

Wargrave News

Michaelmas-End of term 2019

Dear Wargravians,

I hope this Michaelmas 2019 newsletter finds you enjoying a well deserved rest following a long and hugely productive term. To the new members of the Wargravian community this newsletter is a chance to reflect on the notable achievements and activities that have taken place this term, both in the house and by members of the house in the wider College Community. It also gives me a chance to thank all the staff who help make Wargrave such a homely and productive environment for the boys to live in.

The term started by welcoming 22 new boys to the Wargrave community as well as Mr Roberts as Resident Tutor and Father Daniel as a Duty Tutor. At the start of term College Field was bathed in the heat of an Indian summer which was more suitable for cricket than rugby on College Field. The hard ground obviously suited our runners as Wargrave were overall winners of the 2019 Steeplechase and as you will see later in the newsletter the members of the house have also been very busy singing, performing and competing in a range of house events and competitions over the last 15 weeks. Sadly the House Rugby finals were washed out due to bad weather. The boys did win the Year 9 and were runners up in the Year 10 and Senior (alternative) finals and now stand 2nd in the overall House Cup.

I look forward to welcoming the boys back in January, recharged, refreshed and well prepared for the mocks, for those that have them, and for the challenges that lie ahead in the Lent term. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.





Headmaster Assembly Michaelmas 2019

In the end of term assembly Cody collected his Full Music Colours. Max and Reubin their 1st XV Rugby Colours, James Song (on the plane!) and James Zhou collected their Headmaster's Commendation for outstanding eRCs.



Fun Sports day 2019

Wargrave hosted and indeed won the 'Fun Sports' day on the first weekend of the term. All the boarding houses compete across a range of fun activities including; wheelbarrow races, egg and spoon, the balloon relay, three-legged and sack races, space hopper derby and then a tug of war. Lots of fun and the weather this year was glorious.



House Steeplechase 2019

Congratulations to all those who contributed to the winning teams, although there were some fantastic individual performances The Year 9's won their age group with Jack G winning overall and Luca D was 3rd. In the inters Jonny P was 2nd (on a photo finish!) and in the seniors both Jack (initially placed 3rd) and Hamish (initially placed 1st) went the wrong way were eventually disqualified, leaving Ben Fox as the winner and 'King of the Hill'.



More Steeplechase moments 2019



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House singing competition

This year the boys performed Lil Nas X's *Old Town Road*, featuring Billy Ray Cyrus. It was a very original take on a very popular downloaded song over the summer. Sadly the adjudicator didn't feel that he could place us in the top two boys houses this year (again!) so we went back to the drawing board and are still looking to replicate our famous victory in 2015 with Leona Lewis and *Hallelujah!*





Aquathlon Challenge 2019

Well done to the lads who represented the house in a 500m sea swim and then a 5km run. Wargrave finished a very creditable 4th overall.





The Crucible

I watched Raffie McKenzie Donovan play Giles Corey with both Toby Bright and James Zhou having supporting roles in the intense and fiercely dramatic College production of *The Crucible* in the Big School room at the end of term. The English department encouraged all the Year 10's to attend as this play is a set text they are studying for GCSE.



Wargrave House Pool 2019—Plate Final

Traditionally the Christmas Party begins with the finals of the House Pool competitions. The best of three-frame matches are played in front of a packed common room with prize money of £15 for the plate title and £25 for the Cup competition.

The Plate final was between RWH and Chisom Edet. Congratulations to Chisom who won two frames to one on the final black ball.



Wargrave House Pool - Cup Final 2019

Mr Laverack aka 'TGL' was defending his title, the first player ever to do so, against Fiontan Logan who was playing in finals night for the first time. The first frame was a close affair as both players felt their way into the frame. TGL eventually ran out the winner 2-0 and kindly donated his winners cheque of £25 to go towards a Pool Champions board to be mounted in the common room to record the Cup and Plate winners from the green baize.





Christmas party – Hog roast





Christmas Speeches 2019

A Wargrave tradition that has been lost (due to the joining of House Dinners with girls houses) was reinstated after everyone had opened their Secret Santa at the Christmas party. A member of each year group gave an entertaining, in-house look at their peer group to the enjoyment of the rest of the House and tutors. Congratulations to Kachi and Tsola, Toby, Max, Tom and Max.



House Book - Michaelmas 2019

For those not familiar to the signing of the House book, which dates back to the summer term 1946 when Mr HK Bagnall-Oakley started the tradition. The House book recognises, by a signature next to their achievement, those members of the House that have brought honour and distinction to the House. This term Max and I decided to nominate the following awards:

Yr9-Best internal exams

Yr9-Best eRC -(23/90)

Yr9-Most improved eRC

Yr9-Winner of year group Steeplechase

Tom Burn

Toby Wheatley

Kachi Edet

Jack Greig

Yr9-Winners of House Rugby

Jack Greig, Tsola Temi-Omatseye

Toby Wheatley, Tom Burn, Zack Howard, Ken Yau, Lucas Dumas, Jack Evans, Will Steed,

Kachi Edet

Yr9–Delivered the Year 9 Speech Kachi Edet, Tsola Temi-Omatseye

Yr10-Best Internal exam results Isaac Tam
Yr10-Best overall eRC (2/116) Isaac Tam

Yr10-Most improved eRC

Yr10-Winner of year group Steeplechase
Yr10-Playing in the band at the Wargrave
Revue Yr10-Acting in School play - *The Crucible*Raffie McKenzie-

Donovan, James Zhou,

Yr10-Delivered the Yr10 Speech Toby Bright Yr10-Headmasters Commendation James Zhou

Yr11-Best overall eRC (33=/126) Marvin Linn, Paul Averdung

Yr11-Most improved eRC
Yr11-Winner of year group Steeplechase
Yr11-Playing in the band at Wargrave Revue
Yr11-Delivering Yr 11 Speech
Jonny Peate
David Wang
Max Hanison

Yr12-Best overall eRC (22/160) Guilherme Rio Tinto

Yr12-Most imporved eRC Tom Hinley
Yr12-Winer of year group Steeplechase Alex Freeman

Yr12-Solo and in the band at the Wargrave Revue Cody Chan, William Wang Yr12-Playing in the band Kojo Sako, Arnold Shum Yr12-1st XV Rugby half colours Sean Collett, Toby Clarke

Toby Lock
Fiontan Logan

Yr12-Played 1st XV rugby Fiontan Logan Yr12-Full Music Colours and Grade 8 (Distinction) Cody Chan

Yr12-National Tri-athlete representation Hamish Reilly, Jack Kennedy

Yr12-Sussex Cricket Academy selection Tom Hinley

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Yr13-Best overall eRC (3/149)

Yr13-Most improved eRC

Yr13-Winner of year group Steeplechase

James Song
Ben Fox
Ben Fox

Yr13-Outstanding contribution to the Revue Will Wilson, Fin Carver

Yr13-Received a Headmaster's James Song

Commendation Yr13-1st XV Full Stag Colours Max Schnuppe, Reubin Hart

Yr13-1st XV Half Colours Fin Carver, Josh Harris, Will

Wilson

Yr13-Sussex Cricket Academy Selection Jamie Atkins

House Award– Biathlon Team: Zach Howard, Will Pollington, Luca Dumas, Max Schnuppe, Alex Freeman, Yunus Gureli

Special Award for outstanding contribution to the Wargrave Revue 2019

Gerald Wong

Special Commendation to House Book from Mr Bunce for Gerald Wong

'Gerald has been a star for the Tigers. Even though he does not train with the team because of football commitments, he has not shied away from the Saturday fixture. Home or away (unlike many others) he is always willing to turn up, either starting or on the bench. He always put the team first. Every time he plays he leads from the front, putting in huge tackles and setting the tone for the rest of the team to follow. More often than not he is voted players' and coaches' man of the match. A total Tigers' legend.

Following the award signatories, the whole House signs the book in year groups to mark their place in the history of the House.



And Finally...in the name of Fashion

Max, Reubin and Will helped Sasha Marlow out in her recent fantastically successful fundraising fashion show event and strutted their stuff...with attitude...on the catwalk!

