

# Gonville House Newsletter

Michaelmas Term 2020

We come to the end of the most extra-ordinary and challenging term and the boys must be commended for their incredible resilience, flexibility and good humour. Some things have been very different, but actually the day to day lives of the boys have had a familiar flow to them and have been filled with wonderful endeavour and variety. There has been lots of academic industry in the house with work towards GCSE and A Level, with UCAS forms submitted and offers coming in. Across the house there has been some remarkable effort. In year 9, 6 pupils ranked in the top 15 of the entire year for effort. Across the house over 420 pieces of praise were given by teachers. In DT, **William Lominchar Ormeño** has been asked to join the gifted and talented group and has impressed with his 3D modelling. **William Rennie** has been impressing with his input into the human powered vehicle project.

It feels a long time since the warmth of the sun fooled a few overly-enthusiastic boys into the sea for the Aquathlon. **Oliver 'Leo' Rose, Luke Clifford, Henry Drew, Humphrey Hare, Oliver du Feu and Oliver Bearcroft** all finished, which is an achievement in itself, while **Harry Heming** came 3rd in year 9.

On the 1st tee at Royal Eastbourne golf club



School matches were only possible in a few sports, but **Lars Kipker** had success on the tennis court and **Rupert Plumptre** had a foray onto the golf course beating Sutton Valance and King's Canterbury in the ISGA matchplay tournament with **George Pepper**, who also swam (not

on the same day). We have had lots of house sport though. In their year group bubbles the boys have played rugby, football, basketball, rowing and swimming. I have tried to capture some of these events in the photos which follow. Sometimes there has been great success, such as in the year 11 swimming, year 10 rowing and the victorious year 12 basketball. There

has always been excellent spirit, a willingness to participate and no little athleticism. There have been performances of note on the rowers from **Henry Drew** and **William Daniels** who have both posted 7.09 minutes for 2000m and from **Matthew Campbell** in the year 12 basketball (although I suspect the other 'ballers' were also magnificent).

Congratulations to **William Daniels** and **Emmanuel Bawa** for being incorporated into the sports scholars program. William is involved with Sussex cricket, is trialling for Harlequins rugby and managed frighteningly quick ergo times for someone with no previous rowing experience. Emmanuel represents Zimbabwe U19 cricket and travelled to the recent World Cup scoring 105\* against Canada. **Harry Heming** should be congratulated for being selected by Kent cricket.

## KEY DATES:

### Sunday 3 January

Boys return (4pm-9pm, or earlier by request)

### Monday 4 January

First day of term

### Monday 18 January

Year 11 mocks begin

### Thursday 21 January

Exeat weekend 14:35

### Sunday 24 February

Boys return 6pm-9pm

### Friday 12 February

Half term 14:35

### Sunday 21 February

Boys return 4pm-9pm

### Friday 19 March

Term Ends

Colours Awarded	
Half colours Equestrianism	Humphrey Hare
Full colours Rugby	Henry Drew

Maths Challenge	
Silver Award	Wilson Zhang
Silver Award	David Cui
Gold Award	Yuki Nagata



# Academic Stats

## eRC (effort) Wall of Fame

### Year 9

Oliver Bearcroft	5.64
Arsène Chaté	5.55
Oscar Fox	5.47

Most improved:

Ryan Liu	+0.51
Travis Wong	+0.48
Harry Heming	+0.41

### Year 10

Aidan Yao	5.36
William Daniels	5.14
Nathan Woodall	5.04

Most improved:

Aidan Yao	+0.44
Oliver Rose	+0.38
Nathan Woodall	+0.36

### Year 11

William Lominchar Ormeño	5.44
Edward Rowell	5

Most improved:

Emmanuel Bawa	+2
Lars Kipker	+0.28
Denziel Armah	+0.27

### Year 12

Wilson Zhang	5.97
Yuki Nagata	5.67
Julian Göhre	5.58

Most improved:

Matthew Campbell	+0.17
Julian Göhre	+0.15

### Year 13

Shintaro Hashimoto	5.57
James Nicholas	5.5
David Cui	5.42

Most improved:

Shintaro Hashimoto	+0.87
Henry Drew	+0.39
Rupert Plumptre	+0.38

## Show Hsm Roll of Honour

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

### Year 9

Oliver Bearcroft	10 (10)
Arsène Chaté	10 (8)
Travis Wong	8 (1)
Oscar Fox	6 (4)

### Year 10

Aidan Yao	6 (3)
William Daniels	5 (6)
Max Crowther	3 (9)
Nathan Woodall	2 (8)

### Year 11

Tammo Schuette	5 (2)
Herbie Flint	4 (1)
Zac Crowe	3 (3)

### Year 12

Yuki Nagata	4 (1)
Arthur McKay	4
Theo Wong	3 (3)
Matthew Whiteley	3 (2)
Wilson Zhang	3 (2)

### Year 13

Henry Drew	2 (4)
Rupert Plumptre	2 (2)

# House Awards

G	O	N	V	I	L	L	E
Harz	Dave	Cui	Chen	Plumptre	Finn	Oguine	Pepper
Hashimoto	Ho	McKay	Hudson	Grice	Campbell	Goodell	Nicholas
Oymark	Kang	Ugochukwu	Nayna	Tarpon	Harding	Zhang	Wong, Theo
Clifford	Whiteley, Mar	Al-Suwaidi, Zayed	Bawa	Crowe	Bosch	Al-Suwaidi, Rashed	Bewell
Schurde	Lomancha	Elliot	Al-Suwaidi, Fahd	Van de Ven	Kupker	Amiah	Crowther
Chen	Daniels	Ng	Du Jia	Meacroft	Rose	Mazurk	Yao
Chen	O'Connor	Woodall	Jagtap	Herning	Liu	Wong, Travis	Fox
Rossie		Hall			Whiteley, Ben		
MTH	ACR	HDAF	PRC	IPS	FMWD	LRG	PJF

This term has seen the return of the teams competition, but sadly shawn of its inter-year group competition. I devised this contest to keep alive some vertical activity in Gonville to encourage integration of the boys into a single community, foster an interest in other pupils from other year groups and promote some healthy competition. The teams are selected randomly (I don't have a sorting hat), but you remain in your team for your 5 years in Gonville.

Usually house activities form a third of this competitions, but this term it has comprised of just two categories: **Academic** (average effort, classroom behaviour, organisation and punctuality) and **House** (tidiness, courtesy, punctuality, behaviour and the ability to get up for breakfast). The standings are in the table to the right (along with their last position). I have also listed the top performers in each category - it was tight. The winners get a dinner 'on the house'. As always, any ideas for team names would be good!

G	1554	8	194.3	3 (6)
O	1462	7	208.9	1 (1)
N	1288	8	161.0	7 (8)
V	1392	7	198.9	2 (2)
I	1227	7	175.3	6 (7)
L	1102	7	157.4	8 (3)
LL	1249	7	178.4	5 (4)
E	1322	7	188.9	4 (5)

## Congratulations to 'O'

### Academic:

- 1) Wilson Zhang
- 2) Oliver Bearcroft
- 3) Arthur McKay

### House:

- 1) Carter Ho
- 2) Wilson Zhang
- 3) Ben Whiteley

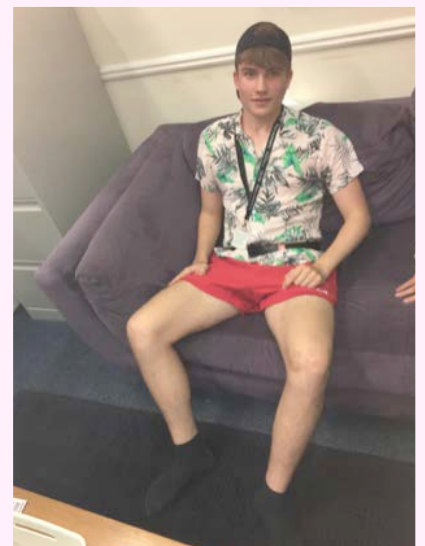
I am determined that year group bubbles and distancing will not prevent us from reigniting some house competition. My proposed plan for each weekend is to hold a competition for each year group. The best two in each will advance to semi final and finals weekends at a time of term where, hopefully, we might be able to have inter year group competition. I have pencilled in tennis, but if someone has a better 5th option I am all ears. All who participate win points for their teams.

Lent term weekend contests							
	January		February			March	
	10/11	16/17	30/31	6/7	23/24	6/7	13/14
Table Tennis	9	10	11	12	13	Semi-Final Day	Final Day
Pool	10	11	12	13	9		
Badminton	11	12	13	9	10		
Table	12	13	9	10	11		
Tennis?	13	9	10	11	12		

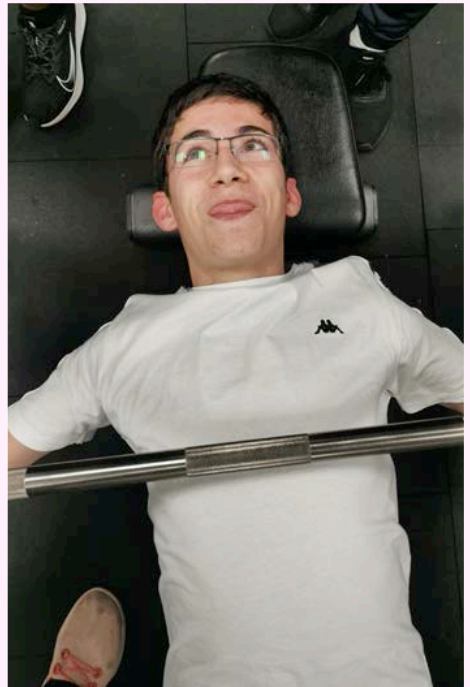




# GONVILLE LIFE





















# Service Review

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. 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. A number of our cadets were able to attend virtual events. On 11th November the school performed a modified act of remembrance. Gonville were represented by **Henry Drew** as head of school and **Herbert Keung** playing the horn. Others watched the short service remotely in house or classrooms.



It has been excellent to see that some of our service activities involving outside partners have been able to continue face to face, whilst others have successfully moved online. Gonville 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 face to face visits to residents at Chaseley Trust, and when lockdown restrictions have not been 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 Green team have been involved in weekly beach cleaning sessions.

The Charity Society meet 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. **Wilson Zhang** and **Mosope Oyemade** have represented the house this term. At harvest festival the school community supplied 500 meals for Foodbank in food donations. Gonville were the largest contributor with £220 of food.

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 Y11 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. Whilst many schools had to cancel their expeditions, due to Covid, we managed to hold an unusual October expedition in our local area. Congratulations to **Wilson Zhang** and **Arthur McKay** for completing the Silver Award.





# Creatives Review

In music the house singing was postponed, but the A Cappella competition continued. **Henry Drew, Humphrey Hare, Shintaro Hashimoto, Rupert Plumptre, Arsène Chaté, Oliver du Feu, Leo Makarov and Herbert Keung** sang *Budapest* by George Ezra and certainly went toe to toe with the other entrants in what was a highly entertaining competition. This term has seen more music lessons than ever in Gonville and it is exciting to have so

much musical talent in the house. We may need two bands to get them all on stage for house concert. **Herbert Keung** and **Arsène Chaté** performed in informal concerts in the Birley Centre.



Drama has had limited opportunities and sparse audiences. The year 9 did however make a fine fist of *The Miller's Tale* ably led by directors **Wilson Zhang** and **Jago Goodsell**. It was a challenging piece to be given, but they brought the ancient story to life. There were many fine performances, but special mention must go to Barley O'Connor for being a good sport and donning the dress. Given that no one in the year group claims to love acting it was a very fine effort to claim 3rd place in the boarding competition.

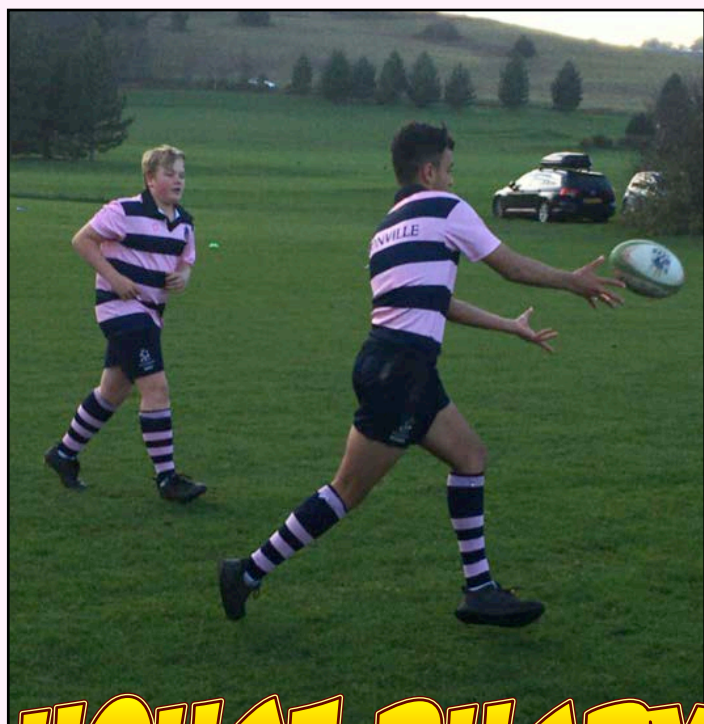




# YEAR 9 DRAMA







# HOUSE RUGBY















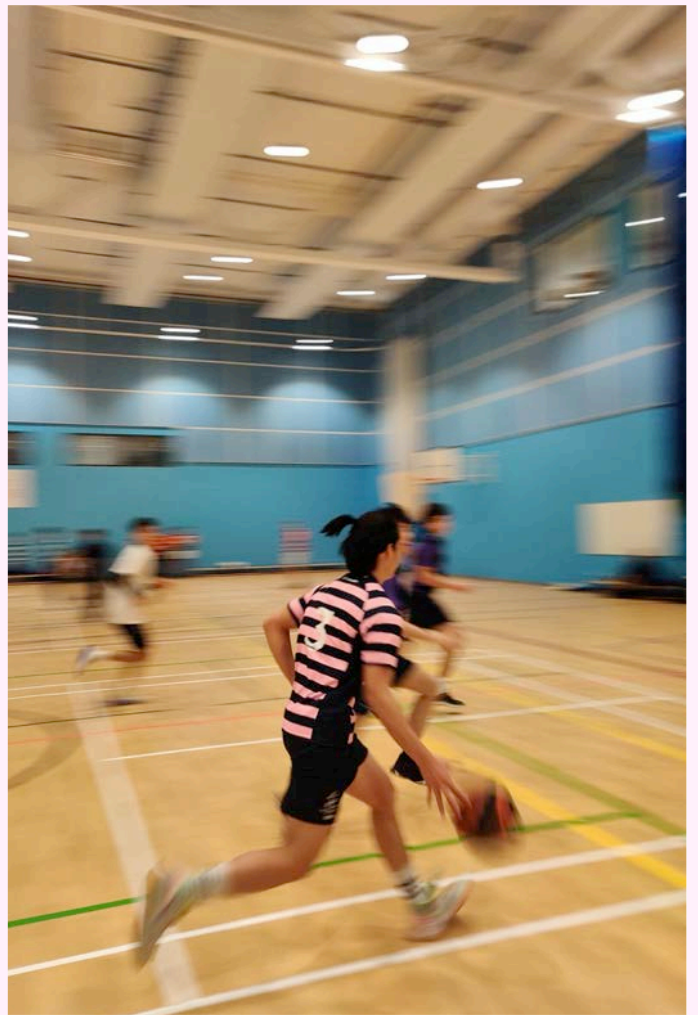
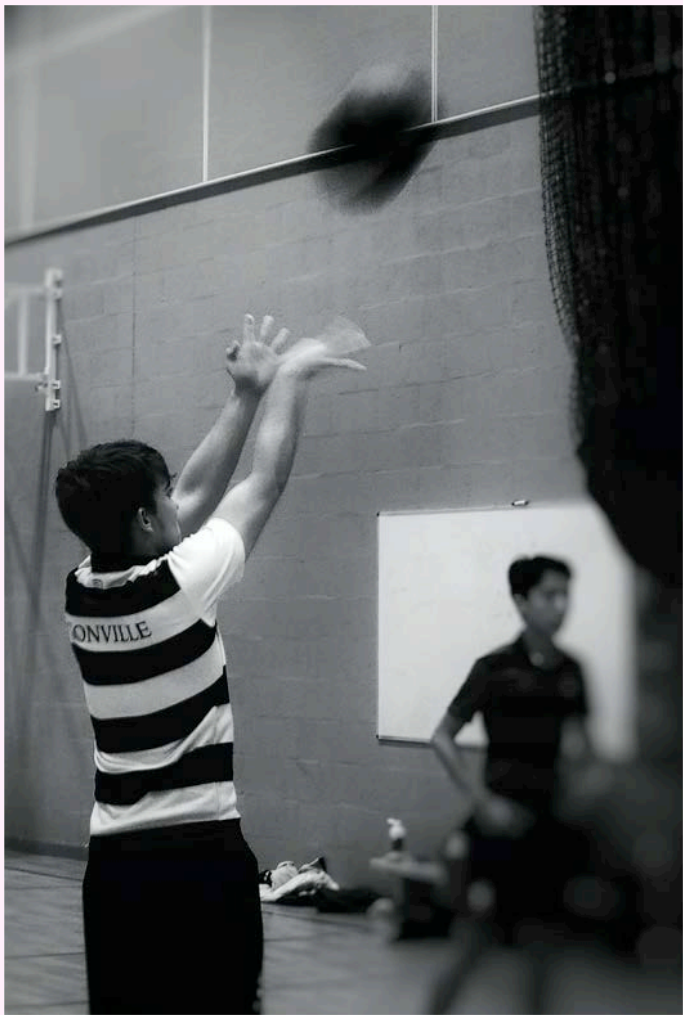


# HOUSE BASKETBALL



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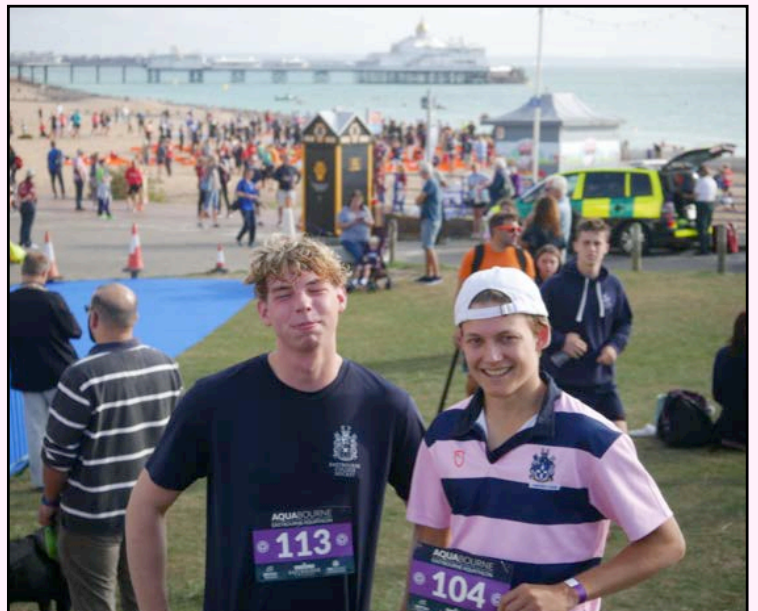






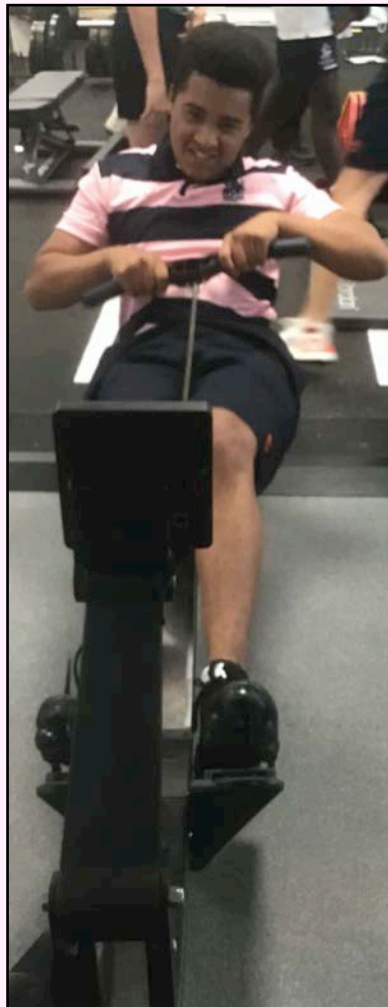
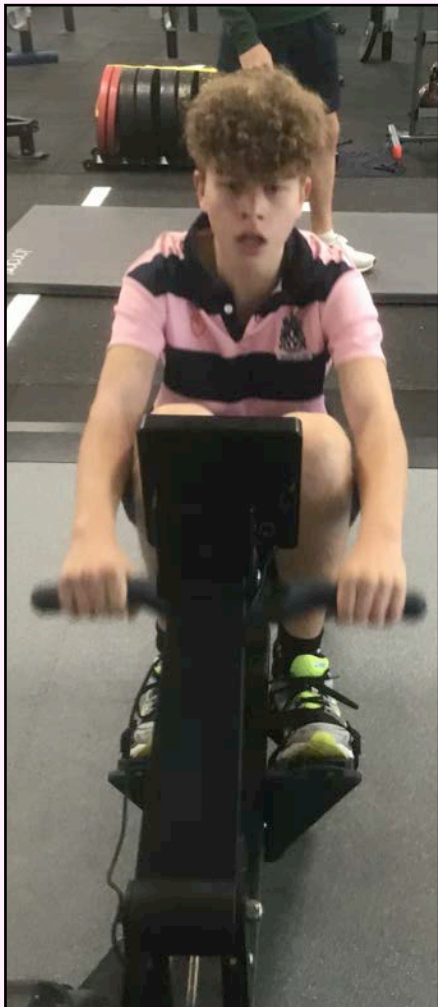


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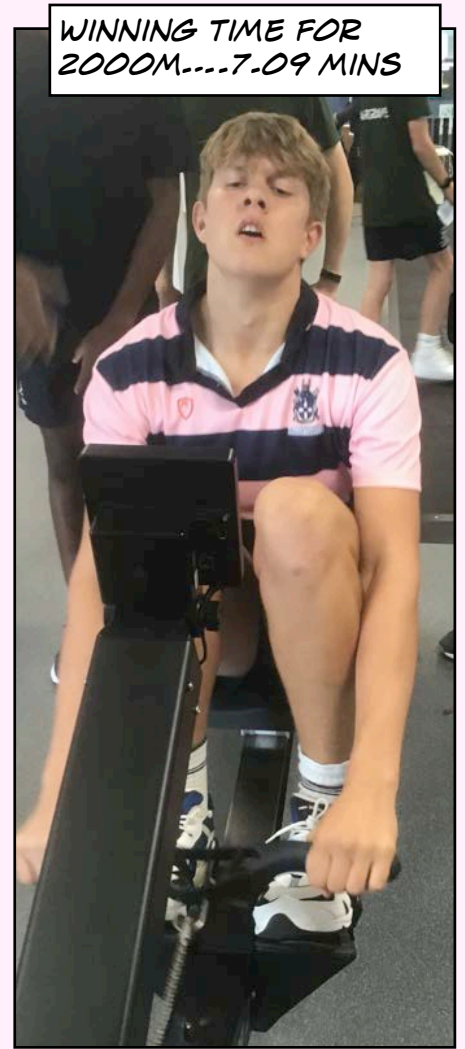
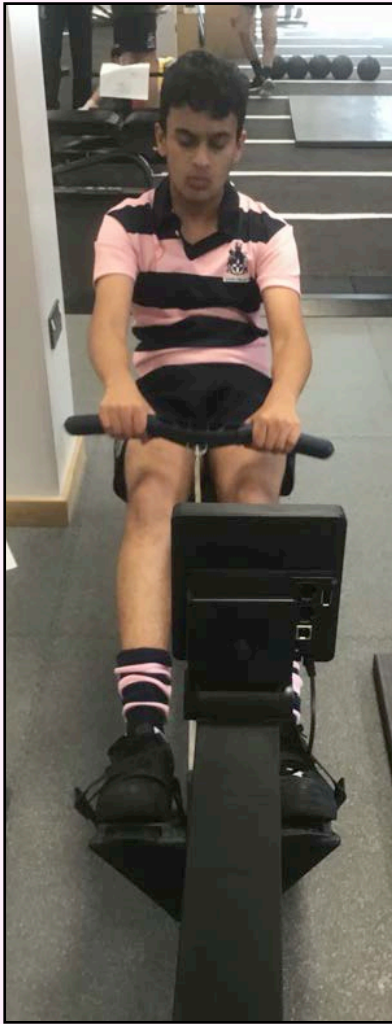




# HOUSE ROWING

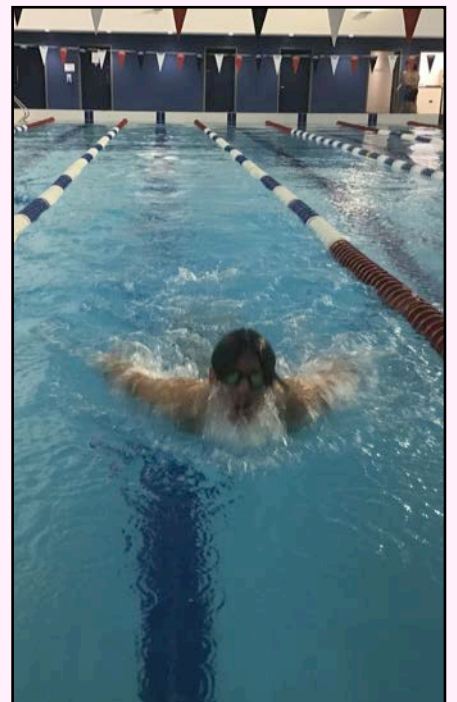








# HOUSE SWIMMING





# Old Gonvillians

Old Gonvillian **Piers O'Connor** (2009-14) played for Bristol Bears in both the play-offs of the 2019-2020 Gallagher Premiership rugby and the European Challenge Cup Final. He was victorious in the latter, beating Toulon 19-32.



Gonville was in the papers again with the discovery that **Lt Euan Lucie-Smith** (Gonville 1905-6) is now thought to be the first black commissioned officer in the British Army. He was sadly killed at Ypres in 1915. This would mean a re-writing of the history books and the displacement of former Spurs footballer Walter Tull who was previously thought to be the trailblazer. Lucie-Smith is commemorated in our Memorial Arch, but I would hazard a guess that the current crop of Gonvillians do not know as much as I would like about the history of the house. Something I would like to change.









# PUMPKIN CARVING



# CRAFTY GONVILLE



# CUPCAKE DECORATING





WINNER WINNER  
CUPCAKE DINNER



# DECORATION DAY

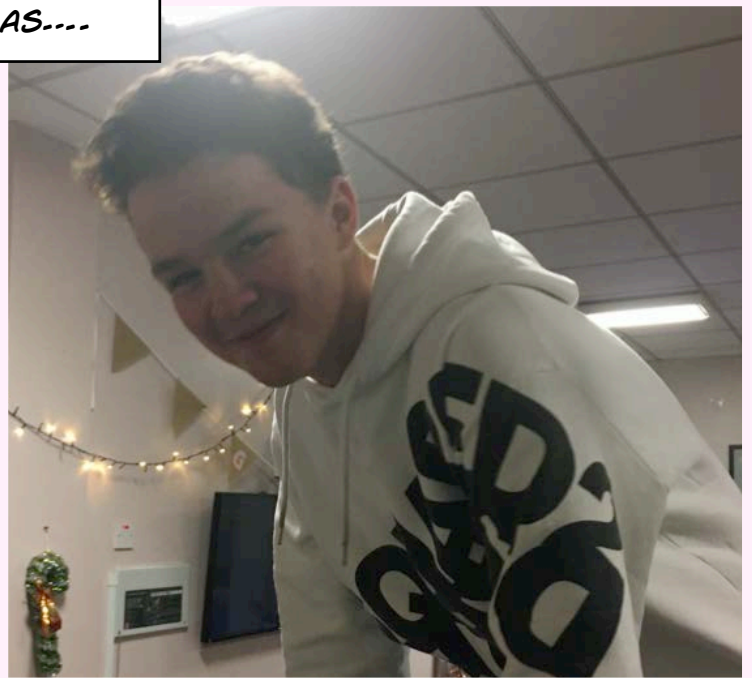








ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS....





# GONVILLE BOY BAND



SEE THEM PERFORM AT  
NEXT TERMS GONVILLE  
HOUSE REVUE!





## Admin:

**Uniform:** Reminder as the cold begins to bite that all will need to wear the new coat next year and only the 6th form can wear a home coat with their suit. When travelling to games in school kit no home coat can be worn over the top - they require the mid layer and the blue zip-up weatherproof top. Both coats and other uniform available at:

Sports kit: <https://playerlayer.com/>

Uniform: <https://www.schoolblazer.com/>

**Testing:** You will have seen that we will perform weekly tests to reduce the risks posed by asymptomatic carriers of Covid. UK-based parents will each be posted 3 tests. One is to be conducted the night before returning. The others are to be packed for use on subsequent weekends. Those travelling from abroad or host families will be tested upon return to Gonville. If a positive is returned the boy will need to isolate at home and seek a PCR test to corroborate the result.

**Hair:** As always please err on the side of caution with haircuts. If in doubt please check with me before they happen.



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Here's to 2021....a new dawn!

