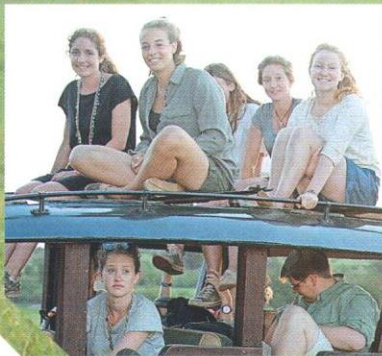


The Kenyan Experience

A group of Lower Sixth students and staff from Gresham's Senior School travelled to the Maasai Mara in Kenya for two weeks at the end of the Summer Term, under canvas. The Maasai Mara is a National Reserve belonging to the Maasai people. It is one of the best known and most popular reserves in Africa. The aim of the expedition was to learn about the fascinating Maasai culture, spend time working in the Community School and carry out a game count in a newly established game conservancy. The students herded cows, learned about the

use of medicinal plants, taught local children with limited resources, learned to shoot with a bow and arrow, and how to light a fire without a match. The students also witnessed a wildebeest migration during their visit where the plains were littered with herbivores of all shapes and lions! The trip was a once in a lifetime experience, where everyone gained a wonderful insight into the Maasai way of life, wondered at the breathtaking scenery and enjoyed the challenge of working within a fascinating culture. ▲



Top:
Elephants and students on a safari in Maasai Mara, Kenya.

Above:
Laura Mitchell and Conor O'Sullivan.



International recognition for young writers

Despite record entries this year, two pupils from Gresham's Prep School have achieved success at the International Schools Essay Competition for their entries on 'sustainable living'. The competition asked pupils to submit an essay of 400 words on the topic of 'What does sustainable living mean to you'. In their essays, they were asked to explain how their respective countries can achieve a more sustainable way of life through what they eat, buy, etc. Laura Mitchell, a Year 8 pupil, was selected as a finalist with Conor O'Sullivan, a Year 6 pupil receiving

an Honourable Mention for his entry. The pupils were invited to attend the International Schools Debate and Awards Ceremony to receive their certificates in July, where the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners were announced. Laura and Conor beat off competition not only from UK entries, but from a wide range of schools internationally, with a total of over 1,000 essays having been received from 73 countries. This was a huge achievement for the pupils and Gresham's Prep School is very proud of their success. ▲