against Langley and Wisbech before half term.

The real highlight of the term was the East Regional round at Cambridge shortly after half term. There were 3 groups of 4 teams, with the winners and runners up in each group qualifying for a final knockout match, the three winners of the knockout match qualifying for the East finals. We were drawn in a group with The Perse, Stamford and Framlingham. We made a fast start in our first match against Framlingham, scoring early, Charlie Reynolds and Will Waters playing particularly well in this match. We failed to score again, and Framlingham scored with their only shot near the end of the match. We beat Stamford 1-0 and lost 1-0 to The Perse. The



Perse were incredibly strong and had convincing victories against Stamford and Framlingham so we qualified for the knockout match by finishing 2nd in the group.

We had a very tough-looking match against Haileybury. They had won all their group matches, without conceding a goal. It was a very tight and competitive match. Haileybury had one outstanding player in midfield, and he scored a goal early in the match. We started to dominate the game towards the end of the match but could not score. We won a penalty corner just before the final whistle. James Mackenzie scored an amazing goal from the corner to equalise! The match was decided by penalty flicks. Dougie Light made two great saves and we won 4-2. An amazing end to the match and the day. We qualified for the East final later in the term against The Perse and The Leys.

The next two matches against Culford and Woodbridge highlighted our inability to convert dominance and goal scoring opportunities into goals, particularly against Woodbridge. A 2-0 loss against their U15 team was in fact a very good performance.

We finished the term with a rousing performance against Framlingham, 2-1 down at half time, we came back to win the match 3-2, with Ollie scoring the winner. James Mackenzie and Kit Pallister played brilliantly throughout the

term and Will Waters, Charlie Reynolds and Will Panter generally dominated the midfield. Henry, Fergus and Zach were reliable defenders, it was just a lack of goals that prevented the team qualifying for the Nationals and having a really outstanding term.

Mr Ling and I enjoyed coaching the team and thank you to the boys for making it such an enjoyable and memorable term.

14B

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Difference
6	0	3	3	7	13-	6

It was a tricky season for the U14B team but while results did not go our way, the performances were good throughout. The season started against Norwich School, who had been back a week longer than us and were clearly better prepared for the fixture. With illness creeping in, the side travelled to RHS with depleted numbers. They performed exceptionally well to gain a draw against a solid RHS side. Culford were the next opponents up and this match turned in to a goal-fest with the final score ending 3-3 with both teams having the chance to win the game.

Woodbridge U15s were up next and the side led at half time, only to concede two late goals, leading to a loss but a very pleasing performance against older opposition. Another draw followed against Framlingham College, which finished 2-2 with Charlie Eke on the scoresheet. The final game of the season was an epic clash with hockey hot-house, Ipswich School. In a really close game, the side eventually fell 2-1.

A big well done should be given to Stephen Clayson for his leadership along with Charlie Eke and John Hawksley who performed brilliantly throughout the term. Well done to all the players.

Swimming

Boys' Captain – Dally Armstrong

Girls' Captain – Afton Tolliday, Marlene Leibold and Juliana Mercado

U19 Boys Team – Dally Armstrong, Rocco Lum, Livio Li, Thomas Duinhoven, Oliver Williamson, Arthur Birkbeck, Konstantin Lehner, Alexander Dyble, Emil Schwaerzler, Matthew Williamson, Hal Sinclair, Nikita Tarasov, George Retter.

U19 Girls Team – Marlene Leibold, Afton Tolliday, Julianna Mercado, Florence Kemp, Maddie Saunders, Yee Yan Chan.

U16 Boys Team – William Braithwaite, Sebastian Schofield, Larkin Armstrong, Leo Hung, Jimmy Thomson, George Morton, Alex Murdoch, Lucas Maldonado, Aaron McKernan, Luca Harris.

U16 Girls Team – Ruby Spiegel, Phoebe Claybourne, Stephanie Litten, Charlotte Gaunt, Evie Hood, Florence Doxford, Tilly Lennon, Mathilde Phillipps, Romilly Hammond.

The swimming team continues to grow in numbers and all teams are training to improve their swimming and personal best times. The opportunity to attend evening and early morning sessions allow pupils who do not swim during games access to training, so they can also compete in competitions.

Gresham's / Oundle / Oakham

Tuesday 30th September 2021

Events	Gresham's	Oundle	Oakham
U19 Boys	62	56	42
U19 Girls	66	66	26
U16 Boys	52	79	0
U16 Girls	54	70	27

Stowe Relay Championships

16th November 2021

Oundle, Bradfield, Gresham's, Repton, Stamford, Radley

Warwick, Stowe, King's High, Oakham, Abingdon, Eton

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

U18 Boys Free Relay

D Armstrong, Li, Duinhoven, Lum Qualified 4th

U18 Girls Free Relay

Leibold, Tolliday, Spiegel, Mercado Qualified 2nd

U18 Boys Medley Relay

Lehner, O Williamson, D Armstrong, Lum Qualified 6th

U18 Girls Medley Relay

Leibold, Kemp, Tolliday Mercado Qualified 2nd

U16 Boys Free Relay

Murdoch, McKernan, Braithwaite, Hung Did not Qualify

U16 Girls Free Relay

Lennon, Phillipps, Hammond, Litten Did not Qualify

U16 Boys Medley Relay

Schofield, Maldonado, L Armstrong, Hung Qualified 6th

U16 Girls Medley Relay

Lennon, Hammond, Spiegel, Litten Qualified 6th

Gresham's / Oundle / Bishop's Stortford

Tues 23rd Nov 2021

Events	Gresham's	Oundle	Bishop's Stortford
U16 Girls	41	59	64
U16 Boys	56	75	0
U19 Girls	46	47	64
U19 Boys	53	47	72

Gresham's v King's Ely

Tues 01st March 2022

Events	Gresham's	King's Ely
U16 Girls	71	60
U16 Boys	74	61
U19 Girls	73	58
U19 Boys	75	60



National Schools Relay Competition 2020

Gresham's Swimming Team attended the National Schools Relay Competition on Friday 11th March at the London Aquatic Centre in Stratford.

This event consists of boys' and girls' medley and freestyle relays and is attended by many schools from all over the country.

The teams all compete in qualifying heats and then the fastest ten schools go through to the finals.

Boys' Teams

Free Style Team

Dally Armstrong, Arthur Birkbeck, Livio Li, Konstantin Lehner

Medley Team

Backstroke – Sebastian Schofield,

Breaststroke - Oliver Williamson,

Butterfly – Dally Armstrong, Freestyle – Rocco Lum

Girls' Teams

Freestyle Medley Team

Marlene Leibold, Afton Tolliday, Ruby Spiegel, Julianna Mercado

Medley Team

Backstroke – Marlene Leibold, Breaststroke – Florence Kemp

Butterfly – Afton Tolliday, Front Crawl – Julianna Mercado

Freestyle relays

Girls (4 x 50m) Time - 2.05 04 which achieved thirteenth place overall in the Fred Parkes Cup Relay Competition.



Boys (4 x 100m) Time - 4.13 37 which achieved ninth position overall in the final of the Aldenham Cup Relay Competition.

Medley Relays

Girls (4 x 50m) Time – 2.23 82 which achieved 16th position overall in the R L Stead Medley Relay competition.

Boys (4 x 50m) Time - 2.09 13 which achieved 14th position overall in The Dunelm Cup Relay Competition.

Boys Interhouse Results

House	Seniors	Juniors	Overall
Farfield	141	126	267
Woodlands	112	139	251
Tallis	78	102	180
Howson's	72	105	177

Girls Interhouse Results

House	Seniors	Juniors	Overall
Edinburgh	82	74	156
Queens'	72	75	147
Oakeley	52	64	116

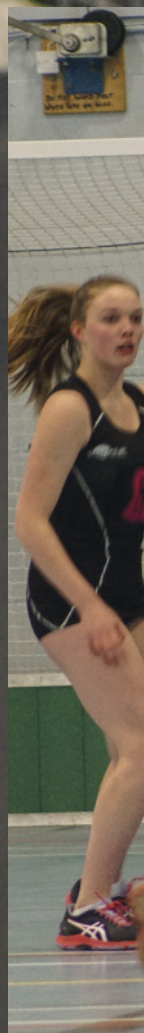
New School Records

U19 Girls 200m Free	
Marlene Leibold	2 mins 17.57
U19 Girls 300m Free	
Marlene Leibold	3 mins 39.08
U19 Girls 400m Free	
Marlene Leibold	4 mins 51.54
U19 Girls 500m Free	
Marlene Leibold	6 mins 21.34
U19 Girls 600m Free	
Marlene Leibold	7 mins 39.06
U19 Girls 700m Free	
Marlene Leibold	8 mins 55.18
U19 Girls 800m Free	
Marlene Leibold	10 mins 07.80
U19 Girls 200m Back	
Marlene Leibold	2 mins 36.49
U19 Girls 50m Back	
Marlene Leibold	33.10
U19 Girls 100m Ind Medley	
Julianna Mercado	71 63
Boys 25m Fly	
Dally Armstrong	12.73
U19 Girls 4 x 50m Free Relay	
Leibold, Tolliday, Spiegel, Mercado	2 04 56
U19 Girls 4 x 50m Medley Relay	
Leibold, Kemp, Tolliday, Mercado	2 20 25

Open water swimming

During the summer term the U18 members of the team had the opportunity to try open water swimming at the Mike Thurston Centre in North Walsham, where the lake offers a 400m swim in lovely rural surroundings. This gave pupils an opportunity to try a different type of swimming activity that they might enjoy in the future. Each week we were lucky enough to have beautiful weather, which made the experience even more enjoyable.

Netball



Team	P	W	D	L	Goals for	Goals against
1st VII	8	5	0	3	283	274
2nd VII	5	3	0	2	103	113
3rd VII	4	1	1	2	75	71
4th VII	4	3	0	1	73	47
15A	7	5	0	2	154	135
15B	7	7	0	0	147	49
15C	5	4	0	1	97	35
15D	5	2	1	2	65	75
14A	6	6	0	0	261	71
14B	7	7	0	0	203	96
14C	5	3	0	2	85	63
14D	4	4	0	0	56	45

Awards

Full colours were awarded to Florence Kemp, Kate Webster, Flo O'Leary and Olivia Rowe.

Half colours were awarded to Ruby Vaughan-Jones, Izzy

Morgan-Evans, Tavi Presslee, Hattie Reynolds, Phoebe Worrall and Molly Cook.

Junior colours were awarded to Clara Woolliams, Esther Payne and Sophia Colman.

Sports Awards were awarded to the following junior players Mojubafoluwa Akinyeye, Gracie Calvert, Oosha Moondi, Felicity Brady, Alice Marjoram, Charlotte Gaunt, Grace Hanworth-Knights, Romilly Hammond, Kitty Purslow, Zinnia-Claire Booty, Hetty Holden, Isobel Coutanche, Chloe Kydd, Mia Webster and Lila Davies.

This year we added an incredibly special accolade to our awards, The Norman Dovey Award. Norman was a much-loved member of our coaching team for many years. Norman inspired many of our senior players to enjoy their netball. This is awarded to someone that has shown great enthusiasm and commitment to netball throughout their time at Gresham's. The joint winners of this award are Ruby Vaughan-Jones and Jasmin Taylor-Riches.

The Netball Awards were presented on the final afternoon of term to the players below.



Team	Player of the season	Most improved/valuable
1st VII	Kate Webster	Olivia Rowe
2nd VII	Summer Hollinger	Rebe Harrison
3rd VII	Ruby Vaughan-Jones	Poppy Brady
4th VII	Maddie Ward	Skyla Manning
15A	Mojubafoluwa Akinyeye	Charlotte Gaunt
15B	Zara Uthwatt-Bouverie	Rosie Rampton
15C	Bronwyn Wagg	Ella Burrage
15D	Harriet Carman	Jennie Gunns
14A	Hetty Holden	Zinnia- Claire Booty
14B	Molly Rand	Zelie Birkbeck
14C	Cerys Dentry	Esther Broad
14D	Naomi Harvey-Samuel	Ruby Cranfield
		Filippa Arthur Holm

1st VII

With a couple of days pre-season under our belts we went off to Framlingham College for a training and match play day. We trained alongside Fram and then had some good competitive matches during the afternoon.

The 1st Team captain this year was Florence Kemp supported by Kate Webster as vice-captain. Throughout her time at Gresham's, Florence has shown fantastic commitment to her netball, she has always been an A team player and been in the 1st team since Year 11. Florence has played in all 3 areas of the court so has vast experience and understanding of the skills required across the court. Florence has been supported

by Kate as vice-captain; Kate has really established herself in the shooting circle and has really led the team on court from the front. She has been a great support to the younger players in the squad and has taken advice on board to improve her game. They have both been great role models for the team and the younger players in the school.

Our term started with an away fixture against King's Ely. We played outside on a chilly day, so it was a real baptism of fire! It was a great game with both teams showing flashes of great play. We came out of the blocks very quickly and got into a comfortable lead. As expected, in 1st team games, Ely came back with some changes that impacted the game. We had to adapt quickly and after a couple of minutes settled back into our rhythm. There were a few stray passes but after over a year out of fixtures it was a great start to the term. It resulted in a 39-21 win. Unfortunately, our next fixture which was due to be a triangular with Framlingham and Bishop's Stortford was cancelled. We then had a little time to prepare for our next fixture against Culford. We knew it would be a challenging game, looking at their results. It did not disappoint; the game went goal for goal and every pass and shot we made was under pressure. With a good crowd supporting it really helped the squad keep up the intensity. A couple of crucial interceptions near the end of the game enabled us to get a couple of goals ahead. As the final whistle blew, we managed to secure a 35-31 win. Next up we faced a strong Norwich School side, knowing this would be an extremely tough fixture. The opposition contained many players that compete at regional/national level for their clubs.



The first quarter blew us away and we could not get a grip of the game. We stopped playing the way we knew we could so when quarter time came it was a chance to reset. The squad could all appreciate that the opposition were excellent, however when we applied what we could do on the court we had some very good passages of play. The squad kept positive, and we used the experience to learn from and push on. Norwich took the win 63-20.

For our next fixture we welcomed Wymondham College. In the early stages of this game Wymondham set up defensively off our attackers. This was something we had not faced much so it was a great opportunity to take on board coaching advice on how to break through this type of defence. We restricted our number of cross court balls which helped us push through for the win, 37-19. Our week ahead was a busy one: first up on the Tuesday we faced Langley. Langley had one very tall, accurate shooter who was going to be a challenge. The squad worked hard for each other on the court and played some great netball, resulting in a 40-27 win. On the Wednesday we welcomed Thoroughbreds Netball Club for a friendly. The opposition were specifically selected to make it an even match. It was a brilliant game, and the sides were pitched perfectly. We used it to work through different combinations. All the girls really stepped up their game and it ended up 45-43 to Thoroughbreds. On Saturday we faced a strong RHS side who had excellent elevation and athleticism at both ends of the court. Again, it was a goal for goal game, our defence were working tirelessly to turn the ball over and in the last 6 minutes RHS managed to edge ahead into an 8-goal lead. We began to tire towards the end of the last quarter, but the team kept pushing and after a very busy week it was understandable. A great effort from the whole squad, RHS took the win 40-32.

The following week we headed to our annual Brentwood tournament. The tournament is a great opportunity for us to compete against schools we do not meet within our fixture schedule. It was a cold, rainy day in Essex, which made conditions difficult to play in. The games were only 2 x 5 mins long, so any errors were costly. In our group we played Bancroft's, Brentwood, Highgate, and Beech Grove Academy. All the games were close, but we only secured one win, so we did not progress through to the semi-finals. After a busy second half of the term, our final match was

upon us: we had our final home match against Norwich High School. Norwich had a good team with several experienced club players. It was a great game that went goal for goal with lots of excellent shooting by both sides. With some great turnovers defensively, we edged ahead and managed to finish the term with a win, 37-28.

Our vice-captain Kate worked in the shooting circle alongside Tavi and Izzy and together they combined with some great movement and scored many fantastic shots. Our mid-court of Flo, Hattie and Olivia showed a combination of different styles of play, driving the ball through the midcourt and giving our shooters many opportunities. Our captain Florence instilled a real calmness in defence, combining with our young defensive trio of Sophia, Clara and Esther. They played with intelligence and flair creating many turnovers, often against players that were taller than them. The players showed a real togetherness as a squad, and it showed on and off the court. To our leavers, thank you for your contributions to netball at Gresham's and, finally, congratulations to Kate for winning the Player of the season award and to Olivia for winning the Most Valuable player award.

Squad: Florence Kemp - Captain, Kate Webster - Vice-Captain, Octavia Presslee, Isobel Morgan-Evans, Olivia Rowe, Flo O'Leary, Hattie Reynolds, Sophia Colman, Clara Woolliams, Esther Payne,

Mrs Buckingham

2nd VII

Squad: Pheobe Worrall (Captain), Tamsin Schofield, Erin Lowe, Rebe Harrison, Tatty Couch, Summer Hollinger, Alice Stanbridge, Milly Hanworth-Knights, Issy Symington, Jemima Todd

The 2nds consisted of a strong squad of 10 this season, with 10 fixtures to play. A cracking first game against Ely, allowed the girls to settle into their positions, play some fantastic netball and turn over lots of ball to grab a 28-14 victory. After half term and a rested break we were up to face Norwich School. Tight from the start, we managed to stay one ahead at half time. Norwich School put us under pressure in the 3rd quarter and took the lead, which they kept; a loss, 23-35. Wymondham was a low-scoring, tight, end-to-end match. The girls played brilliantly in the third



quarter to sneak ahead, a lead they managed to hold on to: a win, 15-11. RHS was a tough match and ended with a final score of 14-43 against a significantly stronger team and a GA who never missed! The girls have worked hard in training, often working with the 1st team, which is a great opportunity. Their match play has improved with every game they have played, and their versatility and enthusiasm have been a great combination, and they have been pleasure to coach. Sadly, Phoebe Worrall who has captained the side brilliantly, leaves us, but I am hoping to hold on to the rest of the squad for the 2023 season!

Mrs Curtis

3rd VII

Charlotte Allen, Eliza Allen, Phoebe Bevington, Poppy Brady, Phoebe Claybourn, Molly Cook, Alice Duffy, Miranda Harvey-Samuel, Milly Hanworth-Knights, Maisie Knights, Honor Spice, Jasmin Taylor-Riches, Ruby Vaughan-Jones

The 3rd Team netball had a great season. The girls trained hard and there was plenty of fun to be had on the courts too as many of these girls were Year 13, who loved their netball and just wanted to play, as it was their last netball term before heading off to university.

A memorable highlight of the season was the convincing 23-7 win against Norwich High School for Girls and the 16-16 draw against Culford was exciting! Ruby Vaughan-Jones was an excellent Captain, who was also very strong as Goal Attack and scored many goals for the team. Molly Cook was a very energetic Centre who always played with a big smile on her face. Sadie Al-Ani Spence played a strong Wing Attack and she and Molly made a good partnership on the court. In defence, Jasmin Taylor-Riches turned plenty of ball and all these Year 13 girls will be very much missed in the netball term. Congratulations must go to Ruby Vaughan-Jones for her Player of the Season award which was very justly deserved. Poppy Brady also deserves a mention for her Most Improved Player award and she has demonstrated some excellent skills in defence this year and has turned the ball a lot!

I look forward to working with some of them in the next netball term and hope that those who have gone to University are still playing!

Mrs Bracey and Mr Lowe

4th VII

Elise Barber, Phoebe Bevington, Izzy Branton, Millie Clark Isabella de Capell Brooke, Thaleia Dix, Alice Duffy, Robyn Horner, Skyla Manning, Libby McCarthy, Georgie Morris Honor Spice, Charlotte Tipling, Maddie Ward, Icy White

The 4th team have had a successful season of netball, winning 3 matches, scoring 73 goals and only letting in 47 goals.

The girls trained hard throughout the season and made excellent progress with their skills. A particular highlight was the comfortable win against Norwich High School, where the girls won 28-5. Also memorable was the exciting match against Culford, which ended up being a win to us 18-11. Congratulations must go to Maddie Ward who achieved Player of the Season. She is a valuable mid-court player who moves the ball well down the court. Skyla Manning also deserves a mention for her Most Improved Player award: she has shot well throughout the season and plays an impressive Goal Attack. Gresham's hosted a small local netball tournament and the 4th team played in this matchplay experience. It was a superb afternoon with our girls winning all their matches.

I shall enjoy watching their netball progress in the next netball season.

Mrs Bracey and Mr Lowe

U15A

Mojubafoluwa Akinyeye, Felicity Brady, Gracie Calvert, Charlotte Gaunt, Poppy Gaunt, Poppy Goode, Alex Grand, Alice Marjoram, Oosha Moondi, Reva Spiegel, Maddi Woodcock

The U15A netball team have had a fantastic season, winning 6 matches and losing only 1. Overall, they have scored 134 goals and conceded 118.

Highlights must include the convincing 27-17 win against Culford, the thrilling 20-17 win against Norwich High School and the 22-13 win against RHS. As a team, they have worked hard all season and were great fun to travel away with! We went to the Brentwood tournament in Essex, coming across some big, tough schools and performed very well on the day, losing in the semi-finals to Chigwell. Earlier in



the draw, there were some solid performances to beat King's Ely and Bancroft's where we turned the ball in defence, moved the ball well through the court and shot with accuracy. Throughout the season, Mojo should be congratulated on being awarded Player of the Season and I must also thank her for the fantastic job she has done in her role as Captain. Charlotte Gaunt should also be congratulated on her achievement of Most Improved player as the season progressed, she really grew into her GK position and was intercepting and jumping the shot well. As a defensive unit, Mojo and Charlotte kept us in the game against Norwich High School and turned every ball over in the third quarter, meaning the opposition did not score then at all!

This is a very talented group of girls who should be pleased with their results and hard work this season, and I look forward to seeing their play progress as they move upwards through the school.

Sarah Bracey

U15B

The Under 15B team have been an absolute pleasure to coach in my first netball season at Gresham's. We have used a large squad of around 13 players throughout the season, but this has never affected the team's cohesiveness. The girls have been so incredibly coachable throughout, which has been the main reason behind why they have remained unbeaten this season. At the end of each quarter, a new target would be set, and the girls would work so hard to achieve it within the next 10-12 minutes.

The team kicked off the season with a dominating performance at Langley. Our defence continued to make turnover after turnover and the ball flew through our midcourt and created many shooting opportunities for our shooters. We took the win 29-0. We then had a training match against our prep school which we used to work through lots of combinations, again taking the win 14-7. We followed up with

a strong win against Reepham's A team. A tougher encounter against our local rivals Norwich School put much more pressure on the squad. The game was tight throughout, but we managed to edge the win by 4 goals. Two dominant performances against Wymondham College and RHS, resulting in two good wins, meant we were heading into our last game of the season unbeaten, so the team had all to train and play for. Our final game was away at Norwich High School. All the squad were up for this game and were firing on all cylinders. This really showed on court and dominating in all four quarters meant we finished with a strong 37-9 win.

The player of the season award went to Zara Uthwatt-Bouverie, who worked tirelessly at the often-unnoticed position of WD. Zara turned over more ball than anyone else throughout the season and was instrumental throughout our counterattacks. Rosie Rampton (vice-captain) was awarded Most Improved Player due to her hard work on utilising her other attacking players to manipulate her positioning under the posts and also improving her shooting percentage throughout the season. The team was led superbly well throughout by Eva O'Donnell as captain.

Congratulations to the squad on an unbeaten term, 7 wins from 7, a great achievement.

Mrs Knightbridge

15C & 15D

The Under 15 year group had lots of depth and big numbers so this season we were able to field four teams with full squads. There was great competition for places, and every player could play in some fixtures, sometimes pitched against equivalent levels and sometimes the level above. The players focused on all their basic skills of passing, footwork and movement. We also tried to establish some positional combinations.

The 15D team always opens the term with a friendly against our prep school. It is used as a training match to work on some



combinations. The players combined well and started with a good win. Our 15D opened the season again Reepham's B team. It was a tough challenge for the D team and even though they combined well at times, Reepham took the win. Next up, the teams travelled away to Culford, in the fixture we were pitched against the level above, so our D team played Culford C, and our C team played Culford's B team. The D team had a great fixture and the game continued to go goal for goal. At the final whistle, the score was a fair 12-12 draw. Unfortunately, the C team were just edged out of the game and Culford won by a small margin of 2 goals.

Our next encounters were against Norwich School. Both squads dominated their games which resulted in two convincing wins against our local rivals. We followed up with an away trip to RHS. We matched up well to our opposition and both games were contested right until the final whistle. We finished the games well and ended up with two good wins. Our next fixtures were against Norwich High School who also had lots of players in their 15s age group and so once again we saw two competitive games unfold. Although the game started tight for our C team, the opposition were unable to capitalise on their chances, whereas our shooters showed good accuracy, resulting in a strong 29-4 win. Our D team had a tight first half, but our opposition dominated the second half, taking a 21-10 win.

Congratulations to our players of the season, Bronwyn Wagg for the 15C team and Harriet Carman for the 15D. Our most improved players go to Ella Burrage in the 15C team and Jennie Gunns in the 15D team.

The players also participated in the house netball competition, which was brilliant as it was the first time we had the depth to allow more teams to compete.

The Coaching Team

14A

The 14A team started the season with the North Norfolk Schools qualifiers at Aylsham. The tournament consisted of short games of 7 minutes each way. The team performed extremely well, scoring lots of shots and not conceding any against them, which is very unusual in netball. Our first school fixture was away at Langley. The squad put on a great show of skillful netball. We were extremely tight defensively, turning over lots of ball and creating lots of opportunities for our shooters. In turn, the shooters showed great accuracy, which resulted in a 74-4 win. Unfortunately, our next game against Norwich School was cancelled, which was a real shame as we knew this would have been a great test for the team. Next up we had an away fixture at King's Ely. The opposition had some skillful players so the team had to work hard to turn the ball over. We got better and better and, as the game went on and the team pulled away and as the final whistle blew, we took the win 52-20. Our Framlingham fixture was cancelled so we had a good opportunity to work on some areas ahead



of the half-term break. On our return, our first fixture was a trip to Culford, the team totally dominated the game from start to finish, and even with the squad rotating around, the team continued to push the score on, resulting in a 41-5 win. Norwich High travelled to us in our next fixture. They had a few good club players so we knew this would be a good challenge in all areas of the court. The Norwich High team had good shooters, so this was going to test our defensive unit. The players took on board instructions during the breaks and adjusted their game well. In attack we needed to work the ball around more to create opportunities in the shooting circle. We gradually pulled away to win 32-20. We had a tight game against Wymondham College next, not really flowing in the way we had in previous games. The team grinded out a 17-13 win. Our final fixture for the term was away at RHS. A full squad travelled and were determined to finish the season well. The play on the court was excellent in all areas. The team, defensively, made it very tough for the opposition to progress into their shooting circle and created turnover after turnover. The ball flowed freely through the midcourt and once again our shooters were in excellent form. The game finished with a big 45-9 win. The squad also attended the county round of the National Schools competition at the UEA. The squad played some excellent netball but in a strong group just missed the crossover on goal difference.

The defensive unit of Hetty, Mia and Isobel grew throughout the term. They took advice well and developed their tactical knowledge of the game, both in how and when to apply it. Our midcourt combined tirelessly, working hard in both defence and attack to take turnovers through to shooting opportunities. Zinnia, Kitty, Lila and Chloe offered different styles of play, which was great to have in the squad. The shooting combination of Romilly and Grace both displayed extremely high shooting averages throughout the term and scored a vast number of goals, particularly for this age group. Congratulations to the 14A player of the season Hetty Holden and to the most improved player Zinnia-Claire Booty.

Mrs Pegg



14B

Our under 14 age group had lots of very talented netballer. The year had great depth and so our B team consisted of several strong players which in another year would have been A team standard. Our early sessions comprised of sharpening up on all our basic skills. The squad quickly established themselves in a variety of combinations, all of which proved strong.



The iconic Gresham's U14bs 'Ballers' had a stellar season, achieving in every match and improving their skills as the term went on. From starting the term with a 21-1 win against Langley to the closely fought 38-33 win against King's Ely, the girls have shown sportsmanship and grown together as a team. It is a pleasure to write about a perfect set of results: 31-12 against Reepham High, 17-11 against Wymondham College and 31-17 against RHS. Thank you and congratulations to Alice Patton, Jemima Morgan-Evans, Zelig

Birkbeck, Lexi Cubitt, Mollie Rand, Cara Halsall, Francis Rowe, Esther Broad and Alice Hood. Your diligent and consistent effort throughout the season made you the team to beat.

Congratulations to the players of the season Zelig Birkbeck and Molly Rand and to the most improved player Esther Broad. A big well done to the whole squad on an unbeaten season.

Mr Higgs

14C & 14D

We were looking forward to having lots of players hitting the netball courts this term. Our under 14 age group consisted of big numbers so the squads were full and had good depth. The early training sessions consisted of working on our passing, movement and footwork. We had to keep the intensity in sessions as the netball term always proved to be extremely cold.

Our 14c team started off the term with a friendly fixture against the prep school. We use this as a training match ahead of the term. Our size and skill caused problems for the prep school, and we took a dominant 18-1 win. We followed up with an impressive performance away at King's Ely where the team again performed in all four quarters, we took the win 23-3. Both teams then travelled away to Culford where we faced teams a level above us, so our c team played Culford's b team, and our d team played Culford's c team. We knew this would be a tough challenge for the squads, although our c team competed well in all four quarters, Culford edged each one by a couple of goals resulted in a 16-26 loss. Our d team had an excellent win by 6, playing well in all combinations.

Norwich High School travelled to play us in our next fixture. They also had great depth in numbers in their junior teams so we knew it would us with a great fixture. Both games were very even and went goal for goal throughout. Our c team just edged ahead in the last couple of minutes and came away with a 21-18 win. Our d team game really did go until the final whistle and fortunately we were ahead and took the game with a 1 goal win. Our final fixtures were away at RHS who also had big numbers in their juniors, so again we knew we were going to have two great fixtures to finish the term. Our c team faced a strong RHS team and although the game was competitive our opposition finished with a 7-15 win. The d team finished with an exciting game, tussles were happening all over the court. We edged ahead towards the end and took the win 21-18. A fantastic way to end the season.

Congratulations to our c team award winners, Cerys Dentry for the player of the season and Ruby Cranfield for the most improved player. Our d team award winners were Naomi Harvey-Samuel for the player of the season and Filippa Arthur Holm for the most improved player. A special mention to the 14d team who finished with an unbeaten term.

The players also had the opportunity to participate in the house netball, which was exciting as we had so many juniors, we could field more teams. A great term for both teams, well done.

The Coaching Team

Football

1st XI

There was a huge amount of excitement and enthusiasm at the start of the year for football here at Gresham's, resulting in one of our most successful seasons ever! The first team were involved in 17 competitive fixtures over the two terms and there were several outstanding performances in that time.

The season kicked off on the first Saturday back in September with a home fixture against The Perse. This was a highly competitive game and Gresham's nearly took the lead mid-way through the first half but the keeper saved well to maintain the clean sheet and shortly after The Perse scored on the counter to lead 1-0 at half time. Gresham's continued to press and created the better chances, nearly scoring through Moritz Von Langen, however as the half progressed The Perse came back into the game and only some excellent defending by Joe Nash and Henry Baker kept the score down, with the final result being a 2-0 loss and Henry Baker being given player of the match.

There was little time to recover from the result and just over a week later Gresham's faced a highly competitive Langley team, whose team contained several potential stars for the future. Gresham's played to frustrate and attack on the counter and for 25 minutes kept Langley out thanks to an excellent performance by Oliver Thomas, playing his first game at centre back following an injury to Joe Nash. However, 3 quick goals meant Gresham's trailed 3-0 at half time, however they continued to work hard and the final result of 5-0 was no disgrace against a very strong team. Horace Wong on his debut for the first team played well in the defensive midfield role, with Anton Lucas making one outstanding challenge towards the end of the game that even earned him a clap from the opposition bench!

A home match against Norwich School followed and this was another defeat, with Gresham's losing 5-2. However, there was much to be encouraged by and the first goals of the season from Lucas Triffitt and Ben Roper meant we were off the mark in terms of goals scored. At this point it seemed like maybe the season would be a long, challenging one but everything changed following this match!

An away trip to Culford and a superb 5-5 draw against a very





capable side felt like a victory (especially as we trailed 4-3 at half time) and all the hard work on the attacking side of the game finally paid off, with goals from Joel Philpott (2), Henry Baker, Foiy Scammell-Katz and Rocco Lum (a Ronaldo style free kick!). Although the scorers often get the plaudits, some fantastic assists from Charlie Hood and Paul Deslande made their job all the easier and if not for some outstanding saves by Harry Short the result could have been very different. A well-earned McDonalds was the motivation needed to repeat this amazing feat!

If that was a good result, the next was even better as we travelled to Felsted to face a very difficult opponent that had won every game they had played so far in the season. However, despite trailing 1-0 at half time goals from Rocco Lum (another free kick!) and Foiy Scammell-Katz meant Gresham's held on for the victory and the first win of the season. Everyone played magnificently well but Finn Lowe showed skill, determination and the physicality needed to keep their very pacey winger surprisingly quiet and earned player of the match.

Encouraged by the first win, we travelled to The Perse determined to show how much the side had improved since that first match of the season and in some quite horrendous weather conditions led 2-1 at half time thanks to goals by Joel Philpott and Archie Jones (on his debut for the first team). However, the equaliser came shortly after half time and after missing a chance at the end of the game to win, Gresham's conceded with literally one minute left of the match to play, losing 3-2. However, despite the disappointment of defeat there was no doubt how much the side had improved and we were determined to carry this into the next match at home to Culford.

And what a match it was! Gresham's dominated the game from the start and led 3-0 with goals from Joel Philpott, Adrian Von Wrede and Charlie Hood, whose goal was an outstanding first-time volley from outside the area (which rightly won him the 'goal of the season' award and a chocolate orange!). A confident display in goal from Julius Schwend also resulted in the first clean sheet of the season! These last few matches had shown how far the team had come and even a 6-3 defeat at home to a Felsted side looking for revenge (with two goals from Joel Philpott and one from Charlie Hood) could not dampen the spirits following an amazing second half to the term.





The Lent term came and it was all change for the football team, as some first team members opted to play hockey and we welcomed some new members to the side. The newly re-assembled side had a baptism of fire against a very competitive Wyndham College team away from home, losing 8-1 (with the goal coming from Chima Chikelu on his debut). However, there were many positives with Joe Wilson coming on as a substitute and defending well at left full back and Teddy Bowden had an excellent game at centre half for his first ever competitive football match for the school.

We travelled to The Leys for our second fixture of the Lent term and the new combination of Nick Morgan and Harry Todd at the heart of defence had an outstanding game, ably assisted by full backs Finn Lowe and Josh Keeble. This solid defensive display enabled the attacking players to push forward and the result was a 4-1 win, with goals from Joel Philpott, Rocco Lum (yes, another free kick!), Lucas Triffitt and Foxy Scammell-Katz capping a comfortable and dominant display and a well-earned win.

The next match was away at Culford and after two very tightly contested games this season, this was no different. Keen to avenge their defeat, Culford took the lead but a goal from Joel Philpott made it 1-1 at half time. Gresham's pushed for the win, but Culford broke on a counter attack to score and win the game 2-1 with Harry Todd voted player of the match for another superb defensive display. The following game was the return fixture against Wyndham College and after a heavy defeat at the start of term we were determined to show how much we had improved and despite losing 3-1 (goal from Foxy Scammell-Katz) this was a much-improved performance, with Nick Morgan again leading by example at centre back and voted man of the match.

Woodbridge school was our next fixture and the side were determined to taste victory again. Gresham's were dominant from the start and some excellent passing football resulted in Gresham's leading 2-0 at half time, courtesy of two goals from Joel Philpott. The second half display was even better, with Foxy Scammell-Katz scoring again and Joel Philpott completing his hat trick for a comprehensive 4-0 win. A particularly impressive display from the ever-improving Jethro Holmes set the tone for the win, as his commitment, awareness and skill was too much for the Woodbridge midfield.

A fourth and deciding match against Culford was played away from home and this game did not disappoint despite the result not quite going our way. Very quickly Gresham's were 2-0 down and being over-run in midfield, before a tactical switch to 5 in midfield and the introduction of Nureyn Mwang'ombe (who was awarded man of the match for his impact) turned the tide. Goals from Joel Philpott, Chima Chikelu and another free kick from Rocco Lum put Gresham's in charge, but we could not hold on and lost the game 4-3, conceding with the last kick of the match. Despite the defeat, the players were proud of how they had come back and played so well against a well-trained and skilful Culford side.

The final two games of the season were at home and resulted in defeats against Langley (4-0) and Sheringham (3-1, with the goal coming from Jethro Holmes) but this did not lessen the outstanding achievement of the side this season. Many of the team have not played football competitively before this year and were fully committed in training and in matches. They were a pleasure to coach, the perfect role models for the school and we were hugely proud of everything they have achieved this season.

2nd XI

This year was also particularly exciting as it is the first time we have been able to field a second team in football, part way through the Michaelmas term and into the Lent term. Finding schools who were able to also field second teams was



somewhat of a challenge, but in the seven competitive fixtures that were played the Gresham's B team had some outstanding displays and some very memorable results

The first fixture was away at Felsted and in a very competitive match Gresham's conceded early on, but equalised with an excellent low shot from the wing by Archie Jones. The second half was closely contested

and Jakub Nikiciuk kept Gresham's in the match with some outstanding saves, but finally he was beaten and the final result was 2-1 to Felsted. However, for a first fixture as a team this was a very encouraging display. Also noticeable was the cool headedness of Alex Marjoram and Max Sturgeon in defence, both playing their first competitive matches for the school and Freddie Smith contributed some excellent passes to turn defence into attack.

We travelled to The Perse for a fixture against their B team and in heavy rain and strong winds, the Gresham's side took control of the match and goals from Ben Harvey-Samuel, Boaz Van der Maat and a 'screamer' from Lucas Triffitt meant we left with a comfortable 3-0 victory. The clean sheet was even more pleasing, with great performances from Max Dumont Dos Santos and George Betts contributing to a fantastic result.

The Lent term started with a difficult 6-0 defeat against a very capable Wymondham College second team, who were held to 0-0 in the first half but managed to break through a resolute defensive display in the second half and take charge of the game. Aiden Barros led by example and had an excellent game and despite the defeat the team learnt a lot from this and were ready for the return fixture at Gresham's a few weeks later.

In the return match, Gresham's went behind after two consecutive goals to trail 2-0. However, with lessons learnt from the first match and some committed performances across the pitch, a change in formation led to Gresham's scoring 3 goals (2 from Freddie Bowden and 1 from Milo Buxton) to lead 3-2 and this was a lead they held right to the end of the game. However, Wymondham won a penalty and despite that being brilliantly saved by Jakub Nikiciuk, they scored the rebound and the game finished 3-3 with that being the last kick of the ball. This was a confident display and showed the level of improvement from the side, who then went into the next match away to Woodbridge full of confidence.

However, this new-found confidence was tested very quickly as Woodbridge went ahead by two goals due to some lapses in concentration, but Gresham's battled back to lead 3-2 at half time. In the second half (following a rousing team talk from Mr Atkinson!) Gresham's took complete control of the game and the match finished 8-2, with a hat-trick from Jakub Nikiciuk, two goals from both Felix Del Mar and Oli Randell and a goal from Harry Short. As well as the goal scorers there were some excellent performances from Archie Harrod and Josh Wong with Joe Wilson using his experience from the first team to battle hard in defence and Toby Pollicott-Reid captaining the side and leading by example throughout.

The final away game of the season was against a Culford under 17 team and this was another very tight fixture against a very good team. Ben Roper scored a truly outstanding goal

and Albert Williams also got on the scoresheet, but unfortunately Gresham's lost 3-2. Player of the match was Ru McIntyre, who had an excellent game in the midfield. This was followed by the final home game of the season against a Langley second team and this was looking a very easy victory, with Gresham's leading 5-1 at the start of the second half following a hat trick from Charlie Hood and goals from Boaz Van Der Maat and Freddie Bowden. However, a dramatic twist then occurred and Langley scored a second goal, which gave them the confidence to attack more, scoring two more goals to reduce the deficit to 5-4. This led to a very nervous end to the match and Gresham's defended resolutely from this point, determined not to let the lead slip and there were several key interventions from Felix Wilson and Anton Lucas to ensure the match finished 5-4 to Gresham's and the second team tasted victory again.

As with the first team, the group of students who represented the school in the B team did so with pride and their effort, commitment and conduct was first class throughout the season. They were an absolute joy to coach, a credit to the school and a pleasure to take to fixtures and should be hugely proud of what they have accomplished this year.

Girls' Football

This year we were able to offer girls football for the first time in several years and we had a very strong group of students who became part of the Gresham's girls team. They trained every week for three times a week under the expert eye of Ms Nche and showed great enthusiasm and commitment to their training. We were hoping to have some competitive games for the girls, but unfortunately the schools we had a fixtures against had to withdraw as they were unable to field a team and despite contacting numerous other schools, they too did not have a girls' team so Gresham's very much leading the way here! However, in training on the main football pitch several of the students at Gresham's were able to see our girls' team training and witness the high standard of football being displayed and they were a very positive influence on other students in the school, meaning hopefully we can continue to offer this as a games option for many seasons to come. Whilst they did not have a fixture, these students are deserving of a mention for their commitment and for setting such a positive example to those that were able to see them. The Gresham's team this year consisted of Pauline Riederer, Kimberly Navida, Leonie Bussert, Daisy Waddison, Viktoria Hochbaum, Annabel Edwards, Emily Larner, Clara Griesemann, Alana Lewis, Maya Pies, Emma Talumaa, Alisa Yudina, Ash Pillesaar, Michelle Williams and Sophia Wedgewood. We are hoping next year more schools can follow Gresham's lead in having girls' teams so that we can offer some competitive fixtures for our team also.

Overall this season has been one of the best ever for Gresham's football, fielding two very competitive boys teams with a total of 24 fixtures between the two sides and some outstanding performances and results and being able to run a girls' team for the first time in recent years. The confidence is high and all bodes well for next season, where we will continue to play as many competitive fixtures as possible and also join a newly created independent school football league. All the players deserve a mention for making it such a positive year and for generating a momentum that can only gather pace as we move into the new academic year.

Moonball

It was a cold Tuesday morning. The moonball season had begun...the session started with an inspirational talk from ex international player and coach Mr Curtis. With a quick introduction to the rules the team captains were selected. Firstly the Wherries (the best team on paper) were led by none other than Will 'the bison' Alston, bad boy of Gresham's prep school, and he had represented moonball for the Norfolk U12s in goal which is some achievement in itself. The second team as they were known throughout the year were the Moongazers. This team was led by woodworking woody who had a hot head and steamed into contact challenges. What the 3d designer pro lacked in skill he made up for in leadership and raw aggression. This season saw some incredible moments which will be spoken of in folklore for centuries to come. One such moment included Jakob 'The Dominator' Dohm, a German international who came to the Gresham's moonball academy to widen his goalkeeping ability. Whilst playing in goal on one Saturday the German international managed to pick up a rather nasty injury which consisted of a body contact resulting from a ruthless volley from the best player on the pitch, according to himself, George Addison. Another highlight from the dominator was the family support from ex player of the year and world cup winner in 1999 Senior Dohm. This is something which the dominator hopes to re live in years to come. He was also supported by the rest of the family who really enhanced the volume in the stadium. The season was a closely fought out battle with training occurring on a Tuesday and Thursday and then an epic contest on a Saturday for the highly sort after moonball signet ring which allowed bragging rights for the week. This season was dominated by the Wherries for the first half of the season with Bidwell and Harrison tearing up the turf up front and the centre of the pitch being dominated by keen golfer and part time moonballer

Bobby Lapping with solid defence from Nelly, Bush and cousin of the bison Charles. Finally, in goal was none other than the bison who showed his anger a few times at any defenders lacking commitment. However, the Gazers came back through incredible acrobatics in goal from Dohm and keen defence from tik-tok famous Alford and the west end duo of Bailey and Chapel. The midfield also consisted of late comers Senior Addison and Mozza who really did show that they deserved to play with the big boys. Some other stand outs included Humphrey who really made a name for himself after using his go pro which let the team do some intensive analysis within the classroom. Woodhouse and veteran Curtis really did show the other team how to do it with unmatched passion throughout the season. Finally, Ben Michel had the lowest miles ran on the GPS tracker which really did say something about his play. The regular season ended in a draw so it all went down to a tiebreaker. The first half was dominated by the fired-up gazers who took an early lead. This passion and lead grew in the second half for the gazers with it looking like there was no way back for the Wherries however their quality started to shine through and they brought it back to within 2 points. During the last play of the game it looked like the win was inevitable for the gazers however an incredible late volley gave the Wherries a two pointer and the game went to penalties. This saw some good goalkeeping skills from both sides however Will Alston



could not keep up with the international standard on the Dohminator and the Gazers ended up winning the Moonball 2022 season which will go down as an absolute classic.

After the season had come to its conclusion all attention turned to the highly anticipated moonball dinner which saw another classic comment from drama boy Chapple after the team coach Mr C said we would be having mocktails. This dinner saw a lovely meal presented as well as photographs in front of the sponsors board. However, there are two moments in the dinner which have a close call for the best moment firstly an unprepared speech from will Alston was as much shambles as his season in goal. Finally, the moonball dinner concluded with a dance off between the two teams which was once again won by the Gazers. A brilliant season from all and bring on next season.

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Cricket

1st XI

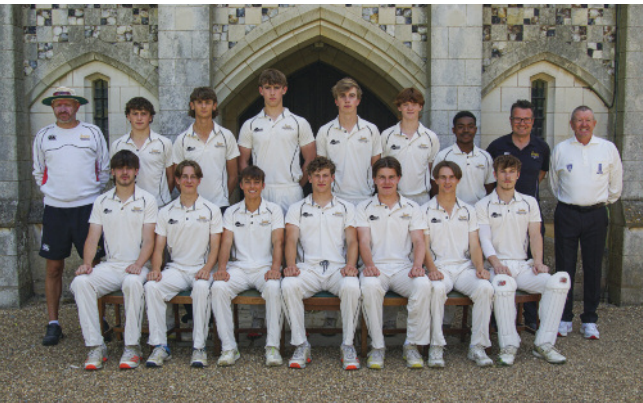
(Mr D Atkinson and Mr C Brown)

The 1st team boys had a very successful season with a number of notable team and personal highlights. The season started with a pre-season tour to Haileybury. Playing RGS High Wycombe first, we scored over 300 with Charlie Hood making 125 and Arthur Wilcox 86 to win by 65 runs. This was an impressive start. On the next day, a close game ended with a tie against Merchant Taylor's (Finn Lowe 4-18) and then a loss vs the hosts in a poor batting display. However, the games were a good way to get the team back together and ready for the season ahead.

We regularly play local clubs and this year we played Fakenham and Sheringham, losing to both. Against Fakenham we posted a competitive 228 with Harry Nunn 91 but failed to make inroads into a strong batting line up. Saturday fixtures vs Schools are the highlight of the season and this year we have won nearly all our matches. In the first half of the season victories came against The Leys, Royal Hospital, Norwich, St Joseph's and Framlingham. Winning all Saturday fixtures is a rare feat. Highlights included Ben Wilcox 69* vs The Leys and 52 vs Norwich, Mgcinumuzi Ndlela 6-23 vs St Joseph's and Nick Morgan 4 wickets vs Framlingham. The final Saturday match vs The Perse was a comprehensive win with Charlie Hood hitting 124.

The U18 had a good cup run this year in the National T20 tournament. Two close matches vs Norwich and Ipswich saw us progress to the Regional Semi-final. Despite 4-19 from Arthur Wilcox we fell 60 runs short in the chase vs Felsted. We continue to play vs Men's XIs in the season. A comfortable victory was achieved vs The XL Club with Ben Panter scoring 84 and Archie Jones scoring 80. The MCC match was superb with the MCC declaring on 239. The boys batted well and led by Charlie Hood's 103 we won with 3 overs and 4 wickets to spare. A great victory.

In the final week of term the 1st team hosted a festival vs Birkenhead School, George Watson's College and UCS Hampstead. Comprehensive victories were completed vs all teams with Charlie Hood scoring 2 more hundreds to take his tally to 6 for the season. In the first week of the holidays a mixed team took on Woodhouse Grove in a 2 day fixture,



winning by 2 wickets after a final innings chase of 128!

Various members of the team end their careers at Gresham's after excellent dedication and service. Ben Wilcox leaves after scoring over 1600 runs, Harry Nunn and Archie Jones have scored 500 runs, Joe Nash, Finn Lowe and Mgcinumuzi Ndlela leave with over 50 wickets.

Statistics Played 22, Won 16, Lost 5, Tied 1

Batting

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Average	HS
Charlie Hood	20	2	958	53.22	125
Ben Wilcox	12	3	368	40.88	69
Elliott Hart	14	3	338	30.72	63
Arthur Wilcox	13	1	315	26.25	86
Archie Jones	14		260	18.57	80
Harry Nunn	9	1	234	29.25	91
Muzi Ndlela	17	6	225	20.45	44
Ben Panter	10	3	224	32.00	84
Nick Morgan	11	4	214	30.57	43
Lucas Triffitt	11	3	194	24.25	55
Bowling					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Finn Lowe	104	8	412	36	11.44
Muzi Ndlela	93	1	452	26	17.38
Charlie Hood	92.1	13	328	22	14.90
Nick Morgan	123	13	474	19	24.94
Joe Nash	75.2	11	306	16	19.12
Arthur Wilcox	69	9	258	15	17.20
Lucas Triffitt	88.3	11	373	13	28.69

Bowling

Players who have represented the 1st team this season included: Ben Wilcox*, Harry Nunn, Joe Nash, Mgcinumuzi Ndlela, Archie Jones, Nick Morgan, Finn Lowe, Hector Robb, Teddy Bowden, Harry Bidwell Charlie Hood, Ben Panter, Harry Todd, Freddie Smith, Lucas Triffitt, Jack Whitlam, Felix Del Mar, Sam Hyatt, Elliott Hart, Trent Stoltz, Campbell Tillcock, Ed Jay, Arthur Wilcox, Freddie Bowden, Josh Knightbridge, Rory Richardson, Fergus Robb, Will Panter, Will Broad

2nd XI

(Mr A Coventry and Mr J Brettell)

The 2nd XI have been blessed with skill, talent, leadership and good humour this term. Having won every school fixture, it has been a significant season. Mr Brettell and I would like to thank



the boys for a very enjoyable season, one that has been an absolute joy to coach, umpire and play in the nets! All the team should get a mention for their efforts but there have been some outstanding performances from Ed Jay (batting), Campbell Tillcock (bowling) Rafe Lochore (batting and bowling), Jack Whitlam (bowling) and recently, Hector Robb for his outstanding leadership. With the consistent improvement of cricket at Gresham's, the 2nd XI is more comparable to a normal School 1st team and as such when faced with Ipswich and Culford 1st teams, the 2nds managed to win with ease. It has been a pleasure working with Year 13 this year. Harry Bidwell has improved with both bat and ball, Hector Robb has been a superb Captain in the second half of the season and Rafe Lochore has shown his extreme talents with the bat. Bobby Lapping is a legend with the bat and has scored some very important runs.

3rd XI

(Mr J Thomson)

The Leys - The batting was solid with a great 51, retired, for Hector Robb, man of the match, well supported by Bobby Lapping 23 and a nice finish from Felix Del Mar. Extras 50. We were great in the field with energy and a brilliant run out. Good catches Teddy Bowden, Bobby Lapping and Freddie Green. Tight bowling throughout Max Wilson 3, Freddie Bowden 2, Harry Bidwell, Felix Del Mar and George Vergerson-Rowley, some lovely turn from Joe Baker, a cameo from Callum

Richardson and the most ebullient, and high pitched, wicket celebrations from Jack Barnes.

Culford - Man of the match, Ben Roper, for a fantastic knock. Some solid biffs for sixes from Teddy Bowden and some tight bowling from the Captain, bowling to a 7 man slip cordon.

Norwich - Very well played, a record-breaking victory! Runs galore: Hector Robb, Callum Richardson and Bobby Lapping lamped fifties. George Vergerson-Rowley ratcheted up 36, Ben Roper 31 and extras expanded the effort by 32. After 30 overs, for the loss of 6 wickets, the 3rds scored 297; the highest total achieved during my 22 seasons i/c. Alex Roper, Bobby Lapping, Will Johnson and Freddie Green gathered a wicket apiece but, the bulk of the wickets belonged to Joe Baker, man of the match with 5-15, which included 3 stumpings by Teddy Bowden; umpire Thomson eventually giving them out. The Norwich team did their best and we are grateful to them and umpire Curtis for the match.

Wymondham - Wymondham 1st XI were undoubtedly the best opposition we have faced all term. Their bowling was much tighter than that to which we have grown accustomed. Ben Roper, Callum Richardson on the scorecard, and George Vergerson-Rowley steadied the yacht with a 50 partnership but we were 20 runs short in the end with 97/5. When the game seemed to be slipping away Will Johnson took a key wicket then and a win was on. It didn't quite happen. They made our total with 4 overs to go. Thank you Freddie Green for providing the umpires with hat and sunscreen.





exceptional in the field with George Marsh leading from the front with eight catches including two Ben Stokesesque grabs and four run outs. The team should be proud of their efforts and hope that they continue to progress with their cricket as they proved to themselves that they are a talented group.

U15B

(Mr B Pienaar and Mr F Handley)

Not every age group is gifted with talent but the willingness of this group of young men to learn and improve made it a privilege for Fred and I to be their coach. Had we kept Milan Herathge he would have been our player of the year with two consecutive fifties, including a win, which meant he was promoted to the 'A's, so the mantle fell on the rest. Felix Lazell and Harper Rand showed promise. Callum Barber improved so much he became an automatic choice, but the player who was most consistent with bat and ball was Freddie Betts. All the players who represented the U15 Bs this year deserve a mention, despite not always being on the right side of the win they never gave up and always came to training with smiles on their faces and bags of enthusiasm.

Freddie Betts, Toby Ashton, Felix Lazell, Otto Hay, William Nicholas, William Ringer, Harper Rand, Ben Williams, Milan Herathge, James Christophi, Callum Barber, James Hume, Jesse Rainey

U14A

(Mr T Burnett)

The U14As have had a very successful season so far, having played 8, won 7 and lost 1. They began the season away at The Leys, with the home team electing to bat and setting us 133 to win the game in 20 overs. Gresham's started their innings slowly, with only 39 off the first 10 overs. However, Will Panter and Will Broad batted beautifully to put a partnership of 70 together with Will Broad scoring 34 and Will Panter 40. Panter and Broad departed in quick succession and we finished the game just 4 runs short with 129 for 5 off 20 overs.

We hosted The Royal Hospital School for the second game of the season. Gresham's won the toss and opted to bowl first, reducing RHS to 6 for 4 with Fergus Robb taking 2 wickets in his first over. RHS recovered to score 81 all out. Gresham's chased these down in 11 overs without the loss of a wicket. Kit Pallister and Fergus Robb both scoring 30 not

It was a shame to lose the last game in the calendar but it should not detract from what has been the best 3rd XI in the last 22 years, lovely chaps and classic cricket.

U17

(Mr D Atkinson & Mr C Brown)

The Boys' U17 team reached the Quarter Final of the National Cup. They played 5 games so far beating Norwich by 54 runs, Ipswich School by 8 wickets, The Perse by 22 runs and finally Forest School by 6 wickets. The final match vs Forest was an extraordinary game of cricket with the boys chasing 259 to win with Ed Jay scoring 51* and Charlie Hood an astonishing 154*. In the last 8 they lost to a strong Trent College team by 6 wickets.

Those who have played this year for the U17 include: Charlie Hood*, Arthur Wilcox, Elliott Hart, Harry Todd, Ed Jay, Sam Hyatt, Jack Whitlam, Josh Knightbridge, Trent Stoltz, Campbell Tillcock, Will Panter, Ben Panter, Lucas Triffitt

U15A (Mr J Sharrock)

After a difficult season last year, the U15A boys approached the new season with an air of trepidation. However, with plenty of hard work and dedication they produced some excellent displays recording four wins against Culford, St Joseph's, Ipswich and Langley. Captain and Player of the Season, Josh Knightbridge amassed over 400 runs, including two centuries. Wickets were shared evenly amongst the team with Charl Malherbe, Hector Lochore, Alex Morrissey, George Wilson and Emerson Gilbertson putting in some fantastic performances. The team were also



out. The player of the match was Fergus Robb: 4 wickets for 11 runs and 30 runs with the bat.

Match three was a midweek affair and a visit to Culford School. Culford won the toss and batted first, reaching 101 all out in 19 overs. Gresham's got to 104 for 4 with Will Panter hitting 40 not out. He also took 2 wickets for 0 off 0.4 overs making him player of the match. There is a notable mention for Oliver Robertson-Widdowson who produced a piece of magic in the field to run out the Culford opener.

In match four we hosted Norwich school. The visitors reached 108 all out with wickets falling at regular intervals throughout their innings. We made life difficult for ourselves by losing early wickets. Will Waters came to the crease and played a class innings, finishing 40 not out and leading us to a 4-wicket win.

In game five, we hosted St Joseph's College. They were short of players so Freddie Lambert and Charlie Prout kindly offered to play for the opposition. Gresham's won the toss, electing to bat first, reaching 181 for 3 from 20 overs. Fergus Robb top scored with 45 without playing any shots to cow corner! St Joseph's never really got going and were skittled for 44.

In game six we played Langley away in the County Cup. Gresham's won the toss and elected to bat first. We were quickly 2 for 0 but recovered to score 165 for 4 from our 20 overs. Ben Panter scored 82 not out with Grace Hanworth-Knights (on debut) scoring 46. They put on a partnership of 143 runs, hitting a few 'bombs' along the way. An impressive bowling and fielding display then restricted Langley to 148 for 4, with Will Panter returning figures of 4 overs, 0 for 10.

In game seven, we travelled to Framlingham College on a slightly damp day. We won the toss and elected to bowl first. We were able to take wickets at regular intervals (Doug Light 'had it on a string'), bowling Framlingham out for 87 in 21 overs. Fergus Robb was again the pick of the bowlers, returning figures of 4 overs, 3 wickets for 10 runs. After losing an early wicket, Will Broad and James Campbell-Mackenzie constructed a partnership of 83, chasing the total down within 15 overs. Will Broad hit the winning runs with a 4, going on to 50 not out in the process.

Game eight was an entertaining affair, hosting Ipswich. After electing to bat first, we lost some early wickets, but Will Panter and Will Broad again came together at the crease putting together a partnership that enabled us to reach 173 for 8, with Will Panter scoring another half century. Ipswich



started slowly but accelerated after drinks and with the help of a brutal batting display from their opener (brilliantly caught on the boundary by Zach Kemp) got within 9 runs, scoring 164 for 6 from their 30 overs. Zach Kemp bowled beautifully, holding his line and length to take 3 wickets and he also took 3 very important catches, making him player of the match.

The following pupils have represented the 14A team this year: Will Panter*, Will Broad, Fergus Robb, Kit Pallister, Grace Hanworth-Knights, James Campbell-Mackenzie, Doug Light, Oliver Robertson-Widdowson, Will Water, Toby Waterfall, Joey Hollick, Zach Kemp, Sebastian Chapple, Harry Seldon, Arthur Butterworth and JC Malherbe.

U14B

(Mr T Ling)

The Under 14Bs have had a positive season despite results not always going the team's way. A large squad has meant a lot of good competition for places in the starting XI across the season. The boys started with a tough away fixture away to The Leys where they narrowly lost. Next up was a home game versus Royal Hospital School where the boys defended a score of 111 with Seb Wiles the stand out with 28 runs, as Charles de Capell Brooke and Harry Seldon both shone with the ball taking 2 wickets apiece as RHS finished on 99 for 5. Some poor batting at home to Norwich led to a 5 wicket loss in the next fixture before the boys gave a great account away to Wyndham College A team but again came up short by 17 runs. The final game before half term was an away fixture to Framlingham College where the boys showed some good improvements throughout the term,

having posted 112 of 20 overs, Gresham's had Framlingham 8 wickets down before they finally got over the line with 2 overs to go in what was a great team effort. The final fixture of the season the boys took on a strong Ipswich School side where sadly a below par score of just over 100 left the bowlers with far too much to do and Ipswich walked away with victory. Overall it has been a very positive season where despite results not always going our way the boys have improved massively from the first training session and it has been great to see so many boys enjoying their cricket. The future looks bright!

Girls' Cricket

1st XI

(Mr M Seldon)

The first ever Girls' 1st XI season has been a resounding triumph. Not only have we enjoyed numerous sunny afternoons of coaching from the excellent (and ever-patient) John Ewart, but we have played ten matches (at the time of writing), winning 50% of those and being close to victory in three of the remaining five games. There were some impressive stats beyond the performances too: 15 players have played for the side, including seven Year 9 girls, six Year 10s and two Year 11s, making us the least experienced side we have faced – and, therefore, also by far the most promising; we have played under three different Captains and 5 different Vice-Captains, showing that we have a great crop of leaders throughout the side; we have played three matches on the Main Square as the senior home team; and we have developed in all aspects of the game, through hard work and outstanding coachability.

The Leys - The opening match of the season was a momentous occasion and the team rose to the challenge with five Year 9s, four Year 10s and two Year 11s turning out against a far more experienced Leys XI. Esther Payne captained the side, though a bad back has seen her unable to bowl for the entire season.

Losing the toss, we batted first and settled into a decent rhythm with Esther Broad (25 not out) and Grace Hanworth-Knights (13) leading the way, eventually posting 82 for 5 off our 20 overs.

Bowling second was a tough task on an increasingly windy afternoon but the six who took the ball all showed that we will have plenty of fire power to win in future matches, Charlotte Gaunt looking particularly menacing with some impressive pace and Poppy Goode showing consistent line and length.

Player of the match was Esther Broad, facing the first and last balls of our innings to carry her bat with 25.

Norwich School - Next up, just two days later, were Norwich School in the first round of the National Cup. Thanks to an impressive performance with both bat and ball and some experience gained from the first match, we took the victory and a place in the next round.

Losing the toss and being put in the field, we nevertheless started strongly with Charlotte Gaunt taking 1 for only 12 runs off her 4 overs. Charlotte Tipling and Grace Hanworth-Knights both took 3 for 16 and we restricted Norwich to 92 for 9 off their 20 overs.



Esther Broad and Charlotte Gaunt started brightly in response and by the time Zara Uthwatt-Bouverie had quickly got to double figures, the match was looking well-placed for a Gresham's victory. Grace Hanworth-Knights, in a Player of the Match performance, made sure with a swash-buckling 36 runs, finishing with five 4's in her last 12 balls.

The Girls' 1st XI ended 94 for 4 off 17 overs and were excited to be drawn to play Leicester Grammar School in the next round.

RHS - RHS followed and we had a superb game that was enjoyed by players and spectators alike. A much improved bowling performance against a strong RHS side saw the visitors post 130 for 2, with Grace Hanworth-Knights, Charlotte Tipling and Charlotte Gaunt the pick of the bowlers for their economy rates. Sadly, Isobel Coutanche, our first change bowler, came off injured before her first over was up and we will not see her bowling again for some time.

This seemed a steep run chase but the team set about it with confidence and some style. Charlotte Bowden hit a superb 27 and Grace Hanworth-Knights again top-scored with 32, including a huge 6 that put RHS on the back foot for a while, and again earned herself the player of the match award. But the visitors' total was too much in the end and we closed on 113 for 5 off our 20 overs, albeit just 17 short. The team continued to learn and to mature and a real team spirit was building, which was to become a theme of performances to come.

NHSG - Even with the School's Main Square looking resplendent in the afternoon sun, we could not have anticipated the excitement that was about to unfold in our next match against Norwich High School for Girls.

Again fielding a youthful side without any Sixth Formers, the girls lost the toss and were put into bat. Charlotte Gaunt and Hetty Holden took the game to the opposition with gusto, scoring 22 and 40 not out, respectively, guiding us on through an opening partnership of 66. The team ran hard later in the innings – delivering real results on the week's coaching focus – and closed with a very healthy 134 for 3.

When the opposition coach suggested retiring batters at 50, we should have guessed that they had the players to push us close. Coming out of the blocks quickly, Norwich raced to 68 off 9 overs and looked to be close to the required run rate throughout. Wickets from Chloe Kydd and Charlotte Bowden slowed the rate just enough to keep us a nose in front and



Grace Hanworth-Knights closed out the match, getting a wicket with the penultimate ball, to seal a last-ball victory in front of a very appreciative crowd of supporters that had enjoyed a great spectacle.

Players of the match were Hetty Holden for carrying her bat with the top score and some very solid wicket-keeping and Charlotte Gaunt for her batting, her miserly run rate and a penultimate over that all but ended Norwich's hopes.

Culford - Having fielded no players older than Year 11 all season, the Girls' 1st XI surpassed themselves against Culford, playing five Year 9s and six Year 10s to become probably the youngest first team ever to take the field for the School in any sport.

Winning the toss for the first time in the season, Captain for the day Charlotte Gaunt chose to bat. Grace Hanworth-Knights opened and hit an imperious 51 not out of 26 balls. Charlotte Bowden also impressed, scoring 33, including five 4s, while Charlotte Gaunt and Hetty Holden made starts with 16 each, while Esther Broad again carried her bat for the third time in her 4 innings to that time. We closed on 167 for 3 off our 20 overs, scoring more runs with each consecutive match.

In the Culford innings, the girls bowled superbly. Chloe Kydd opened and pegged back the pick of the batters for only 3 runs per over and Poppy Gaunt, at first change, kept the run rate below 3.

Katie Bragg was the pick of the bowlers with 3 wickets for 5 runs off her two overs, Poppy Goode a close second with 2 wickets for 6. Madison Haworth-McKenna and Zara Uthwatt-Bouverie, usually high order batters, chipped in with wickets and maidens to restrict Culford and bowl them out for 41.

Most remarkably, Charlotte Gaunt took four catches at short extra cover, including one diving forward that will certainly be a contender for catch of the season.

Players of the match were Charlotte Gaunt, a first time Captain who really rose to the challenge and led by example and Grace Hanworth-Knights for the school's first ever 50. The 126-run win was an outstanding first victory on the Eccles Pitch.

Norwich - Playing Norwich for the second time in the season, we travelled to play at the Lower Close in our first 30-overs game, though this time without our Captain or our opening bowler. Winning the toss and choosing to bowl, wickets fell to Esther Broad and Poppy Goode (2 each), both taking a caught and bowled in the process, Charlotte Gaunt, Zara Uthwatt-

Bouverie and Captain Charlotte Tipling, who also took a fine catch off Zara's bowling. Esther was the pick on this occasion with 2 wickets for only 19 runs off 6 overs. Norwich posted 200, which always seemed a little over par for the pitch, as it proved to be.

Grace Hanworth-Knights opened and proceeded to play a very mature innings, ending with 30 from 28 balls and only getting out to a surprise straight ball after 3 big wides – so often the way. Esther Broad hit 38 from 45 and put on 82 for the third wicket with Charlotte Gaunt who hit 54 in another player of the match performance. Ultimately, we ran out of batters that could get the ball to the boundary and the run rate slowed until we suffered an exciting 25-run defeat that showed plenty of promise.

Leicester Grammar School - Monday saw the Girls' 1st XI playing on the Main Square again in the second round of the National Cup competition. In the unfamiliar format of The Hundred, a side that included no girls above Year 10 lost the toss and were put into bat by a far wiser Leicester Grammar School team. Charlotte Gaunt opened with a very impressive 35, followed by Esther Broad with 26 and Madison Haworth-McKenna with 23 not out as we posted a slightly below par 118 – still well over a run per ball.

However, it turned out that Leicester's opening bowler, who took 3 wickets, is also an academy player with Loughborough Lightning in the women's national league competition. Opening the batting, she scored an incredible 96 not out – 80% of her side's runs needed to win! The girls bowled fantastically – it's very unlikely that any other side will bowl as few as 2 extras in 100 balls of cricket this season! Hetty Holden played her part in this, showing how she has continued to develop as our trusty wicket-keeper throughout the season. But the batting display was simply too good – to the point that those who watched will be talking about it for some years to come as we see this girl batting in televised matches, no doubt, in the future. Charlotte Gaunt came away with an economy rate of 3.6, taking the player of the match award for the fourth consecutive time.

This was another great performance and more great experience for our ever-improving side – and it also showed us what we can achieve over the coming weeks and years.

St Joseph's - The Girls' 1st XI got back to winning ways in the next match, putting in a mature and measured performance against another side of Sixth Formers in St Joseph's, who included two Suffolk County U18s. Poppy Gaunt opened with an elegant 17 and Esther Payne top scored with an impressive Captain's innings of 35, as we pushed hard to post 137, our highest 20-over score to date.

The team was excellent in the field and returned some outstanding bowling figures: Charlotte Gaunt bowled 3 overs, taking 1 wicket for 6 runs, while Grace Hanworth-Knights took 1 for 12. Joint players of the match were Esther Broad, who bowled 2 overs and took 2 wickets for only 3 runs and Poppy Goode, bowling 4 overs with 3 maidens, taking 1 for 1, her consistency in producing accurate line and length slowing the opposition's run rate when the batters were just getting ready to push on.

Restricting St Joseph's to 108 for 7 off their 20 overs, we took a deserved victory in a fixture that, on paper, looked an impossible task. This really was an excellent team performance.

Tennis



With over one hundred boys playing tennis the courts have been full this term. With the addition of the new pro coach Guy Thomas and new staff member Will O'Connell there has been a solid coaching provision and all the boys have made good progress. The loss of would be skipper Alex Claybourn to injury before the season began was a huge blow leaving only Jethro Holmes and Seb Bjuro from last year's first six to hold the fort. All the more impressive that many of our home-grown North Norfolk talent, benefitting from the Lent term training with Guy, stepped up into competitive tennis for the first time. Charles Alston, Alfie, Ozzie and Joe Harrison have all been solid team representatives as have George Addison, Nico Protzen and the year ten trio of Arthur Janes, Ru McIntyre and Ollie Croot. Despite a rare loss to Framlingham and a strong Langley four in the cup the boys have gone well this term, the club ended at six wins, two losses and an epic draw on OG day.

The week before half term in October three junior tennis teams travelled to Hertfordshire for the regional tennis finals. This was the result of winning the county rounds in the summer term and consisted of 8 teams playing in a round robin of singles and doubles followed by semi-finals and finals. The girl's team of Poppy, Jemima, Romely, Francis and Zayley won the semi final on a tie break shoot out but lost to a strong Framlingham team in the final. The boy's year 9 team of Connor, Will, Rafe and Ted also lost out to the winners in a shoot out, with Rafe winning player of the tournament. The year 11 team of Rue, Harry, Ollie and Emerson won both of their first two rounds losing narrowly in the final. Most improved player was Emerson Gilbertson and player of the day was Ollie Croot.

Having left at 5.30am it was a long day but the Farfield boys on arrival in the parade ground sprinted in costume to the sports hall just in time to win the Unison. A great day.

Thanks to Fred and the grounds team for the amazing courts as always and to the heavens for the sunshine.

Senior Tennis

The season began with a cup fixture for our 2nd team away at Norwich. It was mid-March and the weather turned out to be gloriously warm. As the afternoon wore on, the rust wore off and the tennis got better and better. At 4 matches all, it was tight and went to a final tie break. Norwich took the tie break 11 – 9 to win the match and go through to the next round. The girls were disappointed but a stop at a well-known fast food chain on the way home cheered them up.



Our next fixture was also away, this time at King's Ely. Again, we were lucky with the weather for mid-April and as the sun shone down, the girls got underway. Unfortunately, one of the King's Ely girls had to pull out at the start which left their 1st team a player short. However, this didn't affect our 1st team winning 7 – 0 in the rest of their games. Our 2nd team also put up a fight and scraped a 3 – 2 win which meant a win overall for Gresham's. A nice start to the season for the girls.

We then took our 1st two pairs for a cup game against The Perse, who kindly agreed to play at a neutral fixture, Easton Tennis Centre, Norwich. The Perse were extremely strong and had one or two senior county players in their ranks. The tennis was amazing to watch and our girls picked up some valuable experience but were eventually soundly beaten.

Our final away game of the season came the following Saturday and entailed a long bus ride down to Framlingham. However, they are always great hosts, put out three full teams and are difficult to beat overall, so we knew it would be a tough fixture. Once again, the weather was kind to us and, as a warm Spring day unfolded, the girls took to the astros and to battle with Framlingham. Our first pair of Daisy Waddison and Issy Morgan-Evans managed to win all 3 rubbers with Issy overcoming an old adversary whom she had lost to previously. However, Framlingham had a greater depth across their top 6 and the 1st team lost 6 – 3. The 2nd team tried hard but were outplayed and, although some rubbers were very tight they lost 9 – 0. Our 3rd six did really well and played some fantastic tennis, beating Framlingham 6 – 3.

The away fixture against Cromer ladies was moved to Gresham's at the last minute due to soggy grass courts at Cromer. However, this didn't spoil a fantastic atmosphere and some excellent tennis. The experience of the Cromer ladies once again shone through and our girls found it hard to cope with the slice on the ball as well as the ball seemingly coming

back to them time after time. All three teams had close matches and there were many shrieks of delight across the courts for a couple of hours. Eventually though Cromer Ladies won by beating our 1st team 6 – 3, our 3rd team 5 – 4 but drew with our 2nd team 4 – 4. Well done and thank you Cromer Ladies.

The following week, we played one of our favourite teams, North Elmham Ladies. They only managed to bring over 11 ladies but they were still strong and a few parents were playing for the "opposition". We lent them 5 of our girls in order to play two groups of games and many thanks to those girls who stood in to play for Elmham. The result was not counted but it was again the fun and experience the girls gained playing more experienced opposition that was priceless. Thank you North Elmham again, it is always a pleasure to play you Ladies.

On one of the hottest days of the year so far, we played a fun Parents and Daughters tournament. Mrs Bracey and Mrs Curtis did a wonderful job of organising the afternoon which ran like clockwork. We were split into groups and played a round robin tournament. The groups were won by Romilly and Bob Hammond, Poppy and Dominic Brady, Issy and Hugh Symington, Ella and Toby Mermagen and Molly and Spike Cook. Well done all and some burnt foreheads the next day, mine included.

Finally, House Tennis. This year was a little difficult to organise as exam season was well underway by this time. However, we managed to cobble together enough players over a couple of afternoons to have an event. It came down to the wire with Oakeley coming out as winners on games won as it





was a tie in terms of matches won. Oakeley retain the shield from last year. Well done all those who took part.

I would like to thank all the girls who took part in some form or other this season, from playing every first team game, to stepping in as a reserve in just one game. It was another great season of tennis and I loved every minute of it.
Mr Lowe.

This seasons players were:

P. Brady, E Breimann, E Broch, P Claybourn, T Couch, I de Capell Brooke, A Garrod, R Harrison, E Leonard, I Leonard, E Lowe, S Manning, E Mermagen, I Morgan-Evans, S Paulsen, M Philo, I Reading, H Reynolds, O Rowe, S Schlegel, J Schmid, A Stanbridge, I Symington, M Veale, D Waddison, M Ward, K Webster (Capt. of Tennis), P Williams, P Worrall.

Junior Tennis

Junior tennis had a great season, and the girls played some brilliant tennis. Fixtures against Beeston boys and girls was a great start and allowed the girls to settle into their doubles partnerships. Our block fixture against Framlingham saw 12 pairs play, winning both the A and B fixture. We have also had successful fixtures against Wymondham and the Prep School, which is a hugely social event and not only do the girls get to play tennis but also catch up with old friends with plenty of laughter too. We look forward to our final fixture of the season against King's Ely.

The girl's team is playing in the LTA AEGON national league this year. The format allows the girls to play a combination of

singles and doubles. Their squad has won 4 of 4 fixtures played with 2 further matches being given a walkover by the opposition. They have made it through to the regional final of the competition to be played in Redbridge in the autumn, a brilliant achievement.

This year, the year 10 singles competition took on a round robin format, with Pearl Yuasa the unbeaten winner – she will receive the Olivia Hopkins Shield. The year 9 competition was the usual knock out format, with Romilly Hammond and Jemima Morgan-Evans fighting it out in the final. It was a tense match leading to a 6 all tie break, it was tight, point for point but in the end Romilly was victorious and will receive the U14 Singles tournament trophy.

Our final fixture against King's Ely, was a great finish to the season. We played and A/B team against them and completed our season with a 6-3 win.

The junior girls have played 16 fixtures and only lost 1, which is a awesome achievement, they have worked hard in training and matches and it's a fantastic set of results.

The year 10 tennis girls can move into the senior squad next year with confidence and we look forward to working with the year 9 girls again next year.

Junior tennis squad: Mojubafoluwa Akinyeye, Zelig Birkbeck, Zinnea-Claire Booty, Ruby Cranfield, Lexie Cubitt, Lila Davies, Chloe-Leila Grey, Romilly Hammond, Naomi Harvey-Samuel, Poppy Isaac, Carlota Magnier, Jemima Morgan-Evans, Kitty Purslow, Tilly Riggott, Francis Rowe, Reve Spiegel, Mia Webster, Pearl Yuasa.

Cross Country and Triathlon

The Norfolk Cross Country 2022 season.

The cross-country events this year have been excellent. The Girls' team started confidently at our home event taking a win, with Maya Pies, Hattie Reynolds, and Johana Balackova leading the team. They continued with this consistency throughout the season and with the rest of the team they took the overall title. A very proud team captain Molly Fields collected the Team shield. Maya Pies was the most consistent runner over the series and took home the Girls individual Trophy.

The Seniors boys' season was more competitive and our leading two runners Joe Oxtoby and Ned Porter found it difficult to compete in the overall team positions. However, Ned Porter led from start to finish in several races with three straight wins this year and was awarded the highest place finisher across the series. With these results, he won the Senior individual trophy.

Triathlon 2022

On Sunday April 24th more than 165 athletes from across the Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior Schools competed in the Gresham's Triathlon here in the beautiful grounds of the Senior School which were blessed with sunny weather. It was a fantastic occasion and much has been raised for the Holt Youth Project. Congratulations to Lily Coubrough on winning the Middleton Triathlon Trophy.

Massive well done to all who competed and thanks for all the tremendous support: see you next year.





Social







How to Grow an Inventor exhibition for the Norfolk Show in 2019

The birth of an archive

Liz Larby

2005 was a very important year for Gresham's School in many ways. A year of celebrations, including concerts, exhibitions, and other festivities, marked the 450th anniversary of the founding of the school in 1555. As part of the celebrations to mark this significant anniversary, the school invited me to establish its own archive, collecting documents, photographs and objects relating to its long history. It was a remarkable act of fate for me to receive the invitation out of the blue, having grown up in the area and, perhaps foolishly, turned down the opportunity to be a pupil here in the 1970s when our family neighbour, Headmaster Logie Bruce-Lockhart, was first recruiting girls to the school. A poster soon appeared in the Common Room announcing the birth of the school archive, gender immaterial, weight around 27 boxes, the place of birth was Tallis and the proud *parents* were myself and a small working party. Now that the collection is an almost fledged teenager, and I am off to pastures new, I thought it would be good to reflect on the ways in which the archive has contributed to the school community in the first stage of its life as part of the Gresham's family.

My invitation to 'come and do some work in the archives' firstly entailed rescuing the school's records from the Library basement where they had been stored for years in less than ideal conditions due to flooding. Once established in a couple of small rooms behind the stage in Tallis with piles of boxes I began the task of sorting and listing the contents as well as starting to collect other material from staff and OGs. Putting together an exhibition for OGs to help mark the 450th birthday was the first of many over the years for reunions, Speech Days, Open Days, and other boarding house and OG milestones like the Farfield, Auden and Britten centenaries. Such occasions are rewarding, both in terms of listening to guests reminiscing over the old photos, play programmes and

magazine cuttings on display, and as a means of acquiring more items for the collection as long forgotten treasures are remembered in dusty attics.

The collection started to grow rapidly and soon became an invaluable resource for answering historical enquiries which were also increasing thanks to a number of house and family history TV programmes such as *Who do you think you are?* which helped raise the public profile of archives and shake off their rather dull image. Gresham's is in good company with other independent schools that have archives, including Eton, Harrow, Westminster and Charterhouse to namedrop a few, and I have enjoyed being part of the group and exchanging ideas and good working practice with other archivists at their annual conferences and training sessions. From a basic inventory it wasn't long before a computer catalogue was necessary in order to keep track of items in the collections and as an aid to researchers from both inside and outside the school community. Apart from accounts books, prizes and medals, pupil diaries & staff memoirs, books by and about OGs & staff, the archive also contains items such as original handwritten registers dating from 1858, late C19th photograph albums & scrapbooks, minutes of clubs and societies, and *The Gresham* and *Grasshopper* magazines.

Digitisation was the hot topic in professional exchanges from the start as the public began to expect remote access to collections. Although invaluable, especially during the pandemic when many were confined to their homes, remote access has often resulted in rows of empty seats at the National Archives and sadly reduced the incidence of face-to-face consultations. The obvious candidate for the digitisation of our records was *The Gresham* magazine which began in 1900 and is such a brilliant resource for finding out about the



The vellum roll of honour created by housemaster Wynne Willson in memory of the WWI fallen boys of his junior house

school career, and beyond, of OGs. Initially funding was obtained, mainly thanks to the OG Club, for scanning the first twenty years of the magazines and they soon proved a hit with family historians all over the world who delighted in discovering that their ancestor had played for the first cricket team, stolen the show as Hamlet, won a prize for Latin and was a prefect in Howson's. Once the magazine searches have been done it is then possible to delve into the catalogue to find photographs of cricket teams, Shakespeare plays, and house groups to further please the relatives or other researchers such as authors and lecturers. Recently, the magazine digitisation has been extended to 1952, and hopefully this will continue until all of the magazines are available in this way on the website at - <https://www.greshams.com/archives/digital-magazine-archive/>

The Centenary of WWI provided another push towards making collections more accessible to the public, especially with the availability of HLF Heritage funding which we were lucky enough to obtain in 2014 to establish a special commemorative website www.greshamsatwar.co.uk As well as the school magazines, we were able to digitise original registers and photograph albums from this period as an aid to researchers, and to pay for the conservation of our beautiful vellum memorial to the fallen boys of the Old School House. The website also has profiles of all of our fallen pupils, a database of the 500+ who served, and articles about the school before and during the war. Much of the research on our fallen was of course carried out by Sue Smart for her poignant book *When Heroes Die* (2001) but has been

furthered by archives services groups on Friday afternoons during and since the centenary and extended to include all of those who served in the conflict, no mean feat given the large number to research. As part of a professional exchange visit to Charterhouse I spent a day with the archivist there and learnt how she uses sources in their collection to offer a WWI project which we have since used with our Year 9s studying the period. Over the years it has proved to be the most rewarding part of the job to see pupils enjoying using real historical documents and photographs to delve into the past, a refreshing change from the dull, textbook-based history I suffered at school that I suspect has managed to put many off the subject.

The WWI Centenary formed an important part of my time at Gresham's and was both informative and memorable for many reasons. The school community really came together in an effort to remember the OGs and staff who served in the conflict in different ways including not just formal parades, acts of remembrance, lectures and historical exhibitions, but also with the ceramic poppies planted in the walls of the Chapel in memory of each lost OG, a new war memorial to include those not listed on the original one, and even plays and music to enhance the experience. For the final service of commemoration on 11th November 2018 we were able to welcome family members to lay wreaths to fallen OGs which made the occasion even more special and emotional. I was also fortunate to be involved in the battlefields trip to Ypres in October 2018 with Year 9 students as they visited museums, cemeteries, and memorials such as the Menin Gate where they too laid wreaths for the fallen. Now that the Centenary is over, more thought is being given to the Second World War and its commemoration as anniversaries begin to emerge, and we have been fortunate to have a huge amount of research carried out by volunteer John Hamblin on OGs who fought in WWII which will also be added to the Gresham's at War website.

I was also fortunate to have the assistance of a keen group of lower sixth form students with an exhibition on the school before, during and after the war that was used throughout the centenary as a backdrop to different events. The posters are available in the archive section of the school website - <https://www.greshams.com/archives/world-war-i-centenary/centenary-exhibition/> - along with much more information and articles about the school history including famous OGs, headmasters, and boarding houses. Another significant event I enjoyed helping the school community to mark was the 2013 centenary of the birth of OG Benjamin Britten (Farfield 1928-30). The Britten exhibition covered different aspects of his life here including boarding, music, friends, and the influence of staff and was used during various events such as a special dinner in Farfield, concert and a service in the Chapel. I enjoyed visiting the Britten-Pears Library at Aldeburgh and reading Britten's fascinating diaries he kept whilst at school which helped shed new light on the widely accepted view that he hated every minute of his short time at Gresham's. As well as the exhibition posters, some archives relating to Britten, including Farfield photos, scores, his pocket money chart, timetable, and school reports are available on the website at - <https://www.greshams.com/archives/benjamin-britten/>

Other exhibitions have included marking the 70th anniversary of the wartime evacuation to Newquay in 2010, providing OG



Year 9 group studying WWI archive material in Big School in 2020

material for the successful Nature Festival which ran for several years, *Inventing the Future* held in 2018 celebrating the wealth of talent in the world of science & technology, as well as creativity in the arts, and contributing information and photos for the school's Norfolk Show stand *How to Grow an Inventor* in 2019. A personal favourite was putting together an exhibition celebrating the life of much-loved Headmaster Logie Bruce-Lockhart (1955-82) at the memorial event held in September 2021 following his death in the previous year. Researching Logie's long and fascinating life, collecting items for the display from his children, and hearing many of the 400+ guests who gathered to remember him recalling their happy memories of Logie will stay in my mind as a highlight of my career for many years to come. Over the years I have loved meeting OGs and hearing about their schooldays while they pore over long-lost photos and documents that remind them of stories, friends and teachers. More recently I have enjoyed the interactions provided by social media platforms such as Global Connect, and the OG Facebook forum, pushing topical stories to help people remember and make connections with the past, which I suppose is the purpose of archives, whatever the age of the audience.

From its first base in Tallis, where I often enjoyed hearing rehearsals for house music or hosting the odd game of hide and seek, the archive has been on the move quite often as it has tried to find a forever home in school. For a few years it was based in Howson's in a suite of day boys' studies before moving in 2013 with the OG Club/Foundation and Marketing department over to OSH where we often welcomed OGs for a chat over a cuppa and were first able to start hosting groups of pupils to use the collection for history lessons. After the disruption of the pandemic and another move, in September of 2021 the archives settled, perhaps permanently, in two rooms in the Library building which offers more opportunities for the community to visit and use the collection as a resource for its activities. As well as answering the many historical enquiries, writing material for the school



2020-21 archive services group examining documents in the Library

and OG magazines, and the website, I also help departments such as Marketing and Estates with queries about OGs and buildings, and can provide support to teachers who wish to use material in lessons, as well as pupils carrying out research for projects or work experience. It is a brilliant resource, so please do find new ways to involve the archives and continue to make my, now almost grown up and independent baby, feel a useful part of the school community. I am anticipating another bad case of *empty nest syndrome* in the near future but am reassured by leaving the collection in the safe parental hands of Izzy Farrow to guide it into maturity.

In particular I would like to thank Simon Kinder, Sue & John Smart, Tony Leech, librarians Carol Buxton and Jane Corder, Richard Peaver and the OG Club/Foundation for their help and support over the years, but also to thank all other staff, OGs, parents and students who have assisted in the nurture of the archive.



The Old Greshamian Club

The Old Greshamian (OG) Club is the alumni society for pupils who attended Gresham's School. We are in touch with over 7000 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 2022'.

Membership of the Club entitles all OGs to a number of benefits. Here are just a few...

Events

OGs are invited to events, drinks parties and reunion dinners. If you wish to host your own event, either at Gresham's or in another location, the OG Club will pay for the first round or offer a contribution to reduce the overall cost of the event.

News

We are always delighted to hear from you! If you have any news you would like to share with us please get in touch. Each OG household receives an annual magazine. We also keep in touch via email and via our social media channels.

Travel benefits

We offer travel grants to OGs who wish to undertake interesting projects during their Gap Year, or any period of time after they have left school. Contact 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 and Societies

OGs have access to a variety of OG sporting clubs and societies. More information is available on our website and Facebook pages.

Social Media

We have a growing OG community on our social media, so please keep in touch.

Twitter @oldgreshamian

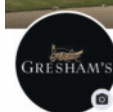
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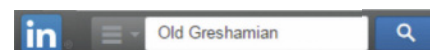
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Development at Gresham's and The Gresham's Foundation

The aim of the Development Office is to keep Old Greshamians (OGs), Parents (former and current) and Friends of the School engaged and informed of developments at Gresham's. We are keen to offer opportunities to return to the School or to events outside of Holt, as well as other ways to get involved in supporting Gresham's and its aims for the future.

As you will have seen on the previous page, the OG Club is at the heart of keeping Old Greshamians together and it provides them with opportunities 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 all current pupils will be able to come along to an event shortly after they have completed their studies at 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 or the funding of a capital project, for example – the Foundation is able to greatly support such efforts thanks to the donations that it receives. At this moment in time, and as it has been for a number of years, one of the School's priorities is the need for increased support of bursaries for pupils wishing to come to Gresham's. Further information on current and recent aims can be found below.

We hope that Old Greshamians 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.

As ever, we hope to see and hear from so many Old Greshamians, Parents and Friends of the School this coming calendar year. Please never hesitate to get in contact with us.

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The Gresham's Foundation – impact and aims

2021-22 was a successful year for the Foundation. As with recent years, the level of support received in aid of the Gresham's Foundation Bursary Fund meant that it was able to support close to a quarter of all bursaries awarded in the Senior School, which highlights the truly significant impact of donors. Elsewhere, an anonymous OG made a remarkable, £1million donation that will endow a scholarship programme for pupils from the United States to come to Gresham's every year; a new STEAM outreach programme has been underpinned due to the support from a family foundation, and two parents fully funded a new outdoor space at Queens', as well as the purchasing of new furniture and equipment for the House's common room.

This year will see further promotion of a newly created bursary endowment fund, in honour of the late Headmaster, Logie Bruce-Lockhart, which will endow and support means tested bursaries at Gresham's in perpetuity. And an Annual Fund appeal has been launched, which will now enable donors to give towards individual boarding houses in the Senior School.

The Gresham's Foundation

We would like to thank the following Old Grashamians, Parents, Governors, Staff, Friends and organisations for their donations to the Gresham's Foundation over the past year.

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