

The Warwickian



Summer 2021



Co-curricular
activities back
in full swing

Letter from the Head Master



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Whilst the delay to Step 4 of the Government's 'roadmap out of lockdown' has meant a quieter end to the school year than we had all hoped, I do not want to dwell on the challenges of the past year, but rather to focus on the achievements of the past term.

Summer term 2021 has seen a return to something approaching the normal rhythm of life at Warwick School. Competitive sports fixtures have made a return, as have concerts, productions, educational visits and the now legendary Year 7 Charity Sleepout.

The Summer Concert Series brought live music back to the Warwick Hall for the first time in exactly 15 months. What has been achieved musically remotely is remarkable, but it is no substitute for the real thing. Seeing the ear-to-ear smiles on the faces of the musicians as they came off stage has been an undoubted highlight. Given the long absence and the need to maintain year group bubbles the standard was remarkable and a testimony to the perseverance of all involved.

At the time of writing I look forward to seeing if the thespians have been able to match them. Saturday 3 July will see Years 7, 8, 9 and Upper Sixth productions of 'Bravery', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and the intriguing promenade journey through iconic movie scenes titled 'A Night at the Movies'.

Changes in the guidance provided by the various governing bodies allowed our Upper Sixth cricket, hockey, rugby and tennis players to take to the field in Warwick School colours for the last time. A fitting end to their seven years of commitment and achievement. The younger age groups also benefitted from this opportunity to enjoy competitive sport once more.

The long overdue return of the face-to-face co-curriculum has been welcomed with open arms, but it has been supplemented by the best the digital world can offer. Saturday morning parliamentary debates, virtual employability and work experience weeks and a remote Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture from Earl Spencer were among the range of new opportunities made possible by technology.

Summer term has also been a term of academic challenges, with all boys sitting in person examinations and assessments. Teacher Assessed Grades have been the dominant feature of this unusual term for Year 11, the Upper Sixth and the teaching staff. The boys are to be commended for the courage with which they have dealt with the constantly moving goal posts of the past year.

Wednesday 23 June was National Thank a Teacher Day and I would like to take this opportunity to belatedly thank my remarkable colleagues. The demands of the past year have been extraordinary, and it is thanks to their creativity and perseverance that this magazine once again bears testimony to the opportunities both inside and outside the classroom that a Warwick education provides.

I remain optimistic that September will bring the long hoped for return to normal, but confident that whatever the challenges it presents, they will be met with courage, creativity and perseverance – the Warwick Way.

James Barker
Head Master

Clubs & activities



CCF

The Army section of the CCF commemorated the foundation of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in 1968 with this photo (above) by Mr. O'Grady on St George's Day. Due to social distancing rules it is actually three photos stitched together! We have taken advantage of our large site to conduct exercises at school this term for different year groups. Here are the Lower Sixth setting up telephone lines before being called in to conduct a casualty evacuation and rescue.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

After a year of waiting for their anticipated Gold practice and expedition, the time finally came for this group of seven Upper Sixth students.

They completed their practice during May half-term and had eight days rest before embarking on their final expedition to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Award journey.



Returning from a hot Gold DofE practice; L-R Alec Chamberlain, Kieran Speechly, Will Callan, Freddie Keays, Archie McCusker, Tom Skan, Max Plumb



Year 9 students on their DofE expedition at Bridge 128 on the Oxford Canal

Academic news



Debating

Since the close of a busy and exciting competition season, the Warwick School debaters have made the most of their weekly club debates to hone their technique and enjoy some companionable verbal sparring.

It has been wonderful to see our debaters take so much away from the experience of the workshops and competitions during the Lent term. As well as refining their summary speech techniques (one of the hardest arts to master in BP Debating), they have been focused on developing winning definitions of debating motions and on improving their analysis of arguments.

Following on from our successful and well-attended remote debating clubs during January and February, our Warwick School debaters participated in a series of Saturday morning debates at the end of the Lent term. These sessions allowed our debaters to experience a full British Parliamentary debate on Saturday mornings from preparation time to adjudication.

It was brilliant to have some of the King's High School debaters join us for these sessions. Our debaters greatly benefitted from having new opponents and teammates and we look forward to developing our links with the King's High School debaters through both friendly and competitive fixtures in the future.

Some of our more experienced competition debaters have taken on the responsibility of chairing and adjudicating debates this term. It has been particularly impressive to see our debaters adjudicate with accuracy and precision, offering debaters constructive and valuable feedback in their evaluations.

As we approach the end of this academic year, we would like to thank and recognise our 2020/21 Captain of

Debating, Milan Oakland for his excellent work in leading and representing the Warwick School debaters this year. As well as participating in the Oxford and Cambridge Schools' Debating Competitions, Milan has taken every opportunity to share his expertise and enthusiasm for debating with his peers and our younger debaters.

We can be sure that after the House Debating Competition, the national competition season and our programme of Saturday sessions, our debaters of all ages have taken every opportunity this year to challenge themselves and to sharpen their skills, demonstrating their impressive commitment to school debating.



Year 11 Virtual Employability and Work Experience Programme

Warwick School embarked on an exciting virtual employability programme for our Year 11 students.

Our raison d'être is to assist our students to make informed choices regarding their career pathway, and one of our objectives is to bridge the gap between the world of work and academia. Therefore, despite the pandemic, we introduced them, through the medium of digital technology, to a range of guest speakers, activities, and webinars from the world of work.

Guest speakers

Mr R. Fawdry, the founder of Boost Life Skills introduced the students to problem solving, communication skills, and soft skills within the context of work.

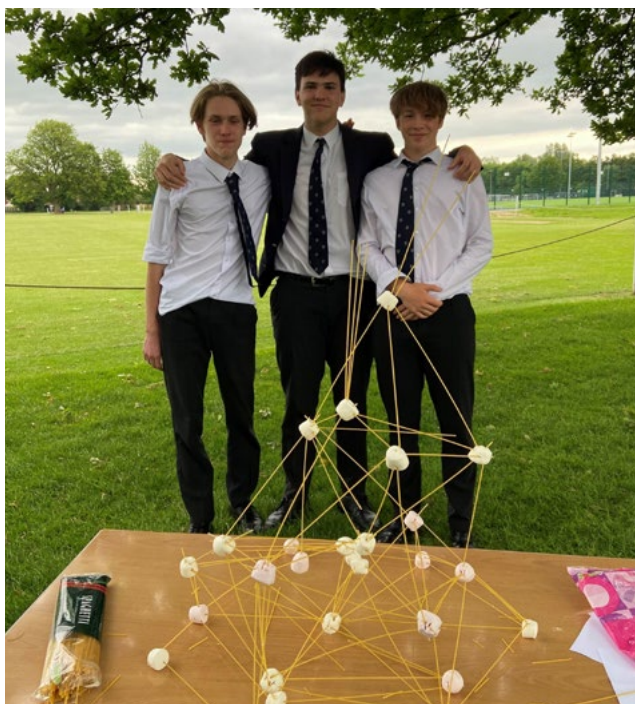
Mr Oliver Stacy, Senior Qualifications Manager at Qualifications Wales delivered a workshop on the future of careers and the infinite possibilities that await.

Mrs Katherine O' Donnell, journalist and producer at BBC Asian Network talked to the boys about what it is like to work in the media, job opportunities available and Equality and Diversity.

Former Warwick students, Mr Tom Bell and Mr Brad Powles successfully gained employment with PwC and Accenture, respectively as degree apprenticeships, and took part in a Q&A session answering questions on what it takes to successfully apply for a degree apprenticeship.

Ms Naomi Blackburn, PwC Student Recruitment Manager UK delivered a workshop on new technologies, STEM degrees and Tax Management.

Our Year 11 students were able to engage with a variety of speakers from a range of backgrounds that will prove beneficial for their short, medium, and long-term career path.



History Podcast

Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Jefferies have started a podcast in which they discuss their two subjects, History and Politics.

The first two episodes focused on Prime Ministers, Blair and Thatcher with the two teachers debating the topics. For the third episode John Jefferies and Olly O'Brien were joined by Warwick School legend Robert Hudson to discuss his experiences of the 1964 and 1970 general elections. The three of them discussed if the Labour Party have any hope of winning the next election. The most recent topic has seen them focus on the Battle of Gettysburg from the American Civil War with the two discussing the legacy of Robert E. Lee as well as the place of statues in society and whether some deserve to be torn down. We do hope you enjoy listening to them via this QR code.



The Heaton Podcast



Library news

Our Year 9 Book Club boys participated in the West Midlands heat of the National Reading Champions Quiz.

The boys were tested on their knowledge of books in categories like Myths & Legends, Blast From the Past, and Opening & Closing lines. The boys performed very well, being placed sixth out of 33 teams and only 2 points back from third place. Congratulations to George, Ameya, Fredric, and Alex, and our subs Flynn and Isaac – very well done!

Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture Series

On Thursday 17 June we held an online Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture, with guest speaker Earl Spencer. He talked about his recently released book 'The White Ship' and was interviewed by Lower Sixth student Cornelius Adkins-Hudd. The event concluded with a most interesting Q&A session.



Junior School news



Year 3 boys enjoying time with the chicks

Living Eggs Project

Through the Living Eggs Project for Schools, our Junior School boys had the opportunity to watch the chicks hatch and see them develop and grow.

After spending two weeks in school, the chicks were ethically placed in smallholders, free-range farms or with hobbyists. The boys were pleased to hear they do not go to intensive farming units.

Thomas reaches Platinum

Congratulations to Thomas for achieving his Platinum Award, thus completing all the four levels of the Junior Diploma. Thomas is the first in the school to reach this mark and will be awarded his certificate at Speech Day.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Our Year 4 boys took part in their 'Play in a Week' which was 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. This has been a drama workshop, an extension of their Performing Arts lessons, which has given the boys an opportunity to experiment with drama scripts, freeze frames and various other drama tools, on our fabulous Bridge House Theatre stage.

The performance was filmed so that parents were able to see what the boys had achieved in just one week! Most of the ideas have come from the boys themselves, giving them far more input than would be usual with our annual Year 4 musical.

We have all very much enjoyed the chance to 'perform' and do something creative outside of the normal classroom curriculum. Much fun has been had by us all.



As You Like It

The Year 6 boys also put together a 'Play in a Week'.

The boys chose 'As You Like It' by William Shakespeare. They put together class scenes as well as whole year group scenes offering creative suggestions for blocking, dialogue and lighting. They have had a really fun time and they have excelled themselves in their creative input and performance.



Music

The Year 3 String Project is a wonderful initiative and these photographs show some fantastic techniques!



Sport: U10 A team

Our U10 A team pose for their picture during their game against Bromsgrove.



Art: Year 4 sculptures

Year 4 boys continued their work looking at the artist and sculptor Andy Goldsworthy by weaving and creating tension for sculptures to become secure and free-standing.



The Arts



Coral Garden

Inspired by the ongoing environmental issues around the world, warming oceans and climate crisis, this summer we have been working on and producing a new coral sculpture garden project.

This ambitious project that the Year 7 and Year 8 students are working on also ties in with two significant elements both locally and internationally. Firstly, taking part in a local climate competition launched by Warwickshire Open Studios and Warwickshire Climate Alliance and secondly to mark World Ocean Day on the 8 June. This project will create a bold visual experience for students and visitors to explore within the school grounds.

The aims of the project are:

- To highlight delicate ecosystems (coral reef) and World Ocean Day
- Experiment, explore and have fun with Art
- Enjoy being creative and imaginative
- To work collaboratively as part of a group

The coral garden itself is made largely from recycled card and newspaper and coloured with tissue paper. The sculptures are being produced in groups and on a large scale. The completed sculptures will then go on display outdoors and create a coral garden where students and visitors can wander in between the artwork itself. We are working hard to get this project complete and look forward to seeing the reaction around campus and showcasing the students' creativity.



A Level Art

A selection of art from our A Level students.



Gabriel Doe



Alexander Da Cruz



Alfred Whitely

GCSE Art

A selection of art from our GCSE students.



Noah Mauchlen



Jacob Walmsley-Jones



Rajan Hayer



Jack Kelly-Owen



Elliot McFadden



Edson Dibble

Music



Summer Concert Series

Warwick School last hosted a concert on 11 March 2020. It was our annual Guitar Concert, and it was, as always, a joyous event. The start of our Summer Concert Series on Friday 11 June was exactly fifteen months on from that day, and it did not come a moment too soon.

Over three weeks each year group presented a concert featuring a range of instrumental ensembles. We heard rock bands, string orchestras, wind bands, jazz bands, chamber ensembles and guitar groups. Our Year 7 Music Scheme pupils thrilled parents with their class band performances, playing instruments they picked up for the first time back in September.

It was so refreshing to hear live music being performed in Warwick Hall again. Congratulations to all the boys who took part, and a massive thank you to all the music teachers who helped the boys prepare for the concerts. We look forward to many more live music events next year!

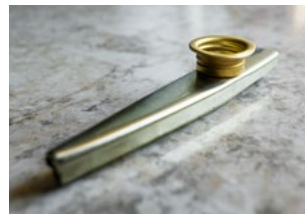




Music Podcast Series

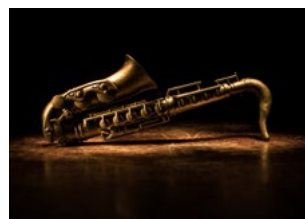
The Music Department continued the Podcast Series, producing:

Podcast #9: House Music Bingo



The House Music Bingo included a chicken, Lord Voldemort, Warwick Parkway Station, a pirate, a zebra, a snowman, the Star Spangled Banner, a kazoo (or two), seven dogs (possibly more), one cat and sunglasses.

Podcast #10: Jazz Not at the Bridge (Vol. 2)



In our second Jazz podcast (and our 10th episode), we hear some fantastic year group ensembles, recorded live at their spiritual home – the stage of the Bridge House Theatre.

Podcast #11: Jazz Not at the Bridge (Vol. 3)



We bring you the third and final instalment of the Jazz Not at the Bridge series culminating in over fifty minutes of amazing jazz. This one includes a jazz version of Star Wars arranged by our very own Alex Clarke and much more.

Podcast #12: Year 7 Music Scheme



In podcast #12 the vast Year 7 Orchestra giving a performance of a baroque masterpiece, with a twist. This episode also features two instrumentalists from the other end of the school – Lower Sixth musicians Oscar Lawson and Jamie Nash.

Podcast #13: Bridge House of Rock



In this week's Music Podcast things get heavy at the Bridge House of Rock. Featuring music by Eric Clapton, Foo Fighters, Kaiser Chiefs and David Bowie. Thank you to Mr Storer for making these performances possible.

All of these podcasts are available on our Warwick School YouTube channel via the QR code.



Charity & community

A Word from the Principal

It is a cliché to talk about a 'new normal' but here on site, this term has been more 'normal' than at any time in the last fifteen months. Whilst the delay to further Covid restrictions being lifted meant that our schools moved to 'Plan B' arrangements, it has been a joy to see and hear pupils of all ages bring the campus back to life with their musical and theatrical performances and their sporting activities. Seeing the first live performances in Warwick Hall and the Bridge House Theatre since the start of the pandemic was an emotional experience for all, as was great hosting of the first sports matches.

A deep frustration for us all has been the fact that we have not been able to see you, our parents and families, as much as we would have liked. We are therefore planning a Foundation weekend, 24-26 September, to welcome everyone back to the campus, celebrating our schools and what makes our Foundation community so special. Please make a note of those dates in your diaries – further details will follow.

The pandemic has meant that our schools have worked more closely together than ever before, whilst respecting their own unique traditions and heritage. Developing the 'Best of Both Worlds' for our pupils on this site – creating opportunities for them to work and grow together – has been at the forefront of our minds. There are a number of initiatives which will be brought to fruition in the new academic year, both for our younger pupils and those in the senior schools.

The end of the academic year is always a time of farewells. I know we will all wish our Upper Sixth leavers

the very best for the future; we look forward to staying in touch with them, not least through the mentoring programme which many parents have generously supported.

There are also significant changes in our Governing Body. David Stevens, currently the Foundation Chair of Governors, along with Tony Cocker, Vice-Chair, Andrew Firth, formerly Vice-Chair and subsequently Chair of the Warwick School Board, all retire after many years of service, as do Clare Sawdon DL and Moira-Anne Grainger. Nick Button and Jason Strain, formerly on the Kingsley Board, also retire this year. Sally Austin, a former pupil at King's High, and David Loudon become Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. I would like to thank all our retiring governors for all they have given to the Foundation, and those newly appointed for all that is to come.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last year. It has been a very complex time for everyone, but we have emerged as a strong Foundation community, with a vibrant and exciting future

Richard Nicholson
Foundation Principal



RCPCH Online Conference 2021

Having been diagnosed with epilepsy in 2018, I wanted to work with epilepsy charities as part of my volunteering section for my DofE Bronze Award.



With support from Dr Chapman, I became a member of the E12 Youth Advocates at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH&Us) in December 2020. We have monthly virtual meetings with the brilliant RCPCH&Us Engagement Officers, and discuss how we can bring nationwide epilepsy clinics up to a 'gold standard' of service.

I was also invited to become part of a small team of Youth Authors to produce Voice Matters for Paediatrics 2040. This was an opportunity for young people to have their say on the future of their care. You can read more about our work on the dedicated website <https://paediatrics2040.rcpch.ac.uk/voice-matters/>

Recently, I was honoured to be asked to join 4 other young people from across the country to take part in the RCPCH Online Conference 2021. We each recorded our own two-minute video on how the past year has affected us personally but also young people generally. These videos were played to everyone attending the conference worldwide on 15-17 June 2021.

I have been very lucky to get a chance to volunteer for RCPCH&Us on these projects. It has given me a real sense of achievement, and I feel I am helping to make a difference for young people to have a voice about their healthcare for the future.

Bryn Parfitt, Year 9





Year 7 Charity Sleepout

On Friday 28 May, as the rest of school were drifting off the school site to begin their half-term break, over a hundred brave Year 7 boys and several members of staff remained. It was the night of the annual Year 7 Charity Sleepout.

The boys watched a movie, played outside, ate dinner together and then completed a series of activities long into the night (dodgeball, football, capture the flag, cricket, a quiz and even toasting marshmallows on an open fire). After the activities had finished and the sun had set, the boys moved to the chapel for a talk from the charity about homelessness. The boys learnt how homelessness is an issue that can quickly affect anyone, regardless of how comfortable their current situation may appear.

After the talk, the boys settled down in the Junior School playground to spend the night under the stars (clouds). They slept in a variety of cardboard dens they had created. Whilst these dens were very impressive, they no doubt deepened the boys' appreciation for their beds!

In the morning, the playground was filled with very weary pupils enjoying their breakfast and recycling their cardboard boxes.

The night was extremely well supported and around £3,000 was raised for the 'Helping Hands Community Project' (a local homelessness charity). The charity are very grateful to those involved and wish to pass on their gratitude.

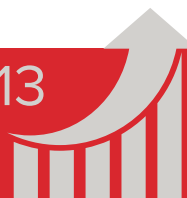


Charity and community

Charity

£12,213

total raised this
academic year



Sport

Cricket

After a wet start to the cricket season it has flourished with some amazing weather and some great performances.



U15A – after a comprehensive win against KES Stratford, the U15A cricket team played Rugby School in the semi-finals of the National T20 Cup, unfortunately losing by 5 runs.



U18A – won their first two National Cup matches against KES Stratford and an incredible win against KES Birmingham, with a nail-biting finish.

This theme seems to be becoming the norm for this year group with a one run win against Princethorpe College.



U13A – had a significant win against RGS Worcester (won by 67 runs) and have been crowned County Cup Winners.

Congratulations to:

Elliot Tanner and **Josh Line** who have represented Worcester U18s in their academy fixtures.

Alex Fakatou who has played 3 times for Wasps Academy U18s

Hockey

The U18 (U6th) boys enjoyed their first and last game of the season when they visited Solihull School for a friendly fixture.

The aim of the game was simply to provide one final opportunity for the boys to represent the school on the Hockey pitch after many have played since Year 7 (some even from their time at Warwick Junior School). Harry Chester led the team and produced a fine display, capped off with a superb drag flick goal from a penalty corner. The game itself was competitive but played in a friendly spirit by both sides who were supported by a lively but respectful Solihull crowd. It was a great advert for the game of Hockey when local rivalries were put aside to create a fantastic final memory highlighting the real importance of school sport, with lifelong friendships formed through an individual and collective love of the game. We wish our Upper Sixth all the best for their futures both on and off the hockey pitch.



Back Row: Ehren Sanghera, Krishan Umashanker, Ankit Sreevathsa, Richard Yates, Harry Chester (Captain) Front Row: Thomas Magraw, Connor Johnstone, William Knights, Gurjeevan Hayer, Sehej Khatkar

Athletics

In the first week back after half-term the boys in Years 7-10 had the opportunity to compete in an athletics meeting alongside the girls from Kings High School against Princethorpe College.

For the boys in Year 7 and Year 8 this was their first opportunity to compete for the school and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience in some glorious sunshine.



Rugby

After a 15 month hiatus, Warwick Rugby returned to our 3G with triangular matches for the U14 and U15 age groups against Sedbergh and Whitgift.

We were a little unsure of how the players would react to competitive matches again after so long, but both groups were absolutely outstanding in their efforts and commitments. The U15s defeated Sedbergh 12-0 and Whitgift 24-5 in two strong performances. Charlie Whorrod and Luca Chapman demonstrated their huge athletic potential with two tries each in the matches. Oliver Nicklin, Arjen Panesar and Tom Masterton also put in brilliant displays. The U14s defeated Sedbergh 5-0, and lost to Whitgift in the last play of the final game of the day to lose 5-0. However, the group were truly outstanding and heroic in defence. Felix Turner, Rayan Banji, Jacob Turner, Felix Henry and Josh Field carried with power and aggression throughout the afternoon. Ewan Cavan at fly half was also outstanding and ran the show in attack but also defended superbly. What a day for both teams and hugely exciting for all the Warwick Rugby community to be back.

On Wednesday 16 June we welcomed England U18 Rugby Lead pathway coach Jon Pendlebury to Warwick School to coach our U14/U15/U16 and U17 teams.

The sessions were well received by all and gave the boys and Warwick coaches a chance for some in house CPD. The main theme was communication and movement in attack. The weather was a cool 28 degrees too, so perfect for Rugby!



Tennis

We were delighted to once again have some tennis fixtures and return to a degree of normality.

Despite a few weekends being hit by poor weather, boys from all year groups have enjoyed representing the school. There have been a number of highlights in the first half of term.

A particular highlight was our very first match back against Repton where boys in the 1st and 2nd team played doubles to a very high standard against tough opposition. The 2nd and 3rd teams have remained undefeated since showing the depth of quality at senior level.

Take up for after school training has been excellent at U12, U13 and U14 level with many boys now being better tennis players than they were at the start of term. Our younger boys have also had the opportunity to represent the School in fixtures against other schools. Particular highlights here include the U14A and B teams playing some excellent doubles against Rugby School. We were also delighted to once again welcome parents back to sporting fixtures over the last few weeks.

We had a fantastic fixture against Abingdon where over 80 boys represented the School on one day and persevered to have fun despite some diabolical spells of rain.

Hopefully the run of dry weather will continue with a number of large fixtures coming up. We are especially looking forward to the fixture against MCS Oxford where if we are fortunate we will get to use their grass courts, a rare treat. Our annual Junior Tennis Tournament (U12-U14) also returns and is always a highlight as well as our competition in external tournaments at Eton and Magdalen College Oxford.

U18 v Dulwich College – On Friday 28 May the U18 Rugby team started and finished their disrupted season in style. The team have missed all their final Rugby season for the school, and so the occasion proved to be an emotional one. It was great to welcome parents back on site for the first time in 16 months too. Warwick U18A defeated Dulwich 26-12 in a fantastic game with outstanding tries from Will Callan, Peter Dobson, Will Mobberley and Elliot Tanner. It was a great match between two very strong Rugby schools and was a fitting end to the U18s seven years of Warwick Rugby.



U13 v Old Silhillians – The U13s squad played against Old Silhillians Rugby Club. It was exciting as about seven members of the Old Sils squad also played for Warwick School! Some brilliant rugby was played and the matches were very competitive indeed. Top performances went to Charlie Beard, Jamie Henschley, Hector Magraw, Seb Morris, Tolly Patrick and Ned Stevens.



Foundation news

Swimming

On Monday 7 June and Thursday 9 June our Years 5 and 6 swimmers faced the girls at Warwick Prep School in the first gala.

The swimming pool was full of action and excitement. The pupils really showed how much work they have put into their technique across all strokes since returning to the pool.



Joint gala with Warwick Junior School and Warwick Prep School

Launching Warwick Foundation Connect

A new networking platform, Warwick Foundation Connect, has been launched to bring together the communities of our schools online.

The aim of the platform is to connect parents of current and former pupils, alumni, staff and friends across our family of schools, and provide opportunities to network and support one another.

Members of Warwick Foundation Connect can search the Directory for professional networking opportunities, offer mentoring support to young school leavers, join special interest groups and promote businesses or services via our new Business Directory.

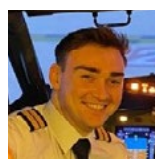
All parents are warmly invited to sign up and explore the platform. Visit www.warwickfoundationconnect.com to sign up or to find out more information please contact the Foundation Development Office development@warwickschools.co.uk.



Mentoring Success

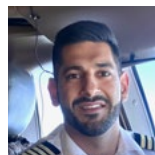
With so much uncertainty in the world it has never been more important to show support to our former pupils as they remain a lifelong part of our Warwick School and King's High School communities. A mentoring scheme has been running over the past few months to connect recent leavers with experienced alumni and parents of our Foundation community.

One of our success stories matched Oran Aske-Haley (WS 2006-2017) with Amit Bir (WS 1999-2006) to provide advice and support on a career in the aviation industry.



Oran says, "I have found the OW mentoring scheme to be a first-class service. With the aviation industry being in the state that it is, and the recruitment of newly qualified First Officers stalled due to COVID-19, having somebody that was still flying regularly throughout the pandemic, to speak to was highly welcomed."

Speaking to Amit a few times, he was able to give his opinion on potential career opportunities as well as proposing additional training I could do to keep current during the pandemic. What I did not expect to find however, was just how much in common we had. Both of us were big rugby fans and represented the School at the weekends all throughout our time at Warwick School. Additionally, there were parallels with our commercial training, with both of us going to the same flight school in Oxford and later having a stint in Arizona to complete some flying hours."



Amit says, "It was very rewarding to be part of this scheme. Having never mentored before, I was unsure as to what to expect, but Mrs Crane, the coordinator, provided us with some great ideas to begin with."

Having 14 years experience in Aviation, I was paired with Oran, who had recently completed his Professional Flight Training. Oran and I organised an informal chat over Zoom. We discussed various aspects about the industry and it was a pleasure to discover we had both attended the same flight school so it was great to swap stories from training. I was able to share with Oran the day-to-day experiences of flying during a Pandemic, most of which were also new to myself.

It was great to see that he still had a really positive mindset and already had mapped out several avenues to alternative employment whilst waiting for the industry to recover. We discussed which of these opportunities would further enhance his skill set and look positive on his CV for future Airline interviews.

We continue to keep in touch and it's great to be able to share some insights with a fellow OW who has the same passions, not only flying, but rugby as well."

Thanks to all former pupils and parents for supporting this scheme. For more information, and to offer your support, please visit www.warwickfoundationconnect.com



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