

Palace Visit for Duke of Edinburgh Awards

At a recent DofE Northern Regional meeting, our school has been recorded as having one of the highest completion rates in the region.

Numbers of pupils participating for this year are: Y10 Bronze Award:121, Y11 Silver Award:43 and Y12 Gold Award:16. The excellent response to this programme reflects the commitment of the students, but also that of the volunteer staff involved with helping students to attain their awards.

On Friday 18th May, 7 students attended the Gold Awards Ceremony at Buckingham Palace where they received their certificates from Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex. All of these students started their Bronze Award in Year 10 and completed their Gold in Year 13 – an unbelievable achievement and one the school is very proud of. Josh Beale and Will Ashworth completed the award in 2017, whilst Fraser Benjamin completed this year, more boys will be attending a ceremony in 2019.

The DofE at Wirral Boys goes from strength to strength and we have recently joined forces with 'Get Outside the Classroom' Ltd to ensure improved standards of training to ensure that as a holder of a DofE licence, we are consistently improving the quality of service to the students. The expeditions continue to be successful and are enjoyed by all the students.

Mr A McKinney, DoE Co-Ordinator



Student Leadership Awards, Gold Standard

Congratulations to our Year 13 students who have successfully achieved the Gold Standard for their involvement in various areas of student leadership this year.



The Student Leadership Accreditation (SLA) offers a formal way to champion and celebrate the leadership skills our secondary students develop in and out of school, requiring students to create a portfolio in which they gather and upload evidence to showcase their skills. Their work is graded using a framework that covers ten core skill sets, grouped into three themes: Developing Myself, Working with Others and Contributing to my Community.

Queen's Birthday Honours for former Geology Teacher

Congratulations to Ray Humphreys, former teacher of Geology at WGSB for receiving the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Ray received the Honour in recognition of his 'services to Education and Geology'.

Ray taught Geology at both WGSB and the Alun School, Mold.



He retired last year and continues to give support to Geology students and with fieldwork visits.

He is principal examiner for A'Level Geology at the Welsh Examination Board.



Headteacher's Welcome

I wish to thank all parents for supporting the school and for encouraging the boys to take part in the breadth of opportunities that have been available across both the summer term and the year as a whole.

At Wirral Boys we have that unofficial motto that life at school is about 'working hard and playing hard'. It has been a pleasure to read through the pupils' reports over the year and witness that so many boys are excelling academically. For those boys who are underachieving in some subjects, the key is to focus on addressing the concerns so that individual achievement can be maximised. This summer saw boys taking the new GCSEs and A Levels for the first time. Most GCSE subjects this year will be graded 9 to 1 with 9 being the top grade. All A Level subjects are now examined on the two year linear model where the only results that count towards the final grades are those from the exams at the end of Year 13. The results will be published in August and I hope that all students gain results that reflect their hard work and potential.

The summer term has been exceptionally busy with wide ranging extra-curricular events. As I write this letter we have our school production next week of 'Up 'n' Under' which is being performed over three nights. This promises to be a superb performance. In the final week of term we have our 'Activities Week' with specific off timetable events for each year group. Our Duke of Edinburgh programme has been a key event this term with record breaking numbers of pupils taking part in all three awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. The recent weather has been very hot for the expeditions and the students have managed admirably by getting early starts ahead of the mid-day heat.

A number of performance events have taken place this term. Our Summer Concert provided a fitting end to a year of excellent concerts with over 150 boys taking part and performances by no fewer than 16 ensembles. Our Art and Design Exhibition took place in June and was an excellent showcase of GCSE and A Level work produced by boys in both Art and Design. By school standards, this quality of work can appropriately be described as being 'exceptional' and many of the visitors to the exhibition confirmed this in their comments.

During the summer term our school has gained national recognition for performances in Chess with our Chess Team competing in the National Finals. Before the end of term, our Year 8 Athletics Team are competing in the National Athletics Championships in Gateshead; this is a new achievement for our school.

Our House event calendar has been a full one and the positive impact on charity fundraising speaks for itself with over £9,000 raised already for World Wildlife Fund. Once again our House Captains and Vice Captains have proved themselves to be excellent student leaders alongside our Head Boy Team who have provided inspiration to pupils in lower years. During the Summer Term, our new student leaders have been appointed and elected and once again we have a very high calibre of House Captains and Vice Captains, Prefects, Senior Prefects, Deputy Head Boys and Head Boy. I have no doubt that all students concerned will rise to the challenge and prove to be superb role models.

At the end of term we said our farewells to a number of departing staff: Mr Iwan Davies, Teacher of Design Technology, is retiring after 34 years of service; Mr Oliver Abbott, Teacher of MFL is taking up a new post at Cheadle Hulme School; Miss Helen Murphy, Teacher of MFL is taking up a new post as Curriculum Leader at Hope Academy; Miss Jane Flanagan Acting Head of Biology (Maternity Cover) is taking up a new post as Biology Lecturer at Riverside College and Cronton Sixth Form; Mrs Louise Moore, Teacher of Mathematics is leaving after 4 years of service and Mr David Storer (Temporary Teacher of Music) is leaving after giving invaluable assistance to the Music Department for the last term and a half. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Finally, I wish to thank all parents for the excellent support that they have again given the school this year and I hope that all families enjoy a relaxing summer break. Our new academic year commences on Wednesday 5th September. We have a phased return to help new boys settle in and full details of this are on our school website.

Best wishes

D R Hazeldine, Headteacher

Farewell from Head Boy

I would like to dedicate this final Nuntius update to thanking both staff and students who have helped myself and my team this year, without whom we would not have been so successful.

I would especially like to thank Mrs Davies for her limitless patience and assistance; Mr Riley and Calum Heslop for helping to organise the Prom at our new venue, Hillbark Hotel in July; the Finance Office for their continued assistance throughout the year; Mr Hazeldine and Mr Askew for their support and guidance; David Noble and Matt Kowalski for their terrific Night for the Proms, along with the rest of the team who have been invaluable to making our tenure a success. I wish Jac Jenkins and his team good luck when they take over from us – make the most of it while you can!

Sam Spencer, Head Boy

Summer Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to all of Award Winners at our Awards Ceremony in July.

Our guest speaker this year was an old boy of the school, and local resident, Rev Michael Loach from Christchurch Bebington.

The award winners and their parents attended the event with the awards presented for a variety of both academic and extra-curricular achievements.

Our Awards Ceremony is one of the highlights of our school year as we celebrate and officially recognise a variety of successes.



Welcome to our new House Captains 2018/2019

We are pleased to announce the results of the House Captain elections:

LEVER HOUSE Luke McCall (Captain), Harry Walmsley (Deputy);
DODDS HOUSE Dylan Owens (Captain), Ethan Shone (Deputy);
HODGSON HOUSE Shen Barnes (Captain), Lewis Hayes (Deputy);
BARBER HOUSE Charlie Gough (Captain), Alex Gurr (Deputy).

Congratulations to all and thanks to our outgoing House Captains and deputies for their services to their Houses and the school this year.



House Matters



Lever House

Sam Wood – Lever House Captain

After being stuck at the bottom of the charity totals for the majority of the year, recent events over the last half term have brought us back up to second place. Thanks to Will Critchley for organising the sponsored row and also to everyone involved with the Fashion Show, which raised over £300 in a single night! This takes our total for the year to over £1,400, well above the £1,000 target we set back in September. It has been an honour and a pleasure to be Lever House Captain this year, and I hope that Luke and Harry can continue the success of the house next year.



Barber House

Kamal Ahmed – Barber House Captain

Barber House have been steady throughout the year in both House commendations and charity fundraising, collectively raising over £1,100 for WWF, the chosen charity of this year as well as earning over 13,500 commendations.

It has been incredible to see the efforts of every member within the house work to raise money for charity and earn commendations through academic, sporting, musical or extra curricular work. A special mention to B/JHH and Luka Taylor's idea of the Mother's Day Gift Tombola which raised over £100. Another event which equally raised as much was the Easter Egg Tombola which proved to be quite the success having sold out within 10 minutes. The year isn't over for events as we still have the long awaited Barber charity fun run to go!

I'd like to thank each member of Barber as well as all the Barber Staff and Nathan Simons (Deputy House Captain), for all their efforts which goes towards our house and which will make us strong and great. I look forward to seeing how the next year of Barber can be even better and we can come out stronger and more united. Keep focused Barber! Let's stay strong!



Hodgson House

Joe Ivine – Hodgson House Captain

Over the course of the last year, I am very proud of the progress made by Hodgson House. It is through the dedication of staff and students alike that our year has been punctuated with great successes and wonderful memories. In particular we are very proud in our charity status as we have been consistently high in the fundraising tables; furthermore boys have been achieving inside and outside of the classroom gaining commendations for effort, leadership and team work. For us, however, the retention of the House Music Cup for the second year was an honour- we love passing the green Hodgson ribbons every day on display in the main foyer. Since taking the role I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of House Captain and alongside my faithful sidekick Johnathan Beaver, we have organised many successful events, but most importantly increased the competitive nature within the house, and during my final assembly, House group awards were presented for achievements within Hodgson! Hopefully next year's House captain team can continue to build on these achievements!



Dodds House

Connor Johnston – Dodds House Captain

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve the school as Dodds House Captain this year. I want to take this time to say a massive thank you to all of the incredibly enthusiastic and motivated forms who made this year one of the most successful in terms of both charity and commendation totals. Our success this year is a testament to the healthy House pride that I know we all have, and the determination, good spirit and intellectual capability of all Dodds members, because behind each and every cake sale is the knowledge that we're supporting a great cause, and a proud House history. Here's to the continued success and charitable contribution of Dodds for years to come!

Welcome to our New Head Boy Team

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of our Head Boy Team for the next academic year, 2018- 2019.

The selection and appointment process involved student and staff nominations, followed by interviews. The following students have been appointed:

Head Boy: Jac Jenkins

Deputy Head Boys: Kieran Shingler, Jamie Finn

Senior Prefects: Callum France, Jonathan Head,

Thomas Lockwood and Richard Oscroft-Wainwright

Congratulations to all seven on their successful appointment to these leadership roles. We wish our new Head Boy Team every success for their period of office in 2018-2019.

Many thanks to our outgoing Head Boy Team for their excellent services to the school: Sam Spencer (Head Boy), Calum Heslop (Deputy Head Boy), Jamie Taylor (Deputy Head Boy), David Noble, Robert Evans, Daniel Carter and Frank Larty (Senior Prefects)





Berlin History Trip 2019

The twentieth annual History trip will take place during the Spring Term 2019.



The venue will be Berlin, Germany and the 70 plus boys in current Years 8 and 9 who have been selected to go, will enjoy a wonderful social, cultural and of course Historical education that they will never forget! Preparations take a while to organise and the boys will be updated in the period prior to the trip in order to prepare themselves what should be a great trip!

Mr McKibbin
History Department

Salters' Festival of Chemistry 2018

Four eager Year 8 students attended the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at Liverpool John Moores University on Tuesday 8th May 2018.

Maxim Bell, Euan Bennet, Apisan Dhayaparan and Omar Abdul Karim managed to claim second prize in the Salters' challenge – a forensic investigation involving separation techniques and test tube reactions to solve a crime. The pupils represented the school impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Mr N Mountford
Chemistry Department



Rainforest Roadshow

On Wednesday 9th May 2018 the Geography Department had arranged a visit by the Rainforest Road Show.

This was an exciting opportunity to learn about our current topic. It was thrilling meeting Dave who regularly visits the rainforest, explaining about his explorations to different areas and meeting people from different cultures. He spent time talking to us about a variety of wild animals, explaining about the ecosystems and how some areas of the rainforests are facing war and classed as unsafe zones. He had some fascinating pictures for us to view on display boards including people from various tribes, their habitat and animals, including a stick insect.



Dave was very friendly and funny, he gave detailed explanations about some of the rainforests and his visits (apparently, he has been on at least 50 expeditions to the rainforest, now that's a lot of trips!). Whilst, he was sharing some of the gifts he had received from the tribes, a blowpipe appeared suddenly (this was used to dart the Spanish when they invaded south America).

He quickly said, "look there's a balloon" and shot a dart at it before we were even able to see the balloon, making us 'jump', catching us all off guard, maybe a little like the Spanish! Dave also introduced us to some animals he had brought along from the rainforest. The milk snake was fascinating and we had the opportunity to touch it but the moment of dread arrived for many of us . . . a hairy, large, eight-legged spider appeared out of his bag. All in all, it was a very exciting lesson and Dave made us laugh.

I enjoyed every moment of it and I think my class did as well. It was a great experience and a fun way to learn about the rainforests. I hope we have more lessons like this in the future.

Lucas Robertswood L/MY 7-4



Author Visit

Year 7 pupils from both Wirral Boys and Wirral Girls heard a talk from children's author Dave Rudden during the summer term.

Dave talked about his books and characters and pupils were able to ask him questions.

Author Visits School

After the huge success of *The Call* - "The creepy and absorbing hybrid mixes fantasy, horror, and folklore."

-Buzzfeed which won a Wirral Grammar book award last year, Author Peadar O'Guilin visited the school during the Spring term to promote his new book in the series - 'The Invasion'. Signed copies of his books were available to buy on the day.



Art & Design Exhibition

Our Art & Design Exhibition was held on the evening of 20th June with superb standards of GCSE and A'Level work on display.

Thanks to parents who were able to attend. For those who missed it, a sample of the work is pictured below.

More examples of work can be seen on our Instagram pages:

[@wirralboysart](#) and [@wgsb_dt](#)





Barcelona Trip for GCSE Students

Our trip started on Thursday 3rd May, when we headed off to Liverpool John Lennon Airport. We were booked on a flight to Barcelona to explore culture, history and language in the beautiful city.

During the trip, we visited some of the most famous places in Barcelona such as the impressive La Sagrada Familia. We were introduced to the city's beautiful basilicas and Gaudi's buildings, which made for jaw dropping moments. Michael, our tour guide who instantly welcomed us, took us to Las Ramblas and La Boqueria, both places crowded with tourists and locals; the atmosphere as we walked through was amazing as we discovered the Spanish culture and got to learn about the history of Barcelona's ports.

During our stay we visited Camp Nou and the 1992 Olympic Stadium and the 'wow' factor really did hit us. On the way there, we saw beautiful street art that gave us an insight into the city's culture. Montjuïc was a place full of activities – we walked to the Palau Nacional and watched the beautiful fountain show at the bottom of the steps. There, we were all surprised to hear popular music as the fountain sprayed water in every direction. What a wonderful night!



A delicious meal at the Hard Rock Café provided an excellent opportunity to chat amongst ourselves about the things we had all done during the day. As we walked along the tree lined city streets of Barcelona and Villanova, we were greeted with a series of friendly, 'Buenos dias'. Back at our accommodation we were able to enjoy the facilities playing water polo and relaxing in the small jacuzzi. Near to our accommodation, there was a beautiful beach, which we were lucky enough to visit. Everyone enjoyed the variety of activities like football, dodgeball, volleyball and – of course – burying your friends in the sand!

All in all, I can't put into words how much we enjoyed the experience. I would recommend this school trip to anybody especially thanks to our wonderful guides Michael and Estrella, who made the whole trip worthwhile, with their kindness, happiness, effort and organisation. A massive thanks goes also to all the teachers for their hard work and organisation that made this trip possible. On behalf of the whole group, I have to say it was a lovely trip that opened our eyes to unfamiliar cultures and the history of Spain and Catalonia.

Logan Wade 10B/KC

Up 'n' Under

At the time of the publication of this issue of Nuntius, final preparations are underway for this year's Summer School Production of "Up 'n' Under", a comedy play written by John Godber.

It was first performed in 1984 and won the Laurence Olivier Award for 'Best New Comedy' in the same year.

"Up 'n' Under" follows the story of an inept pub team from the Wheatsheaf Arms pub in a rugby league sevens competition in Kingston upon Hull in England. Ex-pro Arthur's only passions in life are his wife and rugby league. When he hears about the 'Cobblers Arms'... pub team and their corrupt manager, Arthur bets his life savings with Reg Welch that he can train any team to

beat them. However, the 'Wheatsheaf Arms' can only muster a side of four whose pride lies in their unbroken record of defeat. The pitifully unfit set of men have to accept the help of a coach, who just happens to be a woman. They have to struggle through adversity, come up triumphant and become a team. They are given a bye to the final of the competition where they have to play The Cobblers.

By the time you read this issue, performances will have taken place. Well done to all cast members and back stage crew – and a special thanks again of course to Mr Geoff Hinde MBE (Director). It has all the makings of yet another truly tremendous performance.



Drama Cup 2018

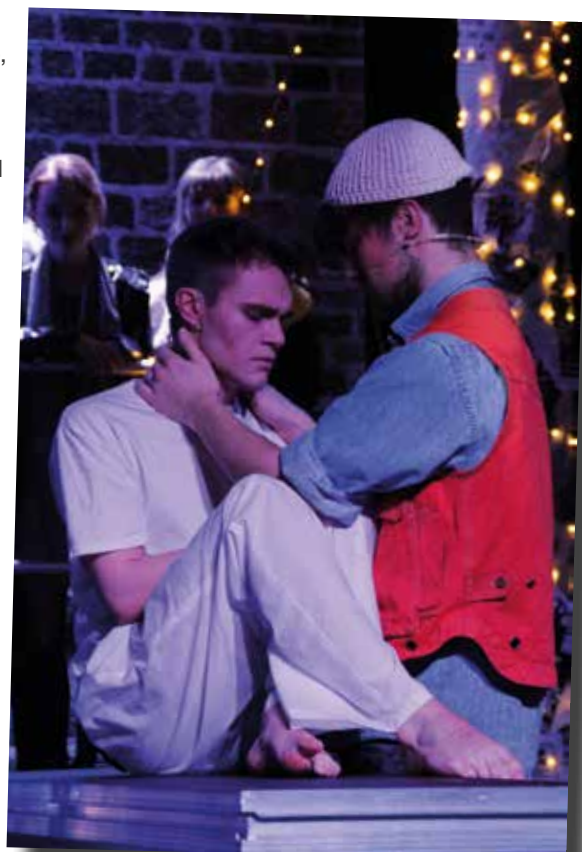
The Drama Cup is awarded each year to the actor or actors who have made the greatest contribution to drama in the school. This year the Cup is awarded to CONNOR JOHNSTON and CAMERON WEDD.

CONNOR has been involved in the last five productions – West Side Story, Evita, Our House, Footloose and finally, this year, Rent. It will be for this that he will be remembered because he brought the challenging role of cross-dressing ANGEL to the stage of WGS. His was a powerful and life-enhancing performance which took great courage and consummate skill. At times he was inspirational and, at others, he brought the audience to tears. This was a performance which anyone who saw it will remember forever.

He is joined in the award by CAMERON who is almost as long-serving as CONNOR. CAMERON has played a number of principal roles which have called upon him to play dark, threatening characters. In Rent he played the challenging and complex role of Angel's lover, COLLINS, which required him to display great maturity and express sorrow at the death of Angel. Cameron made this the emotional heart of the play in a way few actors of any age could achieve. He too created a performance that will live in the memory forever.

I wish them, and all the boys who I have worked with over the last six years, all the very best for the future. They have all been amazing to work with and will be greatly missed.

Mr G R Hinde MBE
Musical Director





Music Department Update

Wednesday 9 May saw another outstanding collection of solo performances in the summer Chamber Concert.

All 24 boys performed admirably and were well received by an appreciative audience. A particular mention should go to the 9 boys who performed for the first time – never an easy thing to do – including the following boys in year 7:

Piers Serna (saxophone)

Elliott Bujac (clarinet)

Ioan Vickers (saxophone)

Matthew Latham (piano)



Members of our Samba Band joined forces with their counterparts from the Girls' school to play at ChristChurch Higher Bebington's Summer Fete on Saturday 23rd June. Enjoying the glorious summer's weather, and performing in an environment tailor-made for Samba drums (ie outside), a good time was had by all!

Continuing the Department's visits to primary schools during the summer term, we were able to visit 4 schools on Wednesday 20 June. The Junior Brass Group, Woodwind Group, Yr7 Choir, Clarinet Sextet, Brass & Flute Quartet, as well as a number of soloists performed at Neston, Thornton Hough, Poulton Lancelyn and Woodslee primary schools throughout the day, and over 50 boys, mostly in in years 7-10 were involved. 71 local primary schools have received performances in the last 18 years, and this is now one of the Department's most important annual events. Two other schools have already expressed an interest in a visit next year.

All of these groups and more performed to the usual high standard at the Summer Concert on Wednesday 4 July, whilst the Music Society Dinner proved to be its normal gastronomic success on Friday 6 July. Many thanks to our Guest of Honour Mr Ian Stephens, a local composer who has had works performed at the Royal Albert Hall, for a most enjoyable speech, along with the other members of the Music Forum reporting on their ensembles.

A number of boys took music examinations this term, but with the results not yet with us, congratulations will have to wait for Autumn's Nuntius. However, the results from some of last term's exams did not make the Spring edition of Nuntius. Congratulations therefore to the following successful candidates:

| Name | Form | Instrument | Grade | Result |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|--------|
| Oliver Weber | 9/IPT | Piano | 4 | Merit |
| Matthew Taylor | 11/KLM | Keyboard | 1 | Pass |
| Sam McEvoy | 11D/CH | Theory | 5 | Pass |
| Ruben Holt | 11L/MY | Keyboard | 5 | Pass |

On Sunday 1 July, William Bracken (WGS leaver 2017) returned to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall in a performance of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. After last year's extraordinary rendition of Rachmaninov's 3rd piano concerto, he once again joined forces with Crosby Symphony Orchestra in another superlative performance. Many thanks to all those from school who came along to support him.



Next year we will welcome a new Head of Music, Mr Kevin McCabe, to the Department. I am sure we all wish him a most enjoyable and successful first year at Wirral Grammar School, culminating in the Choir and Concert Band tour to Venice in 2019.

Finally - and as I always say - as the long summer months get under way with a vengeance, remember that 7 weeks without music lessons does not mean 7 weeks without practice!

Mr P Thomas, Music Department

WGSB in bloom!

Well done to our groundsman Dave Hallam who has applied his creative talents and designed and planted a spring flower bed in school colours!



Open Evenings

Parents of boys who will be in Year 5 at their Primary School in September are invited to attend one of our Open Evenings on Wednesday 26th September and Thursday 27th September 2018 at 6.00pm.

Mr David Hazeldine, Headteacher, will talk to parents in the school hall. Talks will be repeated at intervals during the evening. The whole school will be open for parents to view the work and activities of all Departments and parents and pupils will be able to talk to current pupils about life at Wirral Grammar School.

Please note that parents who attended our May Open Evening, need not attend Mr Hazeldine's talk.

Wirral Mayoral Celebration of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development in Schools

On Thursday 26th April, a group of students were invited to visit Wallasey Town Hall to be involved in the first Wirral Mayoral Celebration of Spiritual, Moral, social and Cultural Development in schools.



Pupils gave a presentation of how we represent these values at Wirral Grammar School to other secondary schools, the Mayor of Wirral and Governors from other schools. We were awarded with a certificate for school and a poetry book for the library

Sponsored Row

Thanks to all students and staff who took part in our Sponsored Row during the Summer Term and to raise money for this year's school charity 'Worldwide Fund for Nature'.



Vauxhall Visit for Year 9 Students

On Wednesday 4th July a small group of year 9 boys visited Vauxhall, Ellesmere Port.

This allowed pupils to see a variety of ways in which subjects they are studying fit into the world of work. Chemistry, Physics, Business as well as DT were evident. The opportunities for



Engineering, Business as well as apprenticeship opportunities were also discussed. Lucy, who helped organised the trip is presently on an undergraduate scheme working in Business communications and on a year in Industry from John Moores University.



Year 9 Specialist Charity Fundraising

On Sunday 10th June a number of year 9 pupils took part in this years Wirral Bikeathon in aid of 'Blood Wise' a specialist charity funding research into all blood cancers.

The pupils rode the 14 mile course and received their medals from Chris Boardman MBE. Congratulations to all boys who participated in this event.





Junior Athletes Qualify For National Final

Our Junior athletes (Year 8) achieved a massive 'first' in June when they qualified for the English Schools' Athletic Association Track & Field Cup Final in Gateshead on Saturday 7th July.

This was a magnificent achievement, which the School has never quite managed before, despite some 'very near misses'!

We won the Merseyside Regional Heat, held at Bebington Oval, reasonably easily to qualify for the North West 'A' Final at Wigan's Robins Park Track. Here, we excelled and fought off some very stiff opposition from

Stockport GS, local rivals, St Anselms

College and Canon Slade School, Bolton, for in the end, what was a comfortable victory!

This is a 14 man team competition, where every athlete has to compete in two events, and therefore it is

perhaps unfair to single out individuals for special praise. However, Kresten Calvert, who jumped 1.74m in the High Jump after running 12.9s in the 80m Hurdles, was the outstanding athlete at the entire event. Kaleb Le'Gall, who ran 12.2s in the 100m and 'putted' the shot 9.66m alongside Tom Haynes, who threw the Javelin 33.78m also delivered outstanding performances.

At the time of writing, the ESAA Cup Final at the Gateshead International Stadium is still just over a week away, and with the weather set fair, all our athletes are practising hard for an event in which only the top 12 schools in the Country qualify. We wish them every success!

Mr P Crowley, Head of PE



Annual Rugby Club Dinner

In May, over 200 boys, parents and staff attended the 51st Annual School Rugby Dinner in the School Hall.

The Guest Speaker this year was Mr Brendan Bailey, Cheshire RFU & Wirral Grammar School Coach. He received an excellent welcome and spoke very positively and enthusiastically about Wirral Grammar School generally, and the School Rugby Club, in particular.

Team Captains gave their annual reports which were very well delivered, Colours were awarded and individual trophies were presented as below:

INDIVIDUAL TROPHY WINNERS

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| G Noonan Novices Cup (U12 Player of the Season) | Vin Crawford |
| E Langton Junior Bantams Trophy (U13 Player of the Season) | Ollie Smith |
| E G Hodgkinson Bantams Cup (U14 Player of the Season) | Josh Cullen |
| The Colts Cup (U15 Player of the Season) | Will Robinson |
| Wirral RUFC Under 16 Cup (U16 Player of the Season) | Archie Manger |
| 2nd XV Player of the Year | Jack Purnell |
| West Trophy (1st XV Players' Player of the Season) | Sam Gregory |
| J P Howarth 1st XV Cup (1st XV Captain's Trophy) | George Manger |
| Thompson Cup (Top Captain) | Lucas Jackson |
| Kent Trophy (An Outstanding Contribution to Rugby Football) | Ben Thomas |

Mr P Crowley
Head of PE



Outstanding Chess Team Success – North West Champions 2018

Excellent performances by all the boys involved in the National Schools Chess Final at Uppingham School.



After 4 matches they have lost 2 and drawn 2 and have been playing against some of the finest players in the UK and Europe. They remain 2018 North West champions. Well done to our team: Sean Collins, Seth Collinson, Tom Carroll (Captain), James Lee, James Carroll and Tom Clark



Year 9 Rugby Cheshire Tournament Winners



Before Easter our Year 9 Rugby 7s squad won the Cheshire Tournament at Sandbach Rugby Club.

This was achieved by the boys winning most games, scoring the most tries and points. This success follows on from last year's team winning the same tournament, so two Cheshire wins in a row!

Well done to team members: Ben McCall (Captain), Ellis Gaskell-Billsborough, Archie Hardman, Harry Leech, Joshua Cullen, James Smith, Hamza Allen, Joel Tabiner, Oliver Fowler, Nickson Yuen, Jacob Mitchell, Isaac Wright.... and well done to team coach Mr McKibbin.



Year 9 Rugby 7s: Cheshire 7s winners 2018

The Year 9 Rugby 7s squad won the Cheshire 7s tournament held at the end of last term at Sandbach Rugby Club.

The result was too late for the Spring Nuntius edition but surely worthy of a mention now! The boys played some good 7s consistently in all games and only lost one game along the way. The boys finished up scoring the most points, the most tries and the best points difference as they defeated Stockport GS, Calday GS and Altrincham GS in the later stages. One or two boys struggled through the pain barrier in this tournament and credit to them! This is the second year in a row that the Y9 Team has won this tournament so well done to this year's winners! The squad was Ben McCall (Captain), Archie Hardman, Isaac Wright, Oliver Fowler, Ellis Gaskell-Billsborough, Harry Leech, Nickson Yuen, James Smith, Joshua Cullen, Hamza Allen, Joel Tabiner and Jacob Mitchell.

Mr McKibbin

Taekwondo Gold Medalist

Congratulations to Harry Bellis on his recent Taekwondo success.

During half term he competed in Taekwondo in Holland and Luxembourg and Great Britain. Harry achieved Gold Medals in Cadet and Junior age categories. Further success followed in Doncaster, where Harry beat the British Champion making him the overall British Champion in his age group. Well done.



Promising Golfing Future for Ambitious Year 9

During the Spring Term, our Year 9 student Matthew Dodd-Berry was selected to play for the Cheshire U18 Four Counties Team held at Sherwood Forest Golf Course.

This was a 3 day match play competition between hosts Nottinghamshire, Shropshire/Herefordshire, Lancashire and Cheshire. The competition is held every year with the brightest U18's prospects playing for their County. England and Cheshire Officials spoke very highly of Matthew's golfing achievements at such a young age. Matthew has also been picked to play in the Cheshire Golf U18's squad against

Lancashire U18's. It is an honour to represent your County, but more especially when you are four years under age! These competitions go a long way to fulfilling Matthew's ambition to represent England in the future. Well done Matthew!





Visited our website recently?

Our website is an important source of information about our school and includes a wide range of content relating to subjects, extra-curricular activities, events and policies and procedures. The website address is:

www.wirralgrammarboys.com

Parent Mail: Is your email address up to date?

The majority of parents with computer access have registered an e-mail address with us and 'Parent Mail' is proving to be a fast and effective means of getting letters and messages to parents. To remain effective, parents need to keep their e-mail address information up-to-date. If you have not registered, or if your e-mail address has changed, this can be amended by logging into the Parent Mail website: www.pmx.parentmail.co.uk and following the 'parent login' link or by contacting the school Finance Office.

Absence Requests

Parents are reminded that the rules have changed regarding parental requests to take boys out of school during term time. The new regulations now clearly state that "Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time".

Admission Enquiries

Enquiries relating to admissions should be directed to our Admissions Manager, Mrs Tanya Fry on 0151 644 0908 or by visiting the school website:

www.wirralgrammarboys.com

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