

# Gonville House

## Summer Newsletter 2019

### AWE-INSPIRING ACADEMIC AND SPORTING PERFORMANCES!



The end of another academic year and one that has been filled with some wonderful moments and memories. It is always with sadness that we must say goodbye to friends and colleagues as the year draws to a close, and yet it is equally, if not more so, delightful to see how excited and prepared people feel for their next step along their personal journey. Opportunities abound in school and they prepare people well for the future, especially if grasped with both hands. There are even more opportunities 'out there', and so it is with a sense of confidence that one wishes all Gonvillians who are moving onto pastures new every success with the adventures that lie ahead.

The term has witnessed real excellence in a number of spheres. From academic performances of the highest order, including a healthy number of prize-winners achieving the very pinnacle of what is possible in their chosen disciplines, to sporting successes that have seen the Junior Interhouse Tennis trophy and the Simon Green Cup for Endeavour return to Gonville. There have been trips to Brighton to enjoy Beach Volleyball, CCF camps, journeys to far-flung places and, of course, the wonderful Boarders' Ball in April, not to mention the Cornflower Ball for the U6th at the end of the term. Some have even made it to Buckingham Palace to mingle with royalty!

The boys have enjoyed BBQs, playing games in the garden in the glorious weather and some were lucky enough to be involved with the Eastbourne International Tennis by being a ball-boy—an unforgettable chance to help, and to mingle with some of the world's top sporting stars.

I wish all associated with this wonderful house every future success and happiness.

**Wishing you a terrific summer !**

#### PODIUM FINISHES APLENTY IN INTERHOUSE SPORT!



#### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC SUCCESS



#### BATTLING IT OUT ON BRIGHTON BEACH!



#### A LOVELY EVENING FOR THE CORNFLOWER BALL





## ACADEMIC PROGRESS

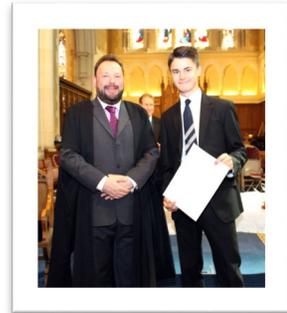
It's been that time of the year again, with exams aplenty. There has been a real air of positive academic intent and those sitting public exams have attacked their workloads with a nice level of desire and aspiration. We wish all those sitting public exams all the very best with their results in August and hope that entry to A Level or undergraduate study, or the world of work is achieved with comfort and a large helping of satisfaction! Huge congratulations to double award winner Shieh Yeow Goh who wins both the C MacKenzie Senior Biology Prize and the CS Smallman Senior Chemistry Prize—absolutely terrific achievements and recognition that is richly deserved. Congratulations also to Oliver Williams who has been awarded the Ellis Firkins Senior Design and Technology



Prize. His continued excellence in this discipline and achievement of trail-blazing standards

have been rightly acknowledged. Mark Burnham also deserves a very special mention—he has ended the year at the very top of the Year 12 academic efforts table, he achieved A\*AA in his Year 12 exams and is also completing his Gold Arts Award and his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, as well as being a shining light in the

Debating Society. As a result of these major successes and contributions he has been awarded an honorary academic scholarship. A huge WELL DONE also to those who were awarded Academic Prizes in Junior year groups this summer, namely Shieh En Goh, Arthur McKay and Edward Rowell—they have all done so well. Congratulations and a special mention also to the following who have all won Class Effort Awards this summer: Shieh En Goh (Chemistry and DT), Arthur McKay (English), Jago Goodsell (Physics), William Reeves (Product Design), Theo Wong (English) and Wilson Zhang (Geography).



CONGRATULATIONS TO JACKY LIU FOR HIS AWARD OF FULL COLOURS IN CREATIVE ARTS

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO WILL ALSTON AND TO FELIX QIAN WHO COMPLETED THEIR DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARDS

VERY WELL DONE TO WILL ALSTON WHO ALSO WINS THE GODDEN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR ALL ROUND CONTRIBUTION TO GONVILLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO EDWARD ROWELL WHO WINS THE HOLMAN AWARD FOR SERVICES TO CHAPEL

	Most improved eRC effort during the Summer Term	Highest effort level achieved during the Summer Term
<b>Year 9</b>	Herbie Flint	Edward Rowell
<b>Year 10</b>	Arthur McKay	Shieh En Goh
<b>Year 11</b>	Patrick Pi	Shintaro Hashimoto
<b>Year 12</b>	Tawanda Muyeye	Mark Burnham
<b>Year 13</b>	Shieh Yeow Goh	Shieh Yeow Goh

## Interhouse Debating



Very well done and a big thank you to Shieh Yeow Goh, Christian Phillips and Mark Burnham who represented the House in the Interhouse Debating competition this year—a terrific performance that was only narrowly pipped to a place in the finals. Mark, in particular, should be congratulated on being awarded 5th place in the speaking awards (out of over 30 competitors).

## SPORTS UPDATE

A truly wonderful summer of sport with some jaw-dropping performances. Tawanda Muyeye's cricket just goes from strength to strength, and he accepts his success with grace and calmness - traits which belie his steely determination to take wickets with the ball and dispatch his opponents' deliveries to every corner of the ground with bat in hand. He is the epitome of hard work, effort, humility and kindness. These qualities have helped him to break two long-standing school records; the first pupil ever in 150 years of cricket at the College to score two double hundreds and he has also set the all-time run-scoring record in a single season, with over 1,000 runs already notched-up (with four matches still to play!). It is for these reasons that Tawanda was jointly awarded the **Simon Green Cup for Endeavour** this year. And we congratulate him wholeheartedly on his success. A bright future lies ahead!

Well done also to George Pepper who continues to enjoy success playing golf for the county. He shot 8 under par at the Royal the other day and his opponents rightly feel a little nervous! Congratulations to him, Patrick Pi and Luke Clifford who represented the House in the Interhouse Golf competition and returned having gleaned a highly commendable 2nd place.

Congratulations to all those who represented the House in the Interhouse Tennis competitions, both Seniors and Juniors. The Seniors were so unlucky to lose a very tense and finely balanced tie-break which ultimately cost them their place in the final. However, continued fine form saw them secure 3rd place in their last play-off match. Special mentions must go especially to Arthur McKay, Gus Chatterton, Luke Clifford, Max Mappin, Jago Goodsell, Edward Rowell and Felix Griffin who all helped win the Junior Interhouse competition—a fantastic afternoon of exciting and tense matches.

Sports Day also witnessed terrific individual performances in the field and on the track. It was lovely to see so many of the boys performing with pride and panache, with the Juniors finishing 2nd overall.



## Making it to the First Teams....

**Well Done** to all those that have represented either the College or their Year Group at the highest level during the term:

**Cricket:** Tawanda Muyeye, Marcus Winston

**Tennis:** Will Bearcroft, Josh Mantle, Finn Suda, Kai Cheng, Arthur McKay, Luke Clifford, Max Mappin, Gus Chatterton

**Athletics:** Elombe Case, Denziel Armah, Oscar Baker, Felix Griffin. Mosope Oyemade, Herbert Keung

**Golf:** George Pepper (Captain) **Sailing:** Alex Pollock, Nicholas Crowther

**Swimming:** Will Alston

Congratulations to Josh Mantle for winning Half Colours in Tennis

Congratulations to George Pepper for his award of Minor Colours in Golf

## GONVILLE'S INTERHOUSE SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Junior Tennis: Champions!

Senior Tennis: 3rd

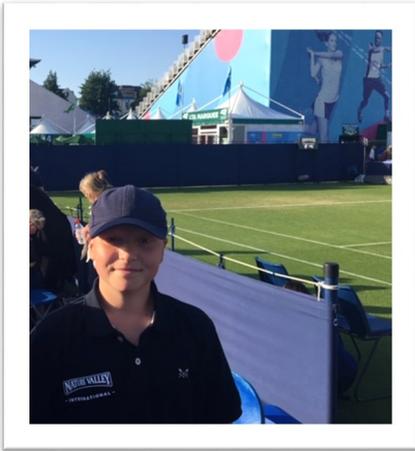
Golf: Joint 2nd

Athletics: A variety of excellent performances on Sports Day, especially in the Javelin, Shot-Put and short distance track events.



*The House enjoyed trips to the Beach Volleyball in Brighton again this year with, of course, an all-important pre-match meal in a local eatery!*





Well Done to Edward Rowell, Max Mappin and Will Bearcroft who helped represent the College at the Nature Valley Eastbourne International Tennis tournament at Devonshire Park. They each trained and worked hard, representing the school well when doing their best for the world's top tennis players and when the world's TV cameras were pointed in their direction! An unforgettable week in the baking sunshine!

Congratulations to Will Alston who wins the Godden Memorial Prize for Gonville House— there are many pupils and members of staff who wish to thank Will for all that he has done for the House. We also thank him for his most wonderful handling of the role of Head of House. and wish him the very best for the summer and beyond.



Having bought and refurbished his dream property, we wish Mr Longden well for the next stage of his career at the College. Seven years worth of Gonvillians have benefited in so many ways from his most excellent tutoring. He has been a source of support and guidance to so many and for that a very large number of people are grateful. We wish him every success as he continues his tutoring in Reeves House next year.

We say thank you and farewell to Mr Thelwall Jones for his contributions to both tutoring and duties during the past couple of years. He leaves the College to pursue other career opportunities, ones which will likely see him deploying his brilliant linguistic skills in a variety of exciting contexts. We wish him all the very best for his next step.

Congratulations to Will Reeves who has accepted the honour of being Gonville's Head of House for next academic year. The field was exceptionally strong so very well done to Will on obtaining this role, one which we are sure he will do very well indeed.



**Dates for the Diary: Michaelmas Term 2019**

**Wednesday 28 August:** Boarders return (by 6.00pm)

**Friday 20 September:** Exeat weekend begins at 2:35pm and U6th Parents Evening begins at 3:15pm

**Friday 18 October:** L6 Parents Evening at 3:15pm

**Half Term: Friday 18 October (2:35pm) until Sunday 3rd November (back by 9.00pm)**

**Friday 22 November:** Exeat weekend begins at 2:35pm and Y9 Parents Evening begins at 3:15pm

**Friday 13 December:** Michaelmas Term Ends at 3:45pm



We say farewell to Mr Swift who leaves Eastbourne College to pursue his teaching career at Millfield, joining his wife in the West Country. We wish him luck in his new role as Teacher of Chemistry there and thank him for all that he has done for the house during the past two years.



*Wishing you a glorious summer season  
from all at Gonville House!*