

The Warwickian



Lent 2019

Outdoor Fun and Adventure

Our Year 6 boys in North Wales

Letter from the Head Master



Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been another extraordinary term at Warwick.

The 3G rugby pitch became available in mid-January and immediately made an impact as the grass pitches could be protected at what is the most sensitive time of the year – as a consequence, and due in no small part to the work of the grounds team, the Warwick Sevens yielded not the traditional mudbath but an exciting day of largely mud-free attacking rugby with the U16s and U13s particularly successful. A fruitful visit to Allianz Park for the 1st XV in the Schools Cup semi-final followed and took the school to Twickenham for a third successive year. In the final Warwick faced a strong, powerful Whitgift side, and although both teams were simply outstanding, Whitgift took the title.

Just beyond the 3G, extraordinary things have been happening on the hockey astros as the 1st XI went unbeaten from mid-October to mid-March and progressed through the group stage of the National League with a 100% record, overturning some mighty reputations on the way. A home quarter-final was the reward.

Sporting success has come elsewhere with national recognition for boys in water polo, squash and golf.

In the Bridge House Theatre we have seen two brilliantly selected and directed plays: *The Hampstead Murder Mystery* for the Middle School and *Rock Bottom* for Year 4 in the Junior School. The final afternoon before half-term also saw the inaugural House Drama Festival, with the theme of Roald Dahl's *Revolting Rhymes*. Lots of great performances from the boys in all of these productions, and lots of laughs from the audience.

The BHT was the venue for the *Bridge House of Rock and Jazz @ the Bridge*, whilst we went over to Warwick Hall for the Contemporary Music Concert and Chamber Concert among others – both the aforementioned having wonderfully eclectic programmes.

We have had visitors too – John Simpson gave the Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture in March, describing his experiences and looking to what the future may hold. A key player in the unfolding Brexit drama, Dominic Grieve MP spoke to the Politics Society and gave his take on where we are now, and where we might be after 29th March (or a later date...).

The following pages expand upon all these events and achievements, and more, and we must not forget all the academic work going on, obscured as that may be at times by the brilliance of the co-curricular programme. Boys are working hard across all year groups, and we spare a thought at this time for those in the examination groups for whom the Easter break is not so much a holiday as an opportunity to get on with some work without the distraction of lessons. Their teachers will be there when they return in late April, ready to help with final preparations for GCSEs and A Levels. All the boys know they should be aiming high.

All in all, it has been another term where everybody seems to be going at full pelt, and is ready to collapse at the end with, I hope, a sense of quiet satisfaction and fulfilment, with two and a half weeks to regroup before the summer!

Dr D A Smith



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Academic news

Oxbridge Success

Eleven boys at Warwick School have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge universities. They are set to study a wide-range of subjects including Architecture, Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Classics, Engineering, Medicine and Physics. Congratulations to them all.

OXFORD:

Tom Draper - *Medicine, Lincoln College*; **William Feasey** - *Physics, St Hilda's College*;

George Holding - *Chemistry, Lincoln College*; **David Holroyd OW** - *PPE, Hertford College*;

Joshua Jee OW - *Arabic and Oriental Studies (not photographed), Pembroke College*; **Ben Luckraft** -

Biomedical Sciences, St Edmund Hall; **Zac Milstein** - *Physics, Worcester College*.



CAMBRIDGE: **Robbie Brown** - *Medieval Languages, Girton College*; **Nick Kuang** - *Engineering, Homerton College*; **Marco Lin** - *Architecture, Girton College*; **David Yates** - *Classics, Magdalene College*.



Nottingham Justice Museum

The Theology and Philosophy Department took Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies students to Nottingham Justice Museum. Set in Nottingham's historic Shire Hall and County Gaol the boys explored the venue's gallows, cells and terrifying 'dark rooms'.

Students questioned the purpose of punishment throughout history and considered the strengths and weaknesses of corporate punishment after seeing the, pain-inflicting instruments from the past. The first workshop used recent

data, facts and figures to debate whether or not lethal injection should be instated as a punishment in the UK. The boys worked in groups and debated with passion, quickly countering each other's points.

In the second workshop the students looked at a recent criminal appeal case on the grounds of diminished responsibility. Students in the roles of judges, appellants and respondents, played out the case in the grand and imposing courthouse. Suitably impressed with their surroundings, they presented their arguments with rigour. A brilliant day had by all!

UK Linguistics Olympiad



A record number of Warwick School boys sat the UK Linguistics Olympiad. They were tested on a variety of puzzles, having to work out the rules of different languages from a few sentences or examples in each language.

Higher Level Awards of bronze, silver and gold certificates (based on the top 35%, 15% and 5% respectively of the national entry) were achieved by: Matthew Cocker, David Yates, Scott Francis (Bronze); Raghav Palta, Richard Yates (Silver); Rupert Bottomley-Matts (Gold). Well done to all boys who took part.

Junior School news



Year 6 at Towers Outdoor Centre

It was a challenging and hugely enjoyable week for all the boys in North Wales. Activities included mountain climbing, canoeing and gorge walking.

The week saw mixed weather, with high winds and rain forcing some of our climbers to turn back before reaching the summit of Moel Siabod. Later in the week, in much better conditions, several groups made it to the 2861 ft peak, clearly a major achievement.

Activities were not restricted solely to the day as the boys found themselves involved in night orienteering, following reflector trails as well as completing a night walk to Betws-y-Coed.

Few boys would have gone through the week without questioning whether they could meet all the challenges they were set. Given ample opportunity to lead and follow, the week allowed their true characters to be seen.



"Rock Bottom"

The boys of Year 4 were turned into a Stone Age family of cave folk living on Stoney Street, Rock Bottom for their play this year!

When cave boy inventor, Bobby Cobblestone, hatched his very first good idea, he was whisked off to work for the beautiful celebrity, Lady Lava! Unfortunately, Bobby soon discovered his new boss was hiding a dark secret that was set to rock Rock Bottom to its foundations.

Our boys put on a spectacular performance with superb singing, outstanding acting, and an abundance of enthusiasm as they portrayed Stone Age characters facing mysterious monsters terrorising Rock Bottom and a volatile volcano ready to blow its top! Fortunately, the cave boys were able to save their very own precious Rock Bottom while rocking the Bridge House Theatre at the same time. The audience laughed throughout and was certainly entertained by this talented cohort of boys – well done Year 4!

Macmillan

Nikki James from Macmillan Cancer Research came to thank the boys for the money they had raised. Nikki told the boys how the £3,400,

raised through the Big Breakfast and cake sales, would be spent and that Warwick School's donation was in the top 5 school donations in the country.



Telling stories

Once again our Year 6 boys entertained the Year 2 children at the Prep School with their Mr Men and Little Miss Stories.



"Cautiously, thinking if they would like our books, we started reading our Mr Men stories. The Prep School Year 2s loved our books and wanted to hear more! When we got back to the Junior School we were gleaming with smiles, recalling the fun we had at the Prep School." - Isaac Turner and Mark Oliver

Our Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park

- Alfie Thomas and James French, 6M

During World War Two, Bletchley Park was the centre of Britain's secret code breaking operations.

We headed into the Visitor Centre for a guided tour of the house and grounds. The old huts, were very basic but were where most of the code-breaking was done. One of our favourite things was going to see the Enigma Machine. This was the machine that the Germans used to encrypt messages. We saw the machine that cracked the German codes for the allies. It was called the Bombe Machine, invented by code breaker - Alan Turing.

We also visited the mansion, where the head of Bletchley Park had his office in WW2. After lunch we went to a workshop on code-breaking; there were lots of different tasks including the decrypting messages in the Caesar, Pig Pen and the Rail Fence ciphers.

James and Teddy, were particularly keen to see Bletchley Park as both their great-grandparents worked there during the war. As James explains, "My Great Granny worked at Bletchley Park in the Second World War as a 'Wren'. She worked for the WRNS and helped crack codes made by the Germans and worked on the Bombe Machine."



James and Teddy



Year 6 boys 'Wonderstruck'

At the joint STEM Day with WPS, the boys learnt about rocket propulsion, finding out about force, pressure and chemical reactions resulting in explosions ranging from a 'wuff' to a huge boom!

The ideas were then put into practice by designing and making paper rockets which were launched using compressed air. The girls listened (the boys didn't) and consequently their neater and better constructed models flew the furthest!

Later, the group transferred their knowledge into constructing fan powered cars. This time the boys came out on top and the boys who had had Young Engineers experience were the leaders. A fun day was had by all!



Young Voices 2019

154 boys and 14 staff headed off to the Resorts World Arena to take part in the Young Voices, where all the hours of sweat and tears were worthwhile, as we joined a massed choir of over 7000.

"Young Voices was absolutely amazing! We had a run through of all the songs and then it was showtime! My favourite song was 'Pop Medley' which included songs by artists Kylie Minogue and Coldplay." - Sebbie Broughton 3M

"The experience was amazing! Everyone really enjoyed the Urban Strides and all of the performers were jumping and singing. Tony Hadley, Charlene Hector and Beau Dermott performed too along with the Young Voices choir." - Ned Stevens 6M, Choir Leader

"When the lights dimmed for the concert, everyone held up their Young Voices torches, creating the effect of a starry night's sky. The end of the concert was truly special. Before The Greatest Showman medley, we had a message amplified around the arena from The Greatest Showman star Hugh Jackman." - Ben Adams, 6M - Choir Leader

Warwick Rugby Sevens

At the 28th Warwick Junior Sevens, we hosted seven schools; Aysgarth, St Olave's York, QEGS Wakefield, Birkdale Sheffield, Norwich, King's Hawford Worcester and The Croft.

In both the morning and afternoon sessions there were pool matches.

Warwick played with much endeavour but efforts were laced with an element of panic and mistakes were made and punished. However, when the team were better organised and played with depth and moved the ball, they were a force to be reckoned with.

Oscar Anderson was our player of the festival and Thomas Selby our most improved player.



Academic news

World Book Day

The English department and Library once again joined forces for World Book Day!

Boys and staff were encouraged to consider a book which had altered their thinking and could be considered their 'Write of Passage', whilst all year groups enjoyed trying to find over 40 hidden books across the campus. The lucky few returned to flaunt their treasure at the dress-up photo booth in the English corridor.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY



On Monday 11th March, international best-selling author Chris Bradford visited Year 7 and 8, demonstrating his skills as a bodyguard and samurai master to a wide-eyed and enthusiastic audience resulting in plenty of book sales, with boys given the opportunity to get their copies signed by the author himself!

Schools Challenge

This year's general knowledge quiz competition, 'Schools Challenge' is well underway.

Having won an initial group the U18A team (Peter Walker, Alex MacKay, Elliot Cosnett, Dominic Wilde) played King's Worcester. After a very close contest, the team emerged as winners of the regional trophy. Warwick School has been chosen to host the National Finals Day, meaning that we get a bye through the last sixteen round, to compete against seven other schools from across the UK early next term.

Our junior teams (U13) started their competition, again travelling to Worcester. The B team; Oliver Crabtree, Alex Bosworth, Harry Colliver, Matthew Gill and Ben Pink lost very narrowly to two A teams, the Chase School and King's, Worcester. Meanwhile the A team; Owen Robinson, Alex Ford, Jamaal Hook and Matthew Mendia defeated Worcester 'B' and KES Stratford to proceed to the final where they comfortably beat Worcester 'A'.

BEBRAS

Following on from our success last year, 423 students participated in the BEBRAS challenge this year. The UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge, supported by Google, is designed to get students excited about computing and computational thinking.

Warwick School's top performance by age range:

Harry Colliver, Juniors (age 10-12); Daniel Jenks-Berryman, Intermediate (age 12-14); Daniel Harding (age 14-16); George Whiston (age 16-18).



From a total of 161,146 first-round students Daniel Jenks-Berryman (pictured left) and Harry Colliver (right) were both in the top 60 highest achieving students in their age groups and were invited to the Department of Computer Science at the University of Oxford, where they were presented with their certificates.

Daniel having been placed in the top 10% of BEBRAS also took part in the Oxford Computing Challenge and qualified for the finals.

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

- Thomas Allin, L6M

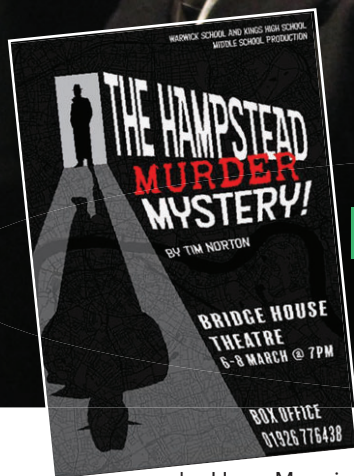
A team of Sixth Formers travelled to London to represent Warwick School in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge National Final, having won the regional final last term against 20 other local schools.

The competition started with a group round, in which the team did well, getting 51 out of 60 marks on 10 long questions. Next was the crossnumber round, in which the team scored full marks.

However, despite a good start in the shuttle round, crucial errors eventually crept in, denying the team multiple marks from questions which could not be answered without the correct answer from the previous question. The final stage was an endless relay round which saw a respectable 24 marks being added to the final score.

Congratulations to Frank Fan, Robin Zhai, Thomas Allin and Albert Williams for finishing 21st out the 87 teams at the National Finals.





The Hampstead Murder Mystery – Tim Norton

The Middle School cast from Warwick School and King's High School rose superbly well to the challenges of presenting this rapidly changing, linguistically demanding parody of the murder suspense thriller.

Inspector Chippenfield, played by Hugo Maguire with his 'in disguise' junior detective Rolfe at his side (Thalia Shadbolt) slid from scene to scene with great focus and pieced together the most complex of plots. They thought they got their man in Regan Brown's dodgy Birchill, who faced a trial but was clearly innocent. Cameron Thomas' Montague Crewe delivered the proverbial dashing private detective with wonderful fourth-wall destruction, and indeed the whole cast played it with full energy and dynamism throughout. Grace King-Turner and Taryn Young stood out as the scheming cousins whose love letters were one of the many red herrings to the investigation which eventually saw Alex Robinson's Kemp be let off for killing a man in self-defence. The audience was treated to a fast-moving thriller which had all the twists one could wish for, before ending with the great reveal denouement at the Old Bailey and even the surprise appearance of the murdered man in the audience!

Congratulations to:

Rhys Mulligan who successfully auditioned for the RSC *Christmas Carol* and performed in 18 shows. A great achievement and an experience which Rhys thoroughly enjoyed.

'Photo by Manuel Harlan @ RSC.'



House Drama



At the inaugural House Drama, the six houses were each tasked with devising a short performance based on Roald Dahl's 'Revolting Rhymes'.

Our judge for the afternoon Ralph Davis OW, had the unenviable job of selecting a winner and runner up. First place went to Brooke with their take on Cinderella with second spot going to Leycester who retold the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The audience also enjoyed Guy's adaptation of the Three Little Pigs, Greville's twist on Jack and the Beanstalk, Oken's re-enactment of Little Red Riding Hood and Tudor's, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

All of the plays were student led and the boys showed great courage and determination to get up in front of the whole school, act and recite their lines off by heart. Special awards were also given for best actor to Cameron Thomas (Guy House) and runner up, Josh Dillon (Leycester House).

Music



THE BRIDGE HOUSE OF ROCK

The Bridge House of Rock played to a sell-out audience at the Bridge House Theatre. The concert featured all four senior rock bands, the three junior rock bands and finished with solo spots by seven different singers backed by our staff house band. A collection was taken on the door and raised £441.68 for our charity the Dominic Community Foundation based in Uganda.



Jazz @ the Bridge

Jazz @ the Bridge in the Bridge House Theatre featured our jazz small groups, a feature by Year 7, and a special guest performance by Hal Hewetson, Alex Sampson and...

Over the two nights Jazz @ the Bridge raised a...

Top performance at the National Concert Band Festival (NCBF)



Six bands performed at the regional heat of National Concert Band Festival and achieved the best results in living memory. All bands played a 20 minute programme including one piece from a prescribed set list. The bands were judged by a team of experienced adjudicators on eight specific musical criteria.

The Little Big Band, Big Band, Jazz Lab and Camerata, achieved the highest Platinum Award and the Foundation Wind Orchestra and The Super Tonics both achieved Gold Awards.

As a result all six bands qualified for the National Finals at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester in April. We are the first school ever to have six bands qualify.

Congratulations all on this unprecedented success.



re featured all three Platinum Award winning big bands as well scholar Chris Gibson, a bass solo by David Yates and a pupil led Tom Lester bringing the house down with the tune Kandaiki.

a total of £3523 for the Dominic Community Foundation.

News from St Mary's

Congratulations to four of our Warwick School choristers at St Mary's Church, Warwick who have been awarded the RSCM 'Voice for Life' light blue medallion; Tommy Perry, Ben Adams, James Leeson, and Nicholas Lewis.

Well done also to our Junior School boys Thomas Dodsworth and Oscar Dunlop who have been promoted to Full Chorister. The boys will be singing at the live BBC televised service on Easter Day.



Rave Review

Collegium, Warwick a Choral Society at St Mary's recently performed Mendelssohn's Elijah and St Paul. Journalist Roderic Dunnett wrote a review for the Church Times in which Warwick School Chorister Tommy Perry received high praise.



"his voice and mature diction came through as clear as a bell, and the vowels as well as the consonants were lucid and finessed. He tended to swoop up to the repeated top Gs as if he was appending a kind of grace note; but when he got there, each was impeccably placed."

Congratulations to:

Luke Barker, who has gained his Diploma for trumpet playing (with Distinction). What a fantastic achievement!

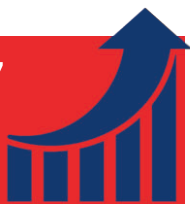
George Wilkes who has been offered places, and scholarships, at five Conservatoires. George has decided to accept a place at the Royal Academy of Music starting in September.

Warwick Choristers **Jamie Nash**, **Euan McGarr** and **William Parsons** who have been awarded scholarships to sing with the renowned Armonico Consort.

Charity & community

£11,337.77

total raised this
academic year



Learning about Dementia

Aaron Lawana (U6D) is a Dementia Ambassador and former member of Kissing it Better who volunteered to give a talk about dementia to a group of Warwick and King's High pupils, who are currently taking part in this valuable scheme at Warwick Hospital.



He delivered five key messages about dementia including the facts that dementia is not just about losing your memory - it can affect thinking, communicating and doing everyday tasks, and that there's more to a person than dementia.

All those who attended this powerful and interactive session are now Dementia Friends. Aaron is currently applying to study Medicine at university and has kindly offered to give further talks about dementia to raise awareness and understanding.



Warwick School students and Jill Frazer, CEO of Kissing it Better

Kissing it Better

For several years, groups of Warwick School and King's High School pupils, many with an interest in medical careers, have visited Warwick Hospital weekly, after school, to spend time with patients, often those suffering with dementia, as part of the Kissing it Better scheme.

This term, boys who are all Dementia Friends visited the wards at Warwick Hospital where they gave out Kissing It Better goodie bags and also colourful Twiddle Mitts which help people with dementia as they can reduce agitation and restlessness.

Stem Cell Donation

Warwick School is delighted to be part of the Anthony Nolan 'Be a Hero' campaign, and following the success last year, ran another session to educate our Sixth Formers on stem cell, blood and organ donation. This resulted in sixty boys signing up to the donor register.

Thank you to all involved in this very special event.



Go Green!

This term we embarked on a massive 'eco' project to reduce landfill and encourage recycling best practice. Headed up by the Green Team a 'single use plastic boycott' has been implemented across the site.



Packed lunch packaging has been changed to paper bags and sandwiches wrapped in paper rather than film. Single use pudding pots have been replaced with reusable ones, as have single use soup cups which have been replaced with ceramic bowls/cups. Polystyrene containers for salads and jacket potatoes have been replaced with compostable containers.

Boys are all being encouraged to remember to bring in their own reusable water bottles from home each day.



Year 11 Green Team members, recycling their crisp packets!

Warwick School has been recognised as a Recycling Collection Point by Walkers Crisps, who will collect directly when over 400 bags have been collected. There are crisp recycling boxes in each department, for foil-lined crisp packets, any brand!

'Talents' a group project |
The Willows C of E
Primary School



'Flower Power' | Bishop's Tachbrook School



'Remembrance Poppies' | Warwick Junior School



'Dinosaur Eye' | Coten End School

Exhibition of Young Local Artists



Our 'Exhibition of Young Local Artists' was established in 1985 and started with just five schools. Thirty-four years on, the exhibition has grown and this year, 29 local schools took part.

This event brings together local primary schools to celebrate art and showcase young talent.

The array and diversity of the pieces exhibited was phenomenal, from 'Dinosaur Eye' to 'Lighthouses'; 'The Nutcracker' to 'Toys' and 'Talents'.

There was a wonderful display of work on show and the young artists and their families gathered for a special 'Opening Ceremony'. The exhibition ran for a week where the public were able to come and view the extraordinary range of artwork.



Artists from Coten End, Warwick Preparatory School and Warwick Junior School

An insight into neurorehabilitation - Rijul Joseph (L6Y)

Gregory Weston shared his experience of neurorehabilitation after a serious brain injury, with Warwick School psychology students and medical students.



His experience was truly fascinating for all of us listening. He explained how, 8 years ago, on a night out he fell onto a kerb where he severely damaged his frontal cortex, which is responsible for the short-term memory. He was transferred to Southampton hospital after the doctors

realised how serious the injuries were. The doctors were adamant that he would not be able to walk again but he proved them wrong. When asked what his motivator was to keep a positive mindset on the situation he replied "I wanted to do it for my son" which was extremely uplifting to hear. He talked about some of the consequences due to the accident such as his weight problems, his behavioural issues and partial paralysis. However, he fought against all the odds and now lives a normal and happy life.

Hearing him speak really enlightened me because it was amazing how he managed to overcome all these huge obstacles with the correct treatment and support.



Scuba Diving

We have eight boys from Year 9 doing the PADI Open Water course (with external company Scuba School).

The boys are currently half-way through the pool sessions and theory, and will be doing four qualifying open water dives at Stoney Cove, Leicestershire, in order to gain the internationally recognised certificate.

Welcome John Simpson!

We were delighted to welcome John Simpson to the school to deliver the latest in our series of Sir Ben Kingsley lectures. In front of a capacity audience John Simpson spoke effortlessly about his 50 year BBC career, which has seen him visit over 140 countries and interview many of the world leaders.

He talked with passion of the countries he visited and spoke of moments of terror that he faced, including the bullets in Tiananmen Square and falling missiles in Baghdad. There can't be much of the last 50 years of note, that he hasn't been there to witness and report. It was a real privilege to hear him speak and to do so in such a charming, witty and engaging manner.

Many of the audience bought his latest book *Moscow Midnight*, and spoke to John Simpson after the talk whilst he signed their books.



John Simpson with Sixth Formers Alex and Lawrence.

Debating Society

Ben Pollock and Peter Walker represented the school in the ESU regional final at Repton with a fascinating debate on legalising surrogacy. They weren't however able to make it through to the Nationals, despite a strong performance. They had a brilliant day at the Cambridge Union final and were able to debate alongside top debating schools such as Westminster and St Paul's Girls as well as schools from Ireland, Canada and Greece. Debating on subjects as diverse as the Supreme Court and the meaning of romantic love, they acquitted themselves admirably at the most prestigious of the debating competitions.

The Year 7 team of Ryan Ruperellia, Pranav Raja and Freddie Wyatt were a charming and witty presence at the 'Rotary Youth Speaks' district final, having won the Warwick round of the competition, but were not able to match the slick performance of some of the year 9 girls to make it through to the next round.

We are very proud of all their efforts in their first major competition.



Intermediate winners of the Warwick Rotary 'Youth Speaks' competition.

Away from Westminster

Our Politics Society was privileged at this time to welcome prominent Tory remainer, Dominic Grieve MP, who spoke about Brexit.



Congratulations to:

Cadets **Matt Holmes** and **Greg Devlin** who successfully applied for places on, a unique cadet opportunity to visit Arnhem, Netherlands, to take part in a battlefield study.

The Battlefield Study - AC 19 - involves cadets visiting and learning about selected events within one of the most famous operations of World War Two. By gaining a greater understanding of the actions conducted within Operation MARKET GARDEN, the cadets can develop and improve their own leadership styles and techniques.

Collaboration

Research 101

This term we held our first 'Junior Research Day' with Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils from Warwick School and King's High School, researching subjects all based around '101'. Topics included Mendelevium, atomic no.101, Suffering in 1918, 101 Years of Swimming and the change in Parliament over the last 101 years.



Crown Court Appearance

A team from Warwick School and King's High School competed in the Independent Schools Mock Trial Competition at Birmingham Crown Court, giving a valuable insight into the legal world.

The students took on the roles of barristers and witnesses in order to prosecute and defend two cases in front of real judges. It was an intense day filled with adrenalin and a great deal of pressure. They all put in a lot of hard work and performed brilliantly on the day.

A huge well done to our boys, Elliot Cosnett, Archie McCusker and Henry Plyming.

Día de San Valentín

Warwick School chicos and King's High chicas from Year 8, took part in a 'speed chat' where they practised their Spanish conversational skills, on Valentine's Day!



As always, there was much laughter around the classroom as they chatted with each other.



Independent Foundation Schools Swimming Teams

Huge congratulations to the Warwick Independent Foundation Schools Swimming Teams. Seven teams, eight events, seven A team finals, one B team final. Three first places and two third places at A finals, and one first place at B final.

Great times, great swimming, great teams!



Year of the Pig!

Warwick School boarders Alan and Frank gave a talk to the pupils and staff of Warwick Prep School about Chinese New Year!

Warwick Sevens

Rugby talent came from far and wide across the country, with 60 schools competing in more than 190 matches at the 50th anniversary of the Warwick Sevens. When the event started in 1969, only eight schools took part!

Warwick performed well across the age groups with a cup win for the U16s, and U15s losing in the quarter-final match to eventual winners Millfield. The U14s narrowly lost in the final of their plate competition. The U13s won all their matches in the waterfall tournament winning the trophy, and the U12s had a tough start to their Sevens season but won 2 out of 6 matches.

Warwick School won the Freeborn Shield for the best performing school across all age groups, which was very fitting in the 50th anniversary year.

Head Master Dr Smith and OW Nick David (Worcester Warriors and England U18) presented the trophies to the respective age group winners:

U16 - Warwick; U15 - Millfield; U14 - Sedbergh;
U13 - Warwick; U12 - Bishop Vesey's and Hampton School.



The victorious U16 squad.



Clay Pigeon Schools Challenge

The clay pigeon shooting teams came 3rd and 5th in the Schools Challenge. Both teams performed very well against a large number of schools from all over the country.

Swimming

Our senior swim teams took part in a series of galas this term. At our annual Warwick 50s gala we welcomed a large entry of visiting schools. Our U13s team swam impressively throughout the gala winning every race. Our U12s team also swam with determination and finished second overall in their age group.

Our U13s team capped off their season with an impressive performance at the Bromsgrove Invitational Junior Relays by winning the Freestyle and Medley relay events.



U13 relay team at Bromsgrove.

The season finished with our U18s competing at Olympic Park along with 73 other teams, in the historic Bath Cup and Otter Cups. Our boys all swam to their full potential, winning their heats comfortably. In the final rankings the team finished 15th in the Freestyle and 18th in the Medley, our best result for many years.

U12s: Jake Deaner, Lewis Morrison, Ray'an Bhanji. Max Gambroudes. U13s: George Gloster, Charlie Mackenzie, Samuel Archer, Isaac Morison, Ruben Snelson. U18s: Max Holton, Ivan Chong, Morgan Evans, Skip Snelson.



Water Polo

Our senior team competed in the final of the ESSA bowl competition at Northampton. In this tournament based final, Warwick beat Eton College and St Paul's and then lost 2-1, to Camp Hill who scored in the last minute of the final match.

Congratulations to the boys on winning silver in the Bowl Final.

The U13 team won a friendly tournament at KES Birmingham, and are soon to compete in the first round of their ESSA competition.

Water polo is certainly proving popular with our Year 7 boys, 46 of whom have tried the sport for the first time.



Hockey Success

Warwick School's 1st XI hockey team has qualified for the quarter-finals of the Notts Sport Boys' Schools Championships.

Warwick finished top in their group, winning all their matches against some tough opposition, including last year's finalists Oakham School and Repton School.

The team now face Reed's School in the quarter-final, for a chance to secure a semi-final place at the Olympic Park National Hockey Stadium, in May. It is a two-day event, with the semi-finals on one day, followed by the National Final the next day.

This is the first time that the team has progressed this far in many years, which is a great achievement. Congratulations!



George Holding in possession.



Warwick defending their goal.

Congratulations to:

Luke Dyson on his invitation to the trial for the England/GBR Junior Men's Water Polo Squad.

This year Luke has also been selected for the City of Birmingham Men's team which competes in the National water polo league and he is a key member of the U19s NAGS (National Age Group Squads).

Joe Hood selected for the England U17 Water Polo team to compete in the 2019 EU Nations Junior Men Tournament in the Czech Republic.

Max Hayward who qualified for the 22nd Faldo Grand series golf final in Dubai. Max finished 6th in the U16 age group and 29th in the U21 field, comprising 63 golfers from 21 countries.

1st XV Fullback **Henry Miles** on his selection for the final Scotland U18 trial following an excellent season for the Scottish Exiles.

Fin Smith and **Jack Forsythe** selected for the England U17 North v England U17 South fixture. Further congratulations to Jack Forsythe who attended the England U18 Development Camp.



Fencing News

After strong performances at the West Midlands épée regional qualifiers, both Ben Colliver and Connor Johnstone have secured a place at the National Finals to be held early May at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield. Congratulations!

And finally

Finals Day!

Warwick School's 1st XV rugby team defeated a very spirited Woodhouse Grove team at Allianz Park, to secure a place at the Twickenham Finals of the U18 Schools Cup. This is the third successive season our 1st XV have qualified for the final of the Schools Cup.

Finals Day at Twickenham was, as usual, a whole-school community event. The 'blue and white' army travelled to Richmond to support the 1st XV. Both Warwick and Whitgift were outstanding, contributing to one of the best U18 Schools Cup Finals in the tournament's history.

Warwick's dream of joining the elite club of 'three consecutive wins', however, came to an end after a close game of rugby that sat on a knife edge throughout most of the match. Whitgift were strong, powerful and brutally intense at times, and although Warwick were not fazed by this, Whitgift came away as National Champions (final score Whitgift 32 – 22 Warwick).

Our boys can hold their heads up high, the sheer character they showed throughout the game was testament to each and every player.



Route to the Final

Semi Final:
36-24



v Woodhouse Grove

Quarter Final:
29-20



v Rugby School

Last 16:
38-12



v Uppingham School

Round 3:
13-7



v Bromsgrove

Round 2:
55-0



v Solihull

Round 1:
53-0

v Old Swinford Hospital

Project One Campus

The brand new synthetic 3G rugby pitch was completed in January this year, giving all-year round access to training for our pupils, helping the development of the next generation of sporting stars!

This new facility was designed, manufactured, constructed and installed by SIS pitches, a company with a track record of delivering on the world stage.



This surface has already made a real difference to the amount of time pupils get to play and train outdoors, as it performs well in challenging weather conditions and has transformed our winter training and the ability to train into the evening. The pitch will be an amazing asset for the school and for the Warwick School community for many years to come.

The winter months have not stopped the incredible progress on Project One Campus and King's High's new home is really taking shape!

The building work on the state-of-the art main school building is due for completion during July so the finishing touches can be completed over the summer holidays. Work has also begun on their fantastic Sport, Art and Technology building. To follow Project One Campus in more detail, follow @POC_WISF on Twitter or visit www.projectonecampus.co.uk



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