

Gonville House Newsletter

Lent Term 2020

A wonderful term has had an abrupt and unsettling ending. I am writing this whilst my family, like most, are self-isolating and wondering when we will gather again as a community. It will not stop me, however, reflecting upon a wonderful few weeks that brought such a positive start to this decade. The boys have had great success once again both individually and as a group.

Academically, the boys have done well this term. In general, levels of effort have been up as a group and there is some admirable consistency. There have also been some fabulous progressions from some. I would like to commend **En Goh** for his wonderful efforts that saw fine mock results and him leading the house in Show Hsms and effort grades. It is also worth noting that **Denzel Armah** had a wonderful term garnering more praise than anyone else in the house for his classroom efforts. Another significant improver was **Theo Wong**. It was **Brian Tong**, however, who pipped them all in getting a **Headmaster's Commendation** for his fantastic academic consistency this year. It is a shame he can not collect it from the Headmaster himself, but it is still a wonderful accolade. There were other departmental commendations for **Herbert Keung** for continued excellence in his musical studies and for **Rupert Plumptre** and **Henry Drew** for their roles in the 'Hamlet in a day' workshop for A Level English pupils.

On the sports field **Tessen von Heydebreck** and **Mark Burnham** (Vice-Captain) represented the school 1st XI football. In Hockey **Oliver De Feu** played in the U14A and **Elombe Case** in the U15A. **Jago Goodsell** represented the school in squash, **William Reeves** in equestrian and **George Pepper** swam in the Bath Cup at the London Aquatic Centre. **George** and **Rupert Plumptre** have played their part in success for the golf set-up (the team reaching the regional finals). The basketball team went on a five-game winning-streak including an epic buzzer-beater win against Ardingly courtesy of **Harry Yeung**. **Theo Wong**, **Christian Phillips** and **York Hansen** were also part of the squad. Finally, **Tessen von Heydebreck** was part of the boys tennis team that reached the Winter League LTA finals finishing 4th nationally. The following were awarded colours this term:

LT20

Football	Mark Burnham	Full Colours
Swimming	George Pepper	Half Colours
Basketball	Christian Philips	Full Colours
Basketball	Harry Yeung	Full Colours
Basketball	Theo Wong	Half Colours
Basketball	York Hansen	Half Colours

In the creative arts, **Henry Drew** must be congratulated for his role in *Jerusalem* as tweed-wearing, ageing raver, The Professor. In DT, **Wilson Zhang** reached the interview round of the national Arkwright Scholarship - some achievement from a large and highly talented field.

At Eastbourne the element of service stands out as something a little different and unique. The College has a very fine CCF contingent, but it also does so much to support the town community, either through volunteer work or with use of the College facilities. Many of the Gonville pupils are active in this service whether helping at local charities, teaching pupils from other local schools or cleaning the beach. I hope that from this current pandemic everyone learns the value of community action and helping your neighbour. It would be wonderful to see more Gonvillians as leading lights in giving their time for others, whether directly or through indirect money-raising ventures. I would be very interested in hearing ideas as to how Gonville could do more for the community around us in the future.

KEY DATES: SUMMER 2020

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

Start of term (Week A)

FRIDAY 23 - SUNDAY 31 MAY

Half Term

FRIDAY 26 JUNE

Sports Day

SATURDAY 27 JUNE

Speech Day and End of term

WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Boarders return for Michaelmas Term

You will see the term dates to the right. While nothing is known about the length of the school closure and the continuing pandemic, I wanted to share the dates as a reminder. I am sure the boys will be looking forward to half term by the time it arrives and you will want to know when you do not need to chase your sons for work. I do hope we all meet again before the end of the school year, but who knows at this point!

Academic Review

eRC (effort) Wall of Fame

Year 13

Mark Burnham	6.29
Nicholas Siu	5.65
Mingzhe Hu	5.59
Tawanda Muyeye	5.34

Most improved from last term:

Josh Mantle	+0.38
William Reeves	+0.37
Nikita Bilibin	+0.31

Year 12

Shintaro Hashimoto	5.68
James Nicholas	5.29
Carter Ho	5.28
Rupert Plumptre	5.19

Most improved from last term:

Carter Ho	+0.28
Rupert Plumptre	+0.22
David Cui	+0.21

Year 11

En Goh	6.03
Wilson Zhang	5.77
Arthur McKay	5.41
Jago Goodsell	5.33

Most improved from last term:

Theo Wong	+0.48
En Goh	+0.48
Mosope Oyemade	+0.22

Year 10

Brian Tong	5.95
Lucas Perez Ruiz-Esteller	5.59
Edward Rowell	5.34
William Lominchar Ormeño	5.29

Most improved from last term:

Denziel Armah	+0.4
Luke Clifford	+0.34
Brian Tong	+0.28

Year 9

William Daniels	5.27
Oliver Du Feu	5.23
Aidan Yao	5.14

Most improved from last term:

William Daniels	+0.23
Oliver Du Feu	+0.2
Magnus Chiu	+0.19

Show Hsm Roll of Honour

(Denotes Praise which is slightly less good than a show hsm, but still awarded for excellent effort)

Year 13

Mark Burnham	5
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Year 12

David Cui	5 (1)
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Year 11

En Goh	10 (1)
Oscar Baker	5 (2)
Jago Goodsell	4 (2)

Year 10

William Lominchar Ormeño	7 (5)
Lucas Perez Ruiz-Esteller	7 (3)
Brian Tong	7 (1)
Denziel Armah	5 (15!)
Herbie Flint	5 (8)
Edward Rowell	5 (6)

Year 9

William Daniels	7 (4)
Oliver Du Feu	5 (3)
Aidan Yao	5 (2)

House Awards

Sadly the abrupt end to the term meant that I was unable to give out the house awards for this term and I intend to do this at the first opportunity once we are all reunited. It does leave a hole in this newsletter to celebrate the excellence of the boys in the house this term. There are still elements that can be improved with regards rooms tidiness and punctuality, but overall as a community the house thrives. Once again, this term, I want to reward the 'Team' that made the most of their opportunities to impress and be involved in the house activities. In the end there was only really one marquee event this term in house, the crazy corridor golf, that went down a storm. I am committed to trying to get something running every Sunday to bring a little friendly competition into the day to compete with social media and Nando's. Sadly, some suggested events never got off the ground as pupils were not willing to invest time to help organise and set up. The golf triumph was down to the time that **George Pepper** and **York Hansen** put in creating the course and recruiting players. I would like everyone to invest a little time into the house activities. When we are back I plan to have a schedule of proposed events and would like boys to volunteer to take the reins in organising a chosen activity. This would involve marketing, signing people up and organising the actual draw or competition.

Below is the Teams competition for this term with a reminder of who is in which team and a comparison to their finishing place before Christmas:

G	O	N	V	I	L	L	E
Reeves	Muyeye	Phillips C	Burnham	Siu	Mantle	Bilibin	Jones
Hare	Drew	Yeung	Chan	Plumptre	Gupta	Hu	Pepper
Hashimoto	Ho	Cui	Hansen	Oguine	Emin	Goodsell	Nicholas
Schmid	Herrmanns	Von Heydebreck	Houben	Tarpan	Baker	Zhang	Wong
Oyemade	Keung	McKay	Karbarov	Goh	Tong	Phillips D	Rowell
Clifford	Lominchar	Flint	Perez	Crowe	Case	Armah	Crowther
Chiu	Daniels	Ng	Du Feu	Van de Ven	Rose	Makarov	Yao
MTH	ACE	HDAF	PRC	IPS	EMWD	LRG	PJF

The final standings are (last term in brackets):

1st	(2)	O	- 1386
2nd	(5)	V	- 1250
3rd	(1)	L	- 1163
4th	(4)	LL	- 1150
5th	(7)	E	- 1059
6th	(3)	G	- 991
7th	(8)	I	- 962
8th	(6)	N	- 947

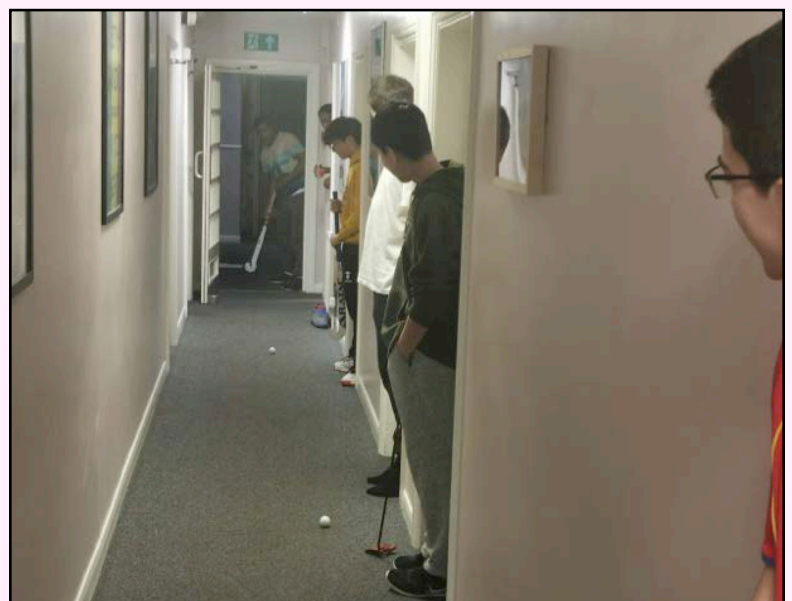
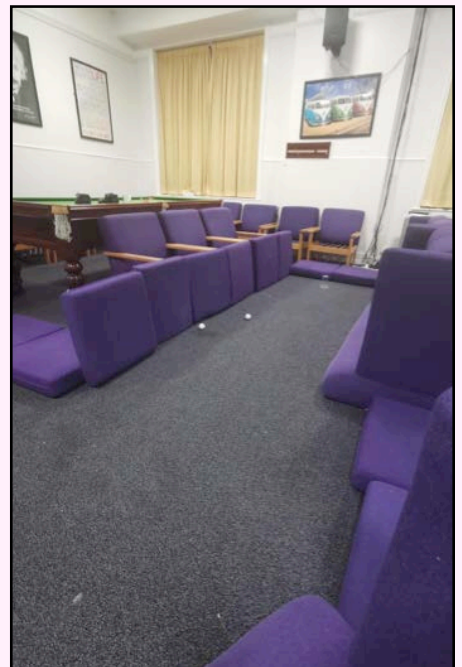
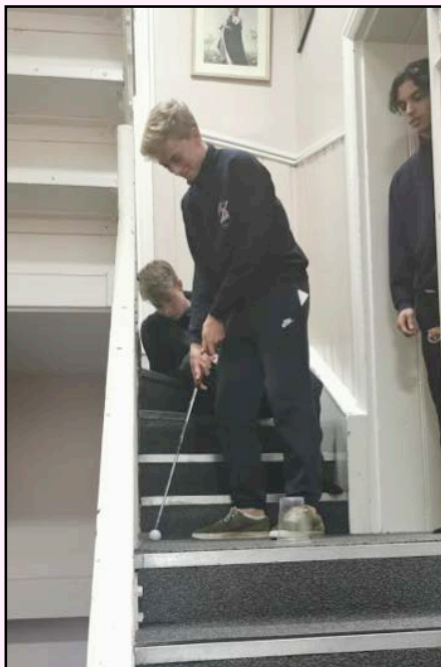
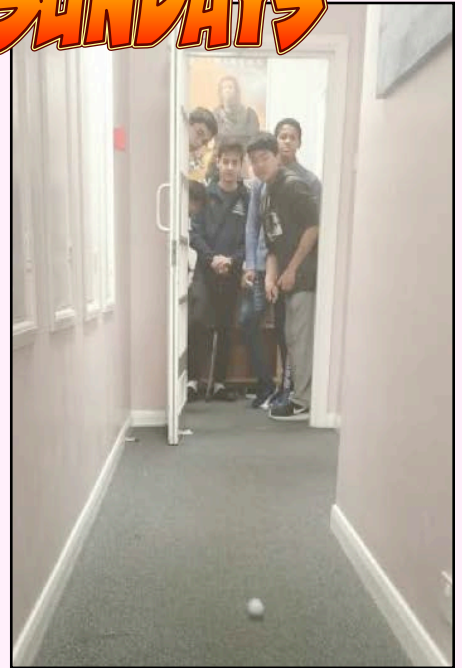
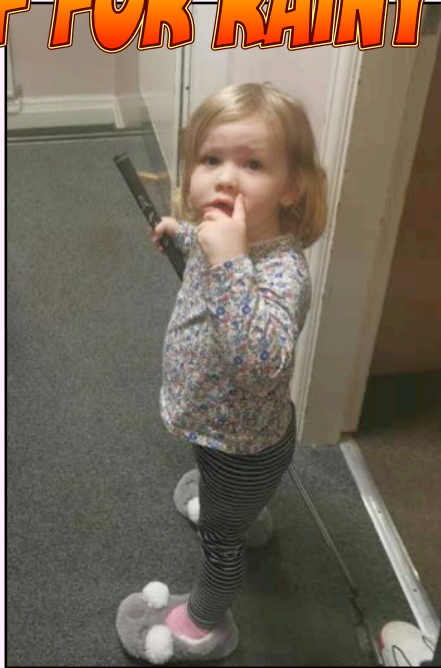
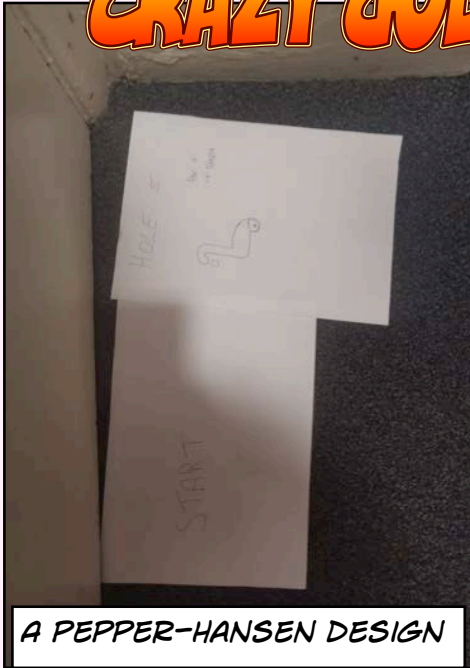
Individual performers:

Academic winners: 1) En Goh 2) Lucas Perez Ruiz-Esteller 3) Will Lominchar Ormeño

House winners: 5 1st equal! Brian Tong, Feliz Ng, Carter Ho, Oscar Baker, En Goh

Overall performers: 1) Brian Tong 2) Lucas Perez Ruiz-Esteller 3) William Lominchar Ormeño

CRAZY GOLF FOR RAINY SUNDAYS



AS THE COURSE RECORD IS NOW HELD BY THE HOUSEMASTER I SEE NO REASON TO DO THIS AGAIN.....

Gonville Revue

On 7th March the house gathered for our annual house concert. As always this was a wonderful showcase of collaboration and joy. Pupils performed sketches, music, dances and showed videos that had been lovingly edited. The evening was overseen by **Christian Phillips** and **Nikita Bilibin** acting as comperes. I would especially like to acclaim the individual performers **David Cui** (piano), **Herbert Keung** (French horn) and **Shintaro Hashimoto** (Singing). It takes great guts to perform in front of a room full of peers and parents and they should be very proud of their efforts. I hope that they will inspire others to take their moment in the spotlight next year. If you wish to rewatch, or indeed see the event for the first time, please follow the link below or use the QR code to access a recording of the show. I am sorry that the sound and picture is not always perfect.

<https://tinyurl.com/vx49utn>





HOUSE REVUE







Inter house sport

While it was disappointing that Gonville were unable to compete in the Senior Football, there was plenty of other inter-house sport this term. The year 9 and 10 did manage to compete in their respective football competitions experiencing the standard mix of elation and last-minute heartbreak. In year 9 **Oliver Du Feu** was a constant threat upfront, **Oliver Rose** showed some excellent touches in midfield and **William Daniels** found his niche as rush goalie. Sadly two members of the year group were not present, but the other 7 coped manfully and finished 5th.

Our year 10 footballers were competitive from the outset with **Elombe Case** very solid in goal, **Zac Crowe** a live-wire and **Herbie Flint** showing great distribution. A last minute goal from Wargrave robbed them of a memorable win, but they did record good wins against Craig and Pennell and finished 3rd overall.

The house swimming competition saw Gonville turn the pool pink with some very fine swimming and some very gutsy performances by those who do not usually get in the pool. The senior team was lead by **George Pepper** who won the first race (50m Freestyle), getting us off to the best possible start. **William Reeves**, **Henry Drew**, **James Nicholas**, **Jago Goodsell** and the impressive **Elliot Jones** made up the rest of the team. Overall they found themselves in 4th place. The junior team of **William Daniels**, **Elombe Case**, **Will Lominchar Ormeño**, **Feliz Ng** and **Oliver Du Feu** also finished 4th showing great spirit to compete in every event and, on occasion, swim strokes that did not suit them. A great experience for all those who competed and I will look forward to this next year when the rest of the house might be able to turn out in support. Special mention to **Rupert Plumptre** who operated effectively as team manager.

House hockey was also contested at Junior (year 9 and 10) and Senior (Year 11 and 6th form). In the juniors **Luke Clifford**, **Zac Crowe**, **Oliver Du Feu** and **Elombe Case** provided the spine of this side, but all others played a part in the teams success. **Denzil Armah** was very solid in goal and was really unlucky to concede a last second winner against Craig from a short corner. Overall they finished 5th. The senior squad had a 2nd XI player in **Tawanda Muyeye**, a 3rd XI in **Shintaro Hashimoto** and two 4th XI in **William Reeves** and **Jago Goodsell**. With no other hockey players the sensible move would have been to forfeit and not take part, but the house was adamant that a team would be fielded. **Henry Drew**, **James Nicholas**, **Rupert Plumptre** and **Victor Chan** stepped up to the plate and into the firing line. A couple of glorious defeats showed the early signs of promise. **Rupert Plumptre** was rediscovering his touch from year 10, **Henry Drew** was learning not to use his feet and **Shintaro** made one world class save from a fierce drag flick (not something often seen in 3rd XI matches). Next up were Wargrave who had a host of 1st team stars including the school's international prospect. Gonville had the gall to score a goal. An Exocet from **Tawanda Muyeye** at a short corner. Sadly this awakened the beast a little and the remainder of the game was a little one sided. Finally, Gonville played Powell. Once again Powell had all 1st and 2nd team hockey players and our motley crew were beginning to show fatigue. An early break was finished by **Rupert Plumptre** and then it was just a case of holding out for glory. A 1-0 win that will forever show that forfeiting is not an option and that if you are on the field you have a chance.

Squash saw **Edward Rowell** and **William Daniels** for the juniors and **Mark Burnham** and **Jago Goodsell** for the seniors. Some very competitive games were played as every point counted. In the end a single point separated 2nd and 5th in the junior competition. Senior contest was also close, but in the end Gonville just finished on the wrong side of a couple of fixtures.



Below are some photographic montages of these events that I hope capture the wonderful positive experiences these events produce for the pupils. It is often the case that a boy's talents are not seen because their peers do not get to watch too many school matches (often because they are playing themselves). These events let them showcase their ability as well as forging bonds of friendship.



RUPERT P SCORES
THE GOAL



GONVILLE PLAYING WITH
CHARACTERISTIC WIDTH.....



SENIOR HOUSE HOCKEY



GOOOOOOOOOOLACCIO!



JUNIOR HOUSE HOCKEY







Year 10 Football



CAN'T
SEE MUCH
PINK..





Senior Boys 50 m Freestyle
Event 2 Heat 1

1	Craig	29.91	4
2	Gonville	27.18	1
3	Reeves	28.75	2
4	Pennell	33.18	5
5	Powell		
6	Wargrave	28.75	2

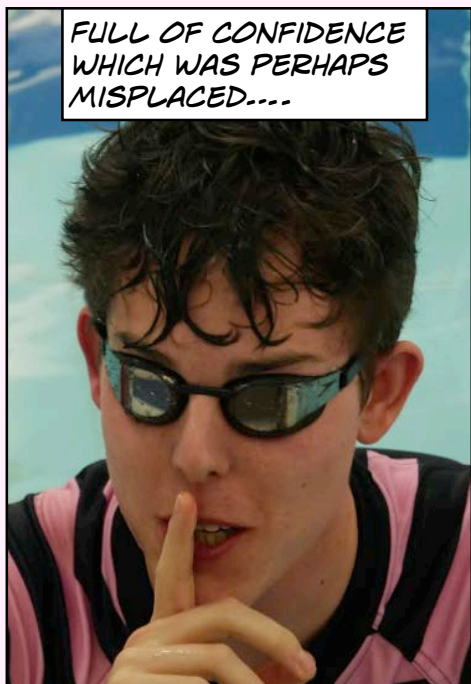
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A GREAT START



HOUSE SWIMMING

FULL OF CONFIDENCE
WHICH WAS PERHAPS
MISPLACED....



HOUSE SQUASH





YEAR 11 DINNER

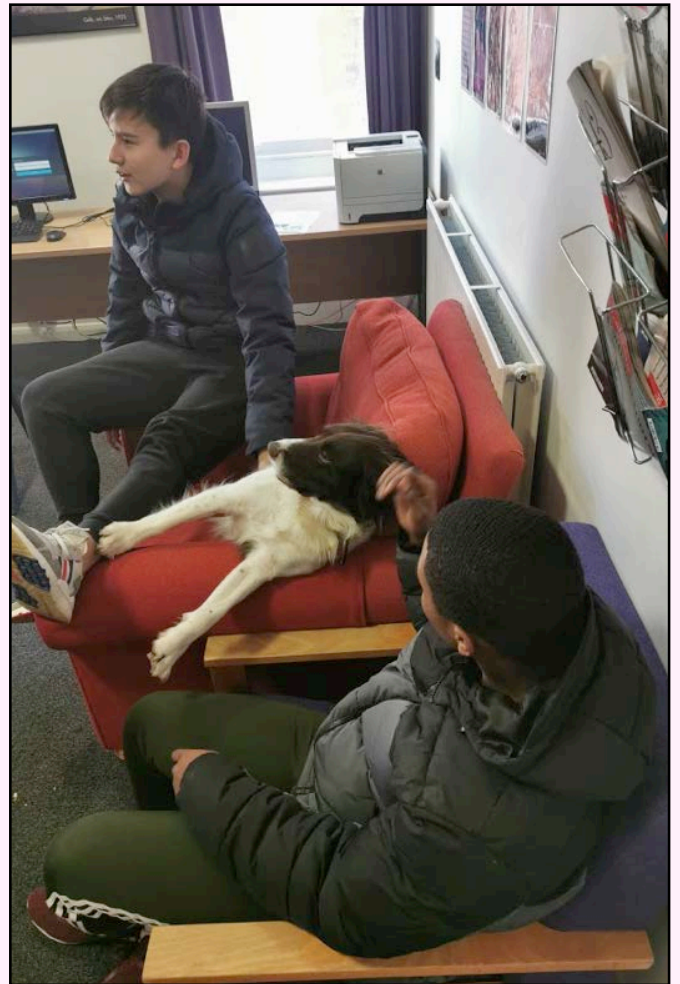
The end of Year 11 mocks was celebrated with a dinner themed '007'. It was great to see the lads scrub up well and have a celebration at the end of a tough couple of weeks.





MISCELLANEOUS SHOTS





A FAREWELL TO YORK



All that is left to say is God bless, good luck and stay well. Even if it will be a few months before we see each other face to face, I am sure I will be hearing many of you on the phone and seeing you on Zoom or Teams. I am excited about the opportunities this enforced absence presents, but I can't wait for the hustle and bustle of real school and Gonville to begin again. It is a strange place to be when the boys are absent. I am sure all will return with a renewed appreciation of the opportunities that boarding at Eastbourne offers, a sharpened resilience and the ability to work more independently than they realised - perhaps a silver lining to this horrible dark cloud.