

CRAIG CHRISTMAS CRACKER

MICHAELMAS TERM 2020



Thank goodness the government allowed us to return to school back in September. We welcomed the biggest ever Year 9 cohort (15) in the history of Craig House (TBC). Some of whom are shown in the top photo doing their best impression of the men at work below. The Michaelmas term newsletter will give you an insight into what the boys have been up to, albeit with the restrictions that have been in place. The Holgate family wish all the Craig families a lovely Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing you in 2021 which WILL be a better year.

Lent Term Dates

Sunday 3 January

Craig House Open

10.00am - 8.00pm

Monday 4 January

Term resumes 8.20am

Thursday 21 January

Exeat weekend 2:35pm

Friday 12 February

Half Term 2.35pm

Monday 22 February

Term resumes 8.20am

Saturday 13 March

CHAPS (Craig Review)

Friday 19 March

Term ends 2.35pm



ACADEMIC REPORT

This term the boys have done so well to battle the restrictions within the classroom: being seated a bit further away from classmates when possible; sanitising hands on the way in and out. It has all been very strange for them - but to a Cronkite - they have all adapted well. On top of this we have seen many of them learning remotely from home. They have experienced a very good level of live lessons with some pupils still being in the school. The top three for effort in eRCs and most improved effort is below. However a special mention must go to Jamie Gordon who topped the improved effort across the College in Y10 (and 7th across the whole pupil body). Arthur Lewis is the 8th most improved across the whole pupil body and Guy Beddows 25th. Special mention to Theo Summers C9 and Struan Dunlop C10 who achieved 3rd and 4th place respectively in their year group effort rankings. All of the Y10s in Craig had an average effort of above 4.89. The Y9s were all above 4 and some of the Y10s last year were in this position and have shown how they have improved. The Y11s were all above 4.2 and some of them will be needing to pull their socks up over the Christmas holidays to do well in the January mocks. We also had Silver medallists in the maths challenge (shown on the next page). Cameron Wallace-Carville secured an interview with Oxford University and others have already seen offers coming in from other universities. Congratulations to Ben Clark and Struan Dunlop who have both been invited to join the Hayman's Society based on their consistent eRCs and exam results.

Top 3 effort scores in eRC (out of 7)

Year 9 Top 3

Theo Summers	5.81
Harry Shouksmith	5.59
Gryff Watkins	5.56

Year 10 Top 3

Struan Dunlop	5.89
Marcus Skyrme	5.80
Ben Clark	5.75

Year 11 Top 3

Oliver Shouksmith	5.80
Harry Marson	5.75
David Udegbe	5.50

Year 12 Top 3

Freddie Bobbin	6.06
Ethan Page	6.00
Guy Beddows	5.63

Year 13 Top 3

Will Stewart-Blacker	5.83
Josh Veitch	5.69
Jake Ellwood	5.69

Top 3 most improved effort in eRCs

Year 9 Most improved

Monty Sleep	+ 0.38
Theo Summers	+ 0.37
James Speakman	+ 0.36

Year 10 Most improved

Jamie Gordon	+ 0.88
Ridley Flind	+ 0.48
Matteo Chu	+ 0.45

Year 11 Most improved

Josh Mayhew	+ 0.27
Hector Summers	+ 0.20
Hector & Harry	+ 0.20

Year 12 Most improved

Guy Beddows	+0.63
Ethan Page	+0.50
Theo Marsden	+0.31

Year 13 Most improved

Arthur Lewis	+0.87
Jani Flind	+0.59
Will Stewart-Blacker	+0.58

Monthly Praise

November Table:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Y9	Harry S James S	Dexter B	Jaimie G Hunter U
Y10	Ben C	Struan D Rufus P Herbie S	Alex B
Y11	David U	Oliver S	Josh M
Y12	Freddie B	Freddie D	Dan J Ethan P
Y13	Jimbo C-S	Will S-B	Jani F

November overall winner: David Udegbe

December Table:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Y9	Monty S	Theo S	Harrison G
Y10	Struan D Jamie G	Matteo C	Ridley F
Y11	Oliver S	David U	George A
Y12	Ethan P	Freddie B	Teddy G Theo M Bryn W
Y13	Leon W	Scott W Jani F	Will S-B

December overall winner: Ethan Page

PRIZES, REWARDS AND AWARDS

Enrichment program invitees

Name	Society
Struan Dunlop	Hayman Society
Ben Clark	Hayman Society
Hector Summers	Sport

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Declan Skyrme	Bryn Watkins
Jake Ellwood	Will Stewart-Blacker
Nico Chu	Arthur Lewis

Dan Jeffrey receiving his '*business pupil of the half term*' award.



Top 5 most reward points 6 form

Ethan Page	36
Freddie Bobbin	29
Will S-Blacker	22
Jimbo C-Seymour	17
Freddie Dunkley	14

Colours

Name	Prize
Will Stewart-Blacker	DT Full Colours & Art Half Colours
Scott Williams	Rugby Half Colours
Ethan Hackett	Rugby Half Colours
Jimbo Culme-Seymour	Rugby Half Colours
Joe Lewis	Rugby Full Colours
Leon Wood	Rugby Full Colours
Joshua Veitch	Rugby Full Colours

Miscellaneous Prizes

Alexander Bailey and David Udegbe entered the HM Challenge with David receiving a runners up award.

Cameron Wallace-Carville, David Udegbe and Freddie Bobbin all received the Silver Award in the Maths Challenge.

Top 10 Most reward points Y9-11

Marcus Skyrme	41
David Udegbe	40
Struan Dunlop	35
Harry Marson	33
Sam Bordass	32
Theo Summers	32
Ben Clark	32
Oliver Shouksmith	31
Dexter Bell	29
Harry Shouksmith	26
Hunter Upton	23

SPORTS REPORT

Despite there being no external fixtures we have had many house tournaments. We have won: Y9 basketball, Y12 and Y13 rowing, Y12 and 13 rugby, and Y13 swimming (what an effort). Thank you to Jimbo for helping to organise the teams. Due to this success we are **leading** in the House Sports Cup for the Michaelmas term. This has all come from the commitment the boys have shown each Friday to the various sports, which some of the photos below show.



Y9s ready to go into battle



Hector being congratulated for his honorary sports scholar award



Y10 Rowing



Y13 House rugby champions



Y10 Rowing



Y13 Swimming champions



Y12 House rugby champions



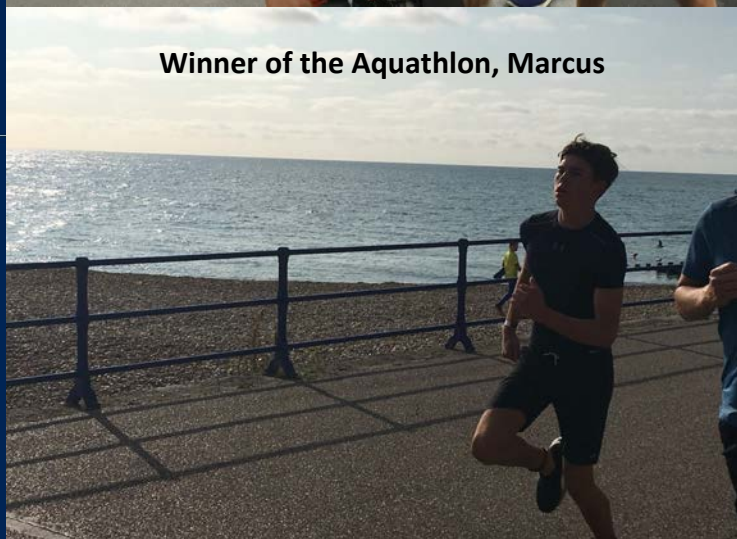
MORE SPORTS PHOTOS



Y10s supporting Louis !



Y12s after their winning row



Winner of the Aquathlon, Marcus



One of the Y9 rugby teams



Y9 rugby



Y10s in the sports hall

Clockwise from top right we have: Y12 after winning house rowing, Y9 rugby team getting ready for battle, where else other than the sports hall for Y10s. Y9s lining up in a deep attack. Marcus winning the Aquathlon and finally the Y9s ready for house football.



SIMON GREEN CUP FOR ENDEAVOUR

The Simon Green Cup for Endeavour this term goes to a pupil who has shown commitment over a sustained period of time and overcome obstacles to stay involved in College sport. He has endured a number of serious injuries and had operations to fully recover from so he could get involved in playing sport again, in particular College rugby and hockey. Even while injured in Year 12, this pupil still attended every senior rugby session and had to watch on while everyone got to play the game they enjoy, a mindset not many are able to have.

He took on the responsibility of the position he was in and helped video 1stXV matches plus some training sessions when he was asked to, he never complained about his situation and was always willing to help. No one could have asked more of an individual in this position and Mr Harrison knows of very few who would have the endeavour and willingness to support their team in this way while not directly benefitting themselves. It is unfortunate he was not able to play for the 1stXV this year due to the pandemic and loss of fixtures but having been meticulous with his rehabilitation programme it has been great to see him training this term, and that has highlighted his endeavour and how far he has had to come to be ready to play. This terms joint winner of the Simon Green Cup for Endeavour is...

Scott Williams



Well done, Scott
From all in Craig House.



SOCIAL REPORT

Due to circumstances, obviously there hasn't been much socialising going on! Nonetheless the boys were very excited to be back among their friends in September and we got through about 12 weeks. Below I have tried to give you a sense of what our socialising has been like. Clockwise from top right we have the Year 9 boys having a game of pool (I was lucky to catch them – they aren't normally on it (insert lying emoji)) Then we have the Year 12s celebrating winning house rugby and rowing. Bottom right we have regular Year 10 yard cricket. Middle bottom we have the Year 9s celebrating winning drama. This decision isn't the official decision but that was delayed so we asked Mrs Holgate who she thought should win. We then have the Year 9s with their Christmas pizza. Above the pizza eating are the Year 13s playing a game of yard football which they like to do on their Monday afternoon break and top left is the Year 13s celebrating winning house rugby, rowing and swimming. Middle top is the annual Year 12 doubles table tennis 'king' and centre stage are the Year 9s giving Freddy a farewell tunnel.



CREATIVES REPORT



From a creatives perspective Craig house has gone from strength to strength. On the left we have the excellent A Capella team who narrowly lost out with a 2nd place finish. In the picture below they are pretending to be in a band which is providing the music for Harry. Below that to the right we have the group practising in the common room. The bottom two pictures are of Oliver and Freddie who played in the outside concerts before half term. We also have a national champion, Herbie, who has recently won the 'Great British Dance off' beating 125 other finalists. A couple of aerial pictures on the left.



CREATIVES REPORT



The Y9s took on the play 'A Knight's tale'. Not an easy task with 15 thirteen year olds and my thanks go to Mr Kuchta, Freddie Dunkley and Fin Tomlinson. Although they didn't win the official competition, Mrs Holgate thought they were the best and we shouldn't argue with her.



SERVICES REPORT

The spirit to serve and to serve others has continued unabated during this challenging term. In the CCF, cadets have been parading as normal with a focus on outdoor activities. From the top, our senior cadet Ethan Hackett received his Lord Lieutenant's Cadet Award via a virtual presentation evening and has since had a further audience with the Lord Lieutenant to be virtually congratulated in person too. The pictures below show him at the award ceremony. A good start has been made to Army Section training with Year 10 cadets working this year in house-based sections within B Company, while Year 11 cadets in A Company have moved on to developmental training. Scott Williams has been promoted to Warrant Officer (Second Class); he is the Company Sergeant-Major of A Company. Attaining the rank of Sergeant or higher is a significant achievement – reflecting an individual's commitment, enthusiasm and successful performance of their duties.

A number of our cadets were able to attend virtual events. Scott Williams represented the CCF at a recent UK-wide senior cadet conference.

In Year 11, Harry Marson has recently been promoted early to the rank of L Cpl having completed his Leading Cadet exams independently.

It has been excellent to see that some of our service activities involving outside partners have been able to continue in person, while others have successfully moved online. Craig boys have been giving remote support via Teams to pupils from local secondary schools at the Wednesday afternoon homework club and linguists have been running conversation classes in French, German and Spanish in the MFL club. Zoom calls have replaced in-person visits to residents at Chaseley Trust, and when lock-down restrictions were not in place, a number have continued to help out in charity shops, and some pupils have helped out in the College community, assisting with junior sports and activities, walking dogs (including Roy), helping to keep the CCF stores in order and directing Year 9 drama productions.

The Charity Society met regularly to discuss and plan fundraising events. This year the whole-school charity will be Heads Together, founded by Princes William and Harry to support mental health in young people. David Udegbe has represented the house this term and we look for anyone in Y9 or Y10 that might want to join him.

The generosity of the community for Harvest Festival supplied 500 meals for the Eastbourne Foodbank in food donations, and lastly a shout out to Harry Shouksmith who raised over £800 for Juvenile Diabetic Research with a cake sale from his home this term.

And finally, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme has made significant modifications to its model to ensure that young people can continue to pursue their programmes in lockdown. The Year 11 and sixth form pupils who have completed their DofE award this term have been an inspiration to us all, as they have shown the resilience to push on regardless. While many schools had to cancel their expeditions, due to Covid, we managed to hold an unusual October expedition in our local area. You will see those who passed their Silver awards on the prizes and awards page.

A big well done to all who have worked so hard to keep Service going this term.



Scott, Ethan and Cameron

Oliver

Bryn

Joe

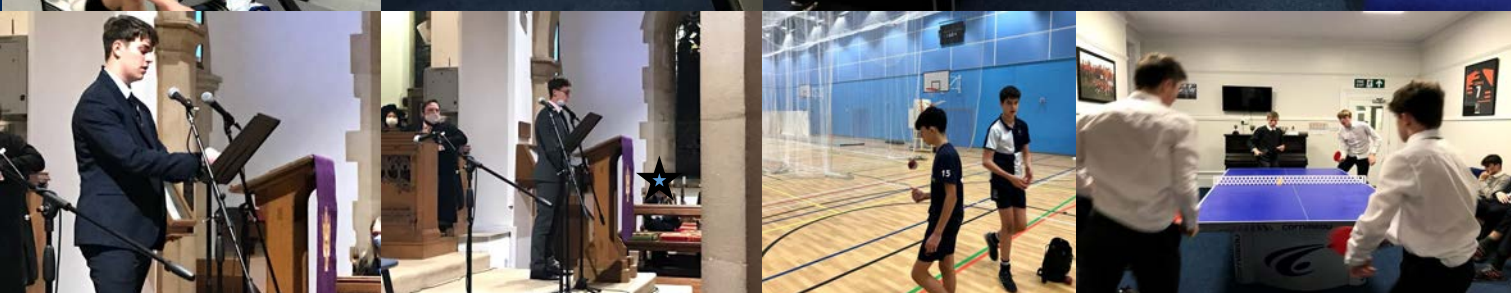


MORE CCF PHOTOS

Clockwise from top right: Ben and Matteo, Ethan's award ceremony, Louis and Marcus, some very smart Y10s on their first day in CCF (and three of them knowing who is boss!)



MORE PHOTOS...



AQUATHLON



GOODBYE 2020

2020 will be one to remember for all of the wrong reasons, however the boys will have built resilience, they would have solved more problems and most of all they will have appreciated being back in the Craig community. I look forward to seeing them with smart haircuts, smart uniform and lots of positivity ready to take on 2021....and you never know some more Y13s might pass their driving tests.....

The Craig community would also like to wish Josh Ansell a speedy recovery from a nasty leg injury.

