

Reeves all about it



Michaelmas Term Review

It seems a long time ago when we think back to the start of the Michaelmas Term in September. After a term of remote learning the boys were glad to return to the regular routines of life at the College. Sadly we were unable to have a Year 9 reception for parents at the end of August but by the end of the first week it was apparent that all of the boys had settled in really well and were enjoying life the College. At the start of the term Reeves welcomed 23 new boys in to the house including a very large Y9 cohort (16), two new boys in Year 10 and five new boys in Year 12 all of

whom have settled in very well. Throughout this term the boys have done well to cope with added restrictions. At times it has not been easy as restrictions inside and outside of the classroom resulted in the boys have having to sit a little further away from friends and sanitising hands on the way in and out of each building but to a man they have done well to cope well with everything that has been thrown at them. As we approached the second half of the term we have seen many of the boys having to

work from home joining lessons remotely. They have adapted to different norms and stepped up to face many challenges admirably. Those that have had to work from

home recently have kept up the momentum and I am proud of how well all of the boys have done. Although there has not been the Saturday fixtures there have been regular house competitions and it has been good to see plenty of boys coming in on a Saturday to make the most of the support sessions available. On top of their academic commitments the boys have been extremely busy with sporting and extra-curricular activities including house drama and A-cappella competitions. I hope you have found the weekly emails useful and you enjoy hearing about what is happening in the house on a weekly basis. Below is a snapshot of some of the house and wider achievements this term. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term. I wish all of the boys and families in Reeves a fantastic festive break. I hope that you all enjoy some quality time together as a family over the holidays. I wish you all every success and happiness for 2021 and look forward to seeing you, hopefully in person, in the New Year. Matt

New Year 9 boys on their first day at the College, pictured left

Key dates for Lent 2021:

SUNDAY 3 JANUARY
House open 10am-8pm

MONDAY 4 JANUARY
Lent Term begins

MONDAY 18 JANUARY
Y11 Mock examinations begin

THURSDAY 21 JANUARY
Exeat Weekend + Y10 parent meeting

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY
Half Term + Y11 parents meeting and A-level info evening

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY
Term Resumes

FRIDAY 19 MARCH
Lent Term ends, 15:00

Further info: <https://calendar.eastbourne-college.co.uk/week.aspx>



Academics

In what has been a long and demanding term there have been a considerable number of academic achievements, too numerous for them all to be mentioned here. Yet there are some that stand out as examples of genuine excellence, worthy of our collective recognition.

At the pinnacle of academic endeavor, five Reeves boys, James Cardoza, Alastair Kent, Shahriar Alam, William Brown and Tom Meek put forward applications to Oxford or Cambridge. All five of these boys should be commended for the time and effort they have put in to putting together and preparing for their applications and my best wishes for all those waiting to hear feedback from their interviews in the last few weeks. UCAS applications for all Year 13 are well underway and I have been pleased to see the offers flooding in for many with lots of decision to consider in the Lent Term.

In Year 10 and 11 the boys have had assessments throughout the course of this term and a special mention should go to Isaac Ripley and Dylan Pearson who had the top average grade in Reeves respectively. Below are the top five in each group for overall effort this term along with those who have had the most improved eRC.

eRC (effort) Wall of fame <i>eRC effort scores out of 7</i>			eRC (effort) Wall of fame <i>Most improved eRC this term</i>		
Year 13 top five eRC effort (7):			Year 13 most improved eRC effort (+):		
1.	William Brown	6.33	1.	Seby Bradley	0.77
2.	Shahriar Alam	6.17	2.	William Morris	0.62
3.	Jerome Convert	5.94	3.	Christopher Arecco	0.50
4.	Christopher Arecco	5.75	4.	Toby Anderson	0.31
5.	James Bradley	5.76	5.	James Cardoza	0.25
Year 12 top five eRC effort (7):			Year 12 most improved eRC effort (+):		
1.	Nasim Bellagnaoui	5.88	1.	Nasim Bellagnaoui	0.44
2.	Tayssir Ben Caid	5.81	2.	Tayssir Ben Caid	0.43
3.	Emmanuel Andal	5.42	3.	Emmanuel Andal	0.42
4.	Cameron Lindsay	5.19	4.	Sam Holder	0.36
5.	Sam Holder	5.13	5.	Cameron Lindsay	0.25
Year 11 top five eRC effort (7):			Year 11 most improved eRC effort (+):		
1.	Theo Bathard-Smith	5.90	1.	Benjamin van Noort	0.40
2.	William Liggett	5.75	2.	Theo Bathard-Smith	0.30
3.	Dylan Pearson	5.70	3.	Jack Pincus	0.25
4.	William Goddard	5.50	4.	Cass Stallion	0.20
5.	Jacob Kremer	5.40	5.	Jack Titterton	0.18
Year 10 top five eRC effort (7):			Year 10 most improved eRC effort (+):		
1.	Ewan Clark	5.83	1.	Charlie Jenden	0.72
2.	Zizie Ndlovu	5.56	2.	Charlie Maidens	0.58
3.	Isaac Ripley	5.50	3.	William Corrigan	0.53
4.	Charlie Maidens	5.36	4.	Alex Wearne	0.34
5.	William Corrigan	5.28	5.	Ewan Clark	0.22
Year 9 top five eRC effort (7):			Year 9 most improved eRC effort (+):		
1.	Reuben Mace	5.75	1.	Reuben Mace	0.41
2.	Noah Titterton-Manos	5.65	2.	Oguz Karaca	0.35
3.	Oguz Karaca	5.59	3.	Billy Mannion	0.29
4.	Eddie Anderson	5.41	4.	Will Curtis	0.22
5.	Finlay Eadie	5.35	5.	James Katz	0.19

Special mention to William Brown who was 4th overall in Year 13 for effort. Theo Bathard-Smith who was 6th overall in Year 11, Ewan Clark who was 6th Overall in Year 10 and Reuben Mace who was 7th overall in Year 9. Reeves boys continue to set the standard for many of what excellence looks like inside of the classroom and I look forward to celebrating further successes in the coming terms.

Praise marks Roll of honour – MT 2020 Top 5 pupils in each year group this term *				
Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Eddie Anderson - 26	Ewan Clark - 28	Jacob Kremer – 30	Tayssir Ben Caid - 19	William Brown - 19
Harrison Deller - 22	Isaac Ripley - 24	Benjamin van Noort - 29	Nasim Bellagnaoui - 14	Shahriar Alam – 10
Reuben Mace - 20	Alex Wearne - 22	Theo Bathard – Smith - 25	William Cutler - 6	Tom Meek - 10
Noah Titter-Manos - 18	Oliver Tutt - 20	Dylan Pearson – 20	Ben Beatton - 5	James Cardoza - 8
Will Curtis - 16	Zizie Ndlovu - 18	William Liggett - 19	Batuhan Kaya - 5	William Morris - 8

* Two rewards points awarded for a Show HsM. 1 Point awarded for praise comments.

Congratulations to Jacob Kremer (Year 11) who is the first boys in Reeves to have accumulated 30 reward points. He has been awarded with a Reeves House Heron Pen and he will receive a voucher in recognition of his hard work.



Congratulations go to William Brown (Year 13, *pictured left*) for being among the winners of The Royal Geographical Society's (RGS) 2020 Young Geographer of the Year competition. The judges placed him in the Highly Commended category for his work exploring the human and physical geography of his home town Hastings, East Sussex.

The competition, run each year by the UK's primary authority on geographical matters and titled 'the world beyond my window', directed entrants to explore the human and physical geography of places that exist beyond their window, be it locally or further afield. They wanted to learn how young people's lives are connected to and influenced by these places, be the connections physical, digital or emotional. They also wanted to understand how geographical processes in the physical and human worlds have created these places and what things might be changing them.

The level of work that William produced was exceptional. He conducted recorded video interviews with local residents, took photos of the built environment, used census data to explore

the demography of the town, researched everything from government archives to social media to learn the town's contemporary and historical cultural landscapes... the list goes on.

It was not so long ago that we were congratulating Will for making it into Team UK for the RGS's International Geography Olympiad held in Istanbul, Turkey. And it comes as no surprise that he recently received confirmation of an interview with Oxford University, to study Geography.

Congratulations to Shahriar Alam and Tom Meek (Year 13) who are the first two pupils at the College to take and pass the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment's Certificate in Fundamentals of Financial Services, a level 2 Ofqual recognised qualification. Not only did they pass comfortably, but they did so in a week where they both also had interviews for university offers at Imperial and Cambridge. They both also took the time to provide detailed feedback on the exam, for the benefit of future candidates. Exemplary stuff!

Congratulations to Billy Morris (Year 13) who was recently awarded with the coveted Business Pupil of the Half Term award and to William Liggett (Year 11) who received a departmental commendation from physics for his exceptional prep work.



Headmaster's Challenge 2020 success - The challenge laid down by Mr Lawson was to present ideas on how the town might redevelop the Jubilee Way in Eastbourne, as part of the proposed Eden Project for Eastbourne. Lord Lucas and Lady Lucas joined the headmaster for a viewing on all winning entries and declared them splendid. Well done to Alex Wearne (Year 10) who was declared a winner of the competition. Special mention must also go to Oliver Tutt, Theo Bathard-Smith, Alex Cardoza, Dylan Pearson, Jacob Kremer, Isaac Ripley and Ewan Clark who all received highly commended entries.



Honorary academic scholarship – Ewan Clark (Year 10) narrowly missed out on an academic award into Year 9, but since that time he has proved that decision to have been wrong! His academic performance has been consistently excellent – he has featured in the top 10 for eRC overall effort at both reporting points this term, and in the recent exams he achieved nothing lower than a grade 7, with 6 of his 9 subjects being awarded the 8 and 9 grades. He has thrived within the Hayman Society, submitting a strong entry to the Headmaster's Challenge competition with his plans for redeveloping part of the Jubilee Way, and he has also been awarded a Bronze Crest award this term with his team's project to design and build a games console. Well done Ewan!

Pizza continues to be a popular motivational tool and the Year 9 boys, pictured below, quickly got into the groove in their first week!



Services

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. This term, Tom Meek in the upper sixth, gained promotion to the role of Sergeant. 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 cadets were able to attend virtual events. Oliver Tutt and Alex Weame (Year 10) attended a virtual STEM camp, showcasing opportunities in the army for science, engineering, technology and maths oriented young people.



Pictures above show the Reeves boys who were involved in a virtual Act of Remember Service earlier this term. Picture left is Theo Bathard-Smith who is part of the CCF Drum Corps and pictured right is Tom Meek who was one of the flag bearers for the service. The service was watched in classrooms and in houses by College pupils and the photo left shows Shane O'Callaghan, Alastair Kent and Oliver Streets (Year 13) observing the minute silence in Reeves.



It has been excellent to see that some of our activities involving outside partners have been able to continue face to face, whilst others have successfully moved online. Reeves 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. Some pupils have helped out in the College community, assisting with junior sports and activities, walking dogs, helping to keep the CCF stores in order and directing Year 9 drama productions.

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. Many thanks to Shane O'Callaghan (Year 13) who continues to represent Reeves at these meetings. Shane is thinking

hard about ways in which we can raise money as a house community and I hope to keep up updated with any developments in due course.

A variety of events have been proposed including a virtual Charity Revue, an inter-house quiz night and raising awareness in the Sports Hall using posters about Heads Together. In previous years the campaign was launched early in the term with a £3 cash donation from pupils and staff to kick-start the fundraising and we are currently exploring other ways of collecting this donation without handling cash.

The generosity of the community for Harvest Festival supplied 500 meals for Foodbank in food donations and Reeves received a special mention for the quantity of the donations so thank you for sending these in!

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. Whilst many schools had to cancel their expeditions, due to Covid, we managed to hold an unusual October expedition in our local area, enabling 15 pupils to complete their Gold practice, 32 their Silver practice and 31 their Silver assessment. Well done to Archie Salmon (Year 12) and Tom Meek (Year 13) who have recently been awarded their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Will Cutler (Third from left) pictured below at one of our practice expeditions earlier this term.



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

Creatives

In music, the term kicked off in style with two outdoor concerts in the newly titled Undercroft (located between the Winn Building and the Science block.) The Singer Songwriters played tracks from their Lockdown album and the Jazz Band, the following week, entertained with a good selection of classics. Pictured right, is Zizie Ndlovu (Year 10) during the Jazz Band concert. Elsewhere, music lessons have continued throughout the term with some even having to have these remotely via Teams as we approached the end of the term. I hope that we might have some stars in the making for future house concerts!



Towards the end of term we managed to get in the House A Cappella competition, this year judged remotely, by Mr Mike Steffan. The standard was again an improvement on previous year's and the boys certainly put in a lot of



practice in the build up to their performance which can be viewed [here](#). Special mention must go to William Brown for all his hard work overseeing and musically directing the group. My thanks to Toby Anderson, Jerome Convert, Alex Cardoza, Charlie Maidens, Zizie Ndlovu, Harrison Deller and Oguz karaca who formed the team. The boys

decided this year's song would be Hooked On A Feeling, made recently famous again by the Guardians of the Galaxy movie franchise. The picture, left above, shows the A Cappella group in action on the evening.

Drama scholars have been involved in a performances this term. In Year 10 Charlie Maidens and Zizie Ndlvou performed in the The Spoken Word event which was an outstanding production with emphasis on pupil voice. And in Year 9 Noah Titterton Manos, Billy Mannion and Noah Gould performed Twelfth Night with the Shakespeare schools Festival which was streamed online this term.

As is tradition for Year 9 in their first term at the College Reeves Year 9 boys took to the stage to perform A Pardoner's Tale. This is the story of how a man who claims to be a pardoner tricks different people into buying his items which he claims are worth a lot. The boys spent quite a lot of time practising this piece and learning their lines and they gained their focus towards the end and it resulted in a successful team performance from them all. An event that always brings some dread but it is certainly one that brings the group together and allows the Year 12 directors the opportunity the chance to show that they can inspire and lead, as well a revealing some hidden talents. Many thanks to Ben Beatton and William Cutler (Year 12) who stepped up to take on the director's role. Cast list and photos follow:

Billy Manion - *Pardoner*
Eddie Anderson - *Chaucer*
Noah Gould - *Host*
Noah Titteron-Manos- *Steve*
Ed Olly - *Tom*
Reuben Mace - *Ted*

Olly Beatton - *Waiter*
Oguz Karace - *Old man*
Finley Eadie – *Apothecary*
Al Maclaurin, Seb Pearsom, Nima Sorooshian,
Harrison Deller, James Katz, Will Curtis and Tom
Schoorlemmer – 'The Dancing Girls'

Year 9 house drama photos



Sport

Despite the lack of the usual Saturday inter school and cup fixture programme, the sports programme has run more or less to normal and within the national governing body guidelines. While at times it has not been sport as we know it, the volume of Reeves boys actively engaging with the programme during the week and at the weekends has been fantastic.

During the term, mainly before half term, some sports were able to compete in socially distanced fixtures. A cricket XI playing against the MCC on a sunny day in September (pictured right); the golf team winning two rounds of the national cup at home against King's



Canterbury and Sutton Valence; and the swim team competing in two virtual league matches against Sussex schools.

The incredible Eastbourne Aquathlon event on the seafront became the first house competition of the year and what an occasion it was with over 50 boys and girls sea-swimming and running in the event. Special mention must go to Noah Titterton-Manos (pictured left) who was the only Reeves boys to compete in the competition finishing in 3rd place overall in the Junior competition.

The inter house Friday sports programme, which has been a popular and great new addition to our sports programme, allowed for competitive sport to be played right through the term. Notwithstanding the lockdown restrictions there have been over 300 fixtures in ten sports during the term with some of the competitions rolling into next term so they can be completed with some new sports starting up in January too.

The table below illustrates how Reeves have done in the competitions this term. We currently sit in 4th place in the House Competitions

standings. Let's hope we can close the gap on Craig next term.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Touch Rugby</u>	<u>Swimming</u>	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>2K Row Challenge</u>
Year 9 A	TBC	6 th	4 th	TBC
Year 9B	TBC	N/A	3 rd	TBC
Year 10 A	TBC	5 th	5 th	4 th
Year 10 B	TBC	5 th	5 th	N/A
Year 11 A	1 st	1 st	2 nd	1 st
Year 11 B	N/A	N/A	1 st	N/A
Year 12 A	2 nd	6 th	6 th	6 th
Year 12 B	N/A	N/A	2 nd	N/A
Year 13 A	4 th	3 rd	TBC	3 rd
Year 13 B	N/A	N/A	TBC	N/A
Overall				

Congratulations to the Year 11 boys who have won every event this term. They are anxiously awaiting the football next term to see if they can pull off the clean Sweep! More pizza on the horizon.

House Sport Pictures







Toby Anderson, pictured above, was awarded half colours for rugby.

[A view from the top of the house](#)

This term has been an interesting but rewarding one with the Reeves lads showing their class and perseverance throughout.



Although the term was challenging to begin with everyone has settled in well and got to grips with the new COVID restrictions and didn't let these get in their way of their work ethic in the classroom and on the sports pitch. To a man everyone has stepped up and ensured that even with the current situation the feeling of involvement and moral within Reeves has never dwindled. Everyone got involved with every house activity the College had to offer always participating and representing Reeves by putting in their full effort whether it's on the stage or on the sports field. For me I have been particularly impressed with the weekly house sports events, particularly the Year 13 house swimming where we saw some interesting techniques from the diving boards and the Year 11s who have stepped up and won all of their house competitions – the future of the house is certainly very bright! The Year 9 drama was also a success. The year group bonded as a whole pulling it out the bag with a top performance and displaying true Reeves ability on the stage. It is privilege representing Reeves in the various house sports and as I am sure you can see Mr McVeigh has given you a good snapchat shot of the daily life of Reeves in this newsletter. Although the end of this term has not been

quite the fun and festive one we are normally used to with many of the lads going into isolation, I feel that this term has shown the true character of Reeves and the lads have ever failed to show the house in its best light. There have been a good few pizzas along the way and I am sure that we will see more success in 2021 in what I hope will be a better year! I wish everyone a restful and pleasant Christmas holiday and a happy New Year, looking forward to seeing you all next year and hope we return to some normality next term.
Charlie Pincus (Head of House)

[Final thoughts...](#)

Well done to everyone for their perseverance this term. A reminder that Year 11 mocks



will arrive quickly in week three of the Lent Term I hope that we can get to back to some sort of normality next year as even



though the boys have all been back we are still very restricted of what we can do. Well done to all those (pictured, left) who have made it through to the end of term and those who joined us on Zoom for the end of term house meeting. It was a nice way to end the term. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in January after a well-earned break.