

# The Warwickian



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## The Great War Centenary

The Warwick School Community Remembers

# Letter from the Head Master



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## Welcome to the Warwickian

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## Dear Parents/Guardians

This has been a phenomenally busy first term for me at Warwick - not that I am complaining. This school hit the ground running from the off, as I was treated to a 1st XI hockey match on the very first day, an independently produced Sixth Form play on the second, and a fantastic 1st XV game against Bromsgrove on the first weekend. The pace has scarcely relented and I write this having just heard the wonderful news that our musicians have come back from the NCBF regionals with a best-ever haul of four Platinum and two Gold Awards, and an armful of invitations to the National Finals in Manchester in April.

Of course for a new Head Master, it is necessary to take a step back from time to time and consider the direction of the school. Dave Coplin gave me pause for thought with his wonderful talk on 'The Rise of the Humans' back in October. His message was that while machine learning will allow many of our jobs to be done by robots in the future (how far are we from driverless cars being more common than not?) there are some essential human characteristics that cannot be replaced by A.I. Creativity and empathy were the two key aspects he stressed.

As you read these pages you will see creativity infuses so much of what we do. The Drama department took on a challenging new play 'A Laughing Matter', with a cast list apparently lifted from Blackadder the Third: the direction and the acting were absolutely superb. The EPQ night allowed us to hear not just about the very worthy research projects and essays boys had completed, but also one boy's passion for blacksmithing, as he had forged his own axe from Damascus steel - a quite beautiful object and one that a visiting professor of engineering praised to the rafters. Quite how the musicians manage to do what they do, I don't know; the Bandstand Showcase - a prelude to the NCBF Regional Finals - was followed in short order by an extraordinary Winter Concert before the choir began their annual epic Christmas programme.

But how to teach empathy? I spoke to the boys in November about the importance of them recognising the privilege of being able to attend this school, and the accompanying obligation to give something back. Our emphasis on charity (see pages 12-13) has been wonderful to see, as we have supported the Brain Tumour Charity; Macmillan Cancer Support; and the Town Crier's charity, the Warwick Town Christmas Lunch. Arm's length charity only goes so far and it is important that our boys meet and work with those members of our community who appreciate their time - we see this through the Kissing It Better charity, and the new Year 9 initiative that has boys volunteering at Pickard Street Community Centre. It was lovely too to see some residents from Priors House Care Home come in to enjoy Jazz (and Scones) in the Pyne Room on a late November afternoon.

My first term has been exciting, exhausting and - although not without its challenges - thoroughly enjoyable. I have seen so many great things already and the future is very bright indeed. As a school we remain committed to the education of boys in and out of the classroom, developing their characters as much as their minds, and fostering a generation of young men who will go into the world with confidence but not arrogance, and make a positive difference to the community.

Dr D A Smith

The boarders' Firework Night celebrations were captured on camera by boarder Scott Chan.

# Academic news



## Tree Research

Our current Year 8 boys put in outstanding effort in a challenging science project when they were tasked with researching their favourite tree at the end of Year 7, which they completed over the summer break.

The boys produced some outstanding cross-curricular work involving natural history, science, medicine, poetry, storytelling, art and geography. The department awarded the winners of the top three projects, a tree to plant in their gardens at home.

Congratulations to 1st place - Milo Donovan, 2nd place - Abdullah Mehmood and 3rd place - Arjan Padda.


## Prize -Winning Economic Essays

Jeremy Worlock was one of three runners-up in the *Dorian Fisher Memorial Prize Essay Competition*, run by the Institute of Economic Affairs. His essay tackled the question *"Is Economic Calculation Only Possible When Productive Assets Are Privately Owned and Traded? If So Why Is This, If Not Why Not?"*

Jeremy attended the prize-giving lunch and event at the IEA office, Westminster to receive his prize certificate and cheque for £250.

Jeremy, along with Frank Fan were both on the shortlist of 22, for the Cambridge University's Marshall Society Essay Competition.

George Duffy was a short-listed finalist and attended the Awards Ceremony, for the 2018 John Locke Institute Essay Competition at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford.



**TEDx CERN**  
x = independently organized TED event

### Live Streaming from Geneva

All A Level Physics and Biology students took part in a hub event for the 2018 TEDx CERN conference. This event involved a livestream of the TEDx event from Geneva and was supported by Warwick University, who led follow-up discussions.

Joined by students from KHS and Myton School, our scientists discussed a vast array of subjects covered in the TEDx CERN conference.

His essay title was - *"What would be the consequences of legalising all drugs in America?"*

## National Poetry Day

Warwick School celebrated National Poetry Day with a Poetry Party in the English Department. Tying in with the theme 'change' there was plenty to write about from werewolves to trees! Of course there was chocolate too.



## Board Games

Our Year 9 boys have made the most fantastic board games in their English lessons. The task was to create games based on the novel 'The Catcher in the Rye'. The game had to chart Holden's adventures, with clear instructions.



# Junior School news



## A Step Back in Time

by Frankie, A-J, Zack and Luc

The Year 6 boys went to Blists Hill Victorian town, part of the Ironbridge Gorge Museums.

When we got there we had our Victorian school lesson, where we dressed up as Victorian children. If we had dirty fingernails, or if our shoes were dirty, we got told off. We did our 4 and 12 times tables. We did this because we were learning about Victorian money. Next we learned about the apple. We had to draw a diagram of the apple and the inside of it as well.



After lunch we had a tour of the village, where there were many Victorian shops including a sweetshop, chemist, post office and bakery. We also visited a candlemaker and a carpenter. In the bank, we exchanged our money for Victorian money. We also went to the place where you would have lived if you were very poor.

On the way out, we changed our money back and then we went to the souvenir shop. We all had a fabulous time.

## Year 4 at Blackwell Court

Our Year 4 boys enjoyed a range of activities during a two-day residential at Blackwell Court. After a number of team-building exercises, the boys moved on to other challenges such as crate stacking, caving, pole climbing and orienteering.



## Year 5 Live the Adventure!

Our Year 5 visited 'Live the Adventure' for a day of laser tag and waterborne activity. There was something slightly disconcerting about our boys running through woods taking each other on in deadly combat; however, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had many tales to tell on their return to school!

Following the mixing of the forms at the end of Year 4, the day provided a great opportunity for both new and returning boys to cement new friendships with shared experiences.



## The Green Team in action

This academic year, the Junior School has established a new eco-committee; the 'Green Team'. The team will help raise awareness of all things green, in order to look after our planet.



Each class voted for their own representative, congratulations to our twelve eco-champions.

The team is already making a difference with their waste and recycling project. Bins have been

placed into each classroom, with the intention of reducing general waste by at least half!

## The Warwick School Diploma

This term we launched the Warwick School Diploma, a challenge for all Warwick Junior School boys in which to take part, over their time here.



Boys with their first stickers towards their Bronze Diploma.

## Warwick Rugby Day

Our Year 6 boys enjoyed a busy day of rugby with 15 schools attending the U11 Schools Rugby Festival. In the morning our boys, along with players from other schools, completed a carousel of activities and training drills run by Warwick Senior School staff and coaches from Worcester Warriors. In the afternoon matches were played.



Tommy, Oscar, Joshua and Tom were given a special award to recognise their efforts and performance. Congratulations to them all.



## QEGS Harrison Cup

The sun shone brightly on what was a challenging festival with teams from Newcastle, Liverpool and the local Yorkshire district. Warwick played four pool matches winning them all.

In the afternoon similar ability teams were paired together. Warwick played some great rugby in two more matches beating QEGS and losing to Aysgarth.

The coaches then decided which team had displayed the RFU core values throughout the day. For the first time in 29 years there was a tie with the cup being awarded jointly to Warwick and Aysgarth.

A great day of rugby all round!

## Charity Choice

Our boys impressively campaigned for their charity to be chosen as the House Charities. They had clearly prepared their pitches and practised thoroughly.

Once the presentations were completed, voting took place to elect the charity to support over the year. With so many worthy causes proposed, this was a challenging task.

The following four charities were chosen:

**Drake: Mary's Meals**, proposed by Sebastian Carr - an international charity providing solutions to world hunger.



**Wellington: Red Wings**, proposed by William Shepstone - a charity providing food and shelter for neglected, mistreated and abandoned horses, mules and donkeys.



**Scott: Northleigh House School**, proposed by Thomas McFall and James French - a local charity providing a safe, calm and therapeutic learning environment for teenagers suffering from high anxiety.



**Nelson: Cancer Research UK**, proposed by Arthur Tracey.



Our Houses also elected charity leaders to help organise and run the House Charity events to take place later in the year.

## Charity

Year 4 boys led the Harvest Festival service, and Prefects were on hand to help load up the food collection for the Warwick District foodbank.



Over 120 boxes were collected for our Christmas shoebox appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



# Trips

## Iceland

In late October, 34 staff and students set out to undertake a most remarkable road trip. Flying, via Reykjavik, to the northern town of Akureyri, the party travelled through the Icelandic highlands and lowlands for six days, stopping to see some of the most remarkable natural sites in the world.

From the plane ride into Akureyri, dipping between mountain peaks in a tiny propeller-driven plane, right through to stepping into the magnificent canyon created where the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates meet, every aspect of the island was explored as fully as the short time allowed.

Other highlights of the trip included visiting Europe's largest waterfall, bathing in geothermal waters under the Icelandic night sky, climbing a glacier and boating on a glacial lagoon, as well as finding time for plenty of snowball fights along the way!



## Year 7 Bonding Trip by Oscar Steinbergs, 7S

At the start of September, the Year 7 boys braced themselves for the adventure of the year. They embarked on a two-day trip into the forest.

The boys faced challenging activities including a raft building task. Dinner consisted of a chicken curry, naan bread, squash, and some chocolate cracknel. While sat around the campfire, Meg Harper kindly shared her own ghost story to the boys.



Some boys spent the night in a cosy cabin whilst some, took the more adventurous option and slept in the tents.

The next day, more exciting adventures followed before the boys had lunch, jumped into the bus and drove back after a long and fun two-day trip.



## CCF Summer Camp

This year's camp saw Warwick School return to the familiar battleground of Nesscliffe. The week started at the range, where the boys fired a mixture of weapons with blank and live ammunition. There was also adventurous training, with rock climbing, canoeing, paddle boarding and caving all featuring.

The exercise days though were the real highlight. Paintball training focused on clearing buildings, close quarter jungle combat and section attacks.

Night time brought fresh challenges, with the cadets asked to sneak across no-man's land whilst avoiding simulated mortar fire and sniper rounds. The exercise finished with the dawn attack on the enemy position. In an unusual turn of events, Warwick School's attack was defeated by the enemy. Hopefully, much was learnt to be applied to future exercises.

## Duke of Edinburgh

This has been a busy term for the many boys participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Two hundred and three boys successfully completed a challenging qualifying expedition.

The Gold D of E boys travelled to the Lake District to complete their award. They walked 45 miles, over four days, often in the clouds, and also completed a project on an aspect of the National Park.

Despite Storm Bronagh ensuring that the 60 boys undertaking their Silver expedition were well and truly tested, the teams pulled together and made their 30 mile routes across the Black Mountains look easy.

Over 100 Year 10 boys completed their Bronze expedition, in the Cotswolds. Each team had to be entirely self-sufficient, and worked together to navigate between checkpoints.

As well as the expeditions, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award requires each participant to learn a skill, participate in a physical activity and volunteer over several months, so for the many boys receiving their certificates this term, they really deserve it.



## Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture Series - The Rise of the Humans

Our latest lecture in the SBK series was given by Dave Coplin, a much sought-after public speaker and author, on the need to rethink the use of technology in the modern world. His talk 'Rise of the Humans' called for us all to harness the digital deluge, to rise up and take back control of the potential that technology offers.

It was striking that his lecture was not a plea for more pupils to study maths, science and coding at the expense of arts and humanities. He believes we are educating pupils for jobs which do not exist yet, and many current jobs will become automated tasks. Employment will be based around the things that machines cannot do. Dave highlighted the importance of key skills, such as creativity and empathy which can't be replaced by machines!



## Careers Networking Dinner

by George Eames Matthews (L6W)

Warwick School hosted the inaugural Humanities Networking Evening, during which Warwick and King's High students met people who had studied English, History, Geography or Philosophy at university.

After dividing into groups depending on our different subjects, the ex-students gave us insightful information regarding their degrees and now their work.

The evening allowed us to understand the reasons to do a university course in the humanities, what it is like doing a humanities degree and also what one can do with this type of degree. Visiting universities, spoke of the benefits of humanities degrees and briefly about their respective universities. Overall, the evening was a great success, and was certainly very useful for everyone in attendance.



## Speed Interviewing

Now well established in the Warwick School Careers' Calendar the Speed Interviewing event was again a great success. Eighty-three Upper Sixth Students attended and were interviewed by professionals from a bewildering number of different backgrounds.

Each student, having indicated their university subject choices and potential future job interests, met with three professionals from finance to medicine, marketing to flight school.

Those best prepared researched their interviewers beforehand and arrived with CVs in hand to the delight of their discerning interviewers; others embraced the awkward learning curve of plunging in cold and fought with their backs to the wall, under the keen scrutiny of the experts before them!

A five minute period of feedback was offered after each 15 minute interview and the evening ended with an opportunity to network with everyone there.

# Lest we forget

Warwick School marked the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I in many ways, to underline the importance and significance of the event, and took time to remember those who gave their lives.

Students and staff were involved in Chapel services, music concerts, a special Remembrance assembly and the Remembrance Parade in Warwick town.



At a very special assembly, we remembered those who lost their lives in WWI, including 90 Old Warwickians and 2 members of staff. Old Warwickian, Professor Seaman told us all about his Uncle, Cpt Leonard Seaman, one of the nine boys in the WS Team Photo 1912-13 who died in the Great War.



Grounds staff at



Warwick School Football Team 1912-13. Nine team members lost their lives in the Great War.





## Town Remembrance

Warwick School took part in the town event, watched by a large crowd on Remembrance Sunday.

Joseph Lawson (9Y) played the Last Post by the Cenotaph beautifully, and over 45 CCF cadets from both Warwick School and King's High School took part in the parade through the town with RSM (Regimental Sgt Major) Luke Pery and Flt Sgt Nicholas Moss laying our wreaths.

Lest we forget



Warwick School also honoured the centenary with many poppies appearing around the school site.

## A SOLDIER'S TALE CONCERT

In an evening of music and words, the audience heard the story of the War from a particularly Warwickian perspective. Readings included extracts from letters written by Old Warwickians, sent to their families back home, and a speech from Headmaster H S Pyne, whose youngest son died in the war.

The Chapel Choir, and soloists Luke Barker, Tom Lester and George Wilkes all performed music, written during or straight after The Great War.



# Drama



## A Laughing Matter

Warwick School and King's High School's latest production explored the hilarious world of David Garrick's eighteenth century Drury Lane theatre, as they presented April De Angelis' 'A Laughing Matter'.

Supported by his wife Eva, Mr Garrick (Lawrie Gartshore) is planning his final season before retirement and has to choose between two plays: Oliver Goldsmith's (Edward Robinson) 'She Stoops to Conquer', or a forgettable, yet morally upright play, heavily patronised by local royalty.

His choice plays out over the two acts with an extended flashback section exploring his life in the theatre from young actor admiring the revolutionary skills of Macklin (Will Parsons) and his personal liaisons with leading actresses of the time.

Alongside this runs the subplot of a young actor Sam Catherley (Zak Parker) who was left on the steps of the theatre as a baby and has since been Garrick's protégé, and as we subsequently discover, he is Garrick's son.

The audience was also treated to a ludicrous representation of the first members' club, led by a suitably aggressive Samuel Johnson (Harry Ratcliffe) and frequented by the leading thinkers and powerful men of his day.

Later, when Garrick chooses the morally upright play a largely xenophobic riot takes place in his theatre, Lady Kingston is incensed and a farce ensues as actors attempt to regain her allegiance and win-over their audience.

This superb ensemble handled the complexities of a contemporary farce about a little known theatrical age with great skill and comic timing, supported by fabulous costumes and staging.



# Music

## 'Making Music Day'!

Children from many of the local Junior Schools came together to share their musical talents and skills at our first 'Making Music Day'. It was a fun day full of laughter and music-making. The children played together as an orchestra as well as in their various instrumental sections.

The day culminated in a short, informal performance where the young musicians performed the pieces they had been learning during the day as well as demonstrating a bit of Samba and getting the audience involved!



## Congratulations:

**George Wilkes** (U6V) appointed number three in the National Youth Orchestra cello section. George has recently gained his diploma for cello performance.

**Luke Barker** (L6Go) is now solo cornet with the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain and the championship section Jaguar Land Rover Brass Band. Luke recently performed a new work by the eminent composer James MacMillan at the Barbican Centre, with the NYBBGB and the London Symphony Orchestra.



**Oliver Simcock** (8M) qualified as a finalist in the BBC Radio 2 Young Chorister of the Year 2018, one of just eight choristers, selected from across the country. The Grand Final took place at the BBC Philharmonic Studios in MediaCityUK and broadcast on Radio 2.

Choral Scholar **Patrick Stiven** (9A) has become Head Chorister at St Mary's, Warwick. Patrick is pictured with Director of Music, Oliver Hancock.



# Charity & community

## 3,367 hours of volunteering!

Warwick School has received a certificate to thank all our students for their volunteering, through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.



Warwick School boys have spent 3,367 hours volunteering towards their D of E. It is a massive number and this only represents those that have completed the volunteering section, there will be many that are still completing it.

The variety of volunteering that the boys choose includes reading to primary school children, visiting dementia patients at Warwick Hospital through Kissing it Better, and sports coaching at local clubs.

## Congratulations

At the end of the summer, Rowan Butler (10A) unicycled the Coast to Coast route!

Rowan decided to unicycle the 208km Coast to Coast route to raise money for the charity Water Aid. Rowan successfully completed the challenge which included tackling the Pennines and a variety of weather conditions, and exceeded his target of £700, to pay for a brand new tap to bring clean water to an African village.

"I applied for a Personal Achievement Award through The Friends of Warwick School ('FOWS'), and was delighted to receive a contribution towards the cost of travel and accommodation. Thank You".



## Jazz and Scones

Our Jazz musicians performed some wonderful pieces for care home residents whilst they enjoyed an afternoon tea.

"Thank you to Warwick School, not only were we treated to a fabulous afternoon tea with great company from the students, we were also blown away by the talent of the young musicians." Priors House

## Thank you

To everyone who donated books for the League of Friends at Warwick Hospital. The school and Warwick Hospital have both been overwhelmed by the response and as a result books will be delivered to four South Warwickshire services.

To all those who attended or contributed to our annual Macmillan Big Breakfast. We raised £3,302 for the charity.



## Oyez, oyez, oyez!

Warwick School students received a public news announcement in true historical style.

All the boys gathered at the school to hear the annual address from the Warwick Town Crier, Michael Reddy. Traditions at Warwick School are of particular importance and the invitation to the Town Crier is one that has been kept, since at least 1912.

The Town Crier then toured the school and collected for the charity Warwick Town Christmas Lunch. The charity brings together and feeds 80 local people that would otherwise be on their own this Christmas Day.

Michael Reddy was incredibly grateful to all who donated, a total of £595.

# FOWS Winter Fair

The Friends of Warwick School (FOWS) Winter Fair was once again a highlight of the term's calendar and put everyone in the festive spirit.



Thank you to everyone who made it such a great success; stallholders, volunteer helpers, customers and of course, Father Christmas!

Funds raised by FOWS are used to support school projects.

## NCS Celebration

This term, we held a celebration event to recognise the achievements of the 18 Warwick School students who took part in the NCS (National Citizen Service) in Summer 2018.

The NCS took place over the summer holidays and consisted of three phases, Adventure, Discovery and Social Action, providing all participants with new experiences from outward bound activities to devising a social action project.

The afternoon was to congratulate all those who took part and to give them an opportunity to reflect on what they had gained from the programme. All had developed in confidence, had experience of presenting in public, enjoyed meeting people outside of Warwick School and benefitted hugely from helping a local charity.

We hope to encourage as many of the current Year 11 to take part as possible.

For full details see [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk)



Charity £4,578.66

total raised this academic year



## Twilight Walk

Warwick School families, staff and the local community joined together to take part in the 10k Twilight Walk, raising £2,872, for research into brain tumours.

Jacob Walmsley-Jones, in Year 9 told his story to the school in assembly and encouraged everyone to take part. He was taken ill in September 2014, and diagnosed with a brain tumour on his tenth birthday.

After a gruelling 11 hour operation and a long spell in hospital, Jacob went to Florida for a course of 'proton beam therapy' and has since had a number of operations and continues to have regular scans. Jacob now wants to support others with the condition and to raise money for the Brain Tumour Trust.

## Green Team news

Thanks to the efforts of the Green Team last year, the school was awarded the Silver Award from the international organisation, Eco-Schools.

This year we're going for the ultimate goal, a Green Flag. To achieve this, we have our new eco-code 'Go Green or Go Home'.

Each half-term we run a new campaign to improve our environmental performance in a different key area.

During 'Recycle Right Fortnight', all forms had both their general waste and recycling bins inspected and scored by the Green Team, with every item in the wrong bin deducting 1 point from an overall total. The winning forms were rewarded with doughnuts.

'Switch-Off Fortnight' will encourage the forms to ensure that unoccupied form rooms have their lights turned off. The winning class will be presented with cookies.

Please remember our Eco-Code 'Go Green or Go Home!'



## House Shout

The House System, introduced in 1897, had a refresh this term. Taking six of the previous Houses, all boys were allocated a House for the duration of their school career.

Throughout the year the Houses participate in a range of competitions of a sporting, intellectual and artistic nature.

A new event this term, the 'House Shout', saw Oken win with Take That's *Rule the World*. Greville won the 'small group/individual section' category with the Nintendo Wii - Mii Channel Theme, in the 'House Music' competition.

Congratulations and well done to all the boys. It certainly was a great way to finish for half-term!



## Year 7 Tug of War

All the Year 7 boys took part in the House Tug of War, won by Brooke House.



The expressions on their faces says it all!



## Hockey news

Congratulations to our U16 and U18 Indoor Hockey teams, both finishing runners-up in the County Cup Championship.

The U16s qualify through to the Midlands Final. After a qualifying round against Bromsgrove School in which the U18 team was victorious, the U18 team is now also in the Midlands Final.

Our 1st XI Hockey Team negotiated a tough first round match vs Loughborough Grammar School in the Independent Schools Hockey U19 cup, winning 2-1 and going through to the next round. Congratulations too, to Oscar Dalrymple who scored both goals.

## Cricket - Top 100 Schools

Warwick School has for the fourth consecutive year been included in the Cricketer Magazine's Top 100 Cricket Schools.



## Golf news

The golfers have had a successful start to the season winning 5 of their 6 matches. In the National Singles competition having beaten Bromsgrove and Stowe Schools, the team was narrowly defeated by Oakham School in the regional semi-final at Luffenham Heath Golf club.

In the HMC schools national cup, having beaten Rugby School and Oakham School, the team has reached the regional semi-final, yet to be played. Max Hayward and Theo Barnes both competed in the HMC schools singles competition at the Berkshire GC and they finished very creditably as runners-up in the team competition.



## Down Under Tour 2018

At the end of last term, 54 boys from Year 11 and the Lower Sixth, travelled to Australia and New Zealand for their eagerly anticipated Rugby tour.

In Sydney, where they were hosted by the King's School Paramatta, the team enjoyed watching an Australian Rules Football match, hitting the waves on Manley beach and climbing the iconic Harbour Bridge.

The next stop was Auckland where, hosted by Massey High School, the party enjoyed a visit to Kelly Tarlton's Underwater world, and a trip to the top of the Sky Tower with fantastic 360 degree views of the city.

The journey down the North Island began with a stop at the glowworm caves in Waitomo where the team pulled on wetsuits and descended underground. Rotorua, where the boys were given a fantastic Maori Welcome (Powhiri) from their hosts, Rotorua Boys' High School, one of the strongest school rugby sides in New Zealand.

The tour finished in Wellington with fixtures against Rathkeale College, where both Warwick teams performed well.

On the final day, the squad visited the studios where the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit were filmed before enjoying the traditional end of tour awards ceremony.



## National Swim Finals

For the first time in many years all our teams qualified for the National English Schools Swimming Association Finals.

U13: George Gloster, Issac Morison, Ruben Snelson, Charlie Mackenzie.

U15: Samuel Manship, Tiger Cheung, Louis McAuliffe, Harvey Flint.

U18: Max Holton, Matthew Chillington, Skip Snelson, Ivan Chong.

The 61st ESSA Secondary Team Championships were held at the London Aquatic Centre. Our U18 team improved upon their qualifying times, to finish 28th in the Medley and highly creditable 23rd in the Freestyle relay.

The U15 team suffered an injury set back in the warm-up to their lead-off swimmer Louis McAuliffe. Whilst Skip Snelson stood in, their final rankings had to be annulled due to Skip's age ineligibility.

After, our U13 team finished in 14th place in the Medley relay, all eyes turned to the Freestyle competition. Charlie led off with a strong swim, before handing over to Issac followed by George, who both produced quick times. Ruben entered the water in equal third place and soon closed the gap resulting in a blanket finish for second place between Warwick, Dulwich and Mount Kelly. The boys realised that their new best time of 1:59.57 had fallen short by one-hundredth of a second, with the other two schools tied for second place. Although disappointed the team's exceptional 4th place performance will last long in the memory for their travelling supporters.

## Rugby - Cup news

Commiserations to the U15 side losing 19-15 to Rugby School in the third round of the National Schools Cup. Both teams gave it their all until the final whistle, with Rugby School coming out on top in a closely fought game.

The tables were turned for the 1st XV in the quarter-finals, beating Rugby School 29-20 to secure a semi-final place at Allianz Park in the National Schools Cup.

## Congratulations to:

**George Barnes**, 8M, won the U13 Graded Singles table tennis competition at St Nicholas Sports Centre.

**Charlie Whorrod** from Stratford-upon-Avon athletics club, jumped a personal best of 5.10 metres to win the U13 long jump event at the inter-counties track and field championships representing Warwickshire.

**Alex Murdoch**, selected to play for Mercia Lynx at this year's England Hockey Futures Cup and scoring in the final where they won gold.

**Dan Martin** selected for the U18 county badminton squad.

**Osian Catlin** on his selection for the U14 South Wales Regional football squad against Bristol City FC at Dragon Park, Newport.

**Oliver Tubb**, **George Holding** and **Jacob Fenwick** selected for the School Games at Loughborough University, playing hockey for England.

# Collaboration



## National Concert Band Festival

Congratulations to our amazing musicians achieving the best results in the school's history at the NCBF festival regional finals, bringing home four Platinum and two Gold Awards.

Little Big Band, Big Band, Jazz Lab and Camerata qualify into the Finals. We are waiting to hear if the Gold winners have qualified too!

Congratulations to all the Warwick School and King's High School amazing musicians, supportive parents and inspirational staff.



## Big Sing with Warwick Prep

Our Year 3 boys joined with the Prep School girls for a 'Big Sing' day. For many of the boys, it was a particularly enjoyable day as they reacquainted themselves with former classmates at Warwick Prep.

The workshop was run by Ex Cathedra encouraging the children to improve their vocal skills and confidence. The day concluded with a concert in Warwick Hall in front of an audience of 100 parents.

## Late Bus Service launched!



This term has seen the launch of our much anticipated Late Bus Service trial. So far, the service has helped many families avoid the hassle of travelling into Warwick at peak time to pick up their children taking part in after-school activities.

The service leaves at 5.45pm every evening and covers our three most popular routes - Stratford-upon-Avon, Banbury and Leamington spa. The service is complimentary to everyone who currently has a School Bus Service pass. If you haven't used this great service yet, then we urge you to give it a try and see how much time you can save!

Please visit [www.warwick-school-transport.co.uk](http://www.warwick-school-transport.co.uk) for more information.

## Project One Campus

A ground breaking ceremony took place to mark the start of the installation of the state-of-the-art 3G rugby pitch and the next chapter in Project One Campus. This top-quality, floodlit 3G surface will allow boys, across all the age groups, to continue playing rugby even in the muddy depths of winter, when the nights have drawn in. It will be an invaluable addition to our sporting facilities.



William Kelley, Captain of the 1st XV, turned the first turf. He was supported by Dr Smith, Mr Pierce and U11 rugby player Thomas Whorrod.



Work is now progressing exceptionally well on the 3G pitch. Weather permitting and without any unforeseen delays, the pitch is on track to be completed for the start of next term.



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