

Gonville House Newsletter

Lent and Summer Term 2021

Another unusual year saw us in house for just three weeks of the Lent term. Despite the barriers, this enforced absence, like last summer, showcased the extraordinary resilience, drive and joy that Gonvillians bring to their lives at Eastbourne College. In order to avoid a newsletter truncated by the lack of live sport, activities and events, I thought it best to combine with the summer term; school fixtures, some social events and house activities have been more available and, while the regulations remained in force throughout the term, there were signs of normality returning.

Academically, the year 11 and 13 manfully grappled with the endless stream of assessments and constant pressure in the first half of term. Not to be left out, the year 9, 10 and 12 also had the spectre of internal exams looming. There has been some wonderful effort and application. Some of the awards for hard work and consistency can be seen on the subsequent pages. Also for those that wish to extend themselves in the holiday I would direct you to the Headmaster's challenges on the final page of this newsletter.



Sport returned with great success. Boys in the house enjoyed fixtures in cricket, tennis, basketball, golf, swimming and equestrian. Special mentions should go to **Harry Heming** for captaining the U14A cricket (while averaging 63.25) and to **William Daniels** for his selection into

the Sussex U15 cricket side. House fixtures were limited to tennis, golf and athletics. Sports day was great fun with the boys finishing third overall and the year 9 team narrowly missing out on victory. A full collation of results is found later in the newsletter, but congratulations must go to **Rupert Plumptre, Emmanuel Bawa, Luke Clifford, William Daniels, Barley O'Conor, James Hall** and the Year 9 relay team for winning their events. If you wish to

rewatch the event it is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hdv32LdWsIM>.

25m Butterfly	12.94	14.13
25m Backstroke	16.16	17.06
25m Frontcrawl	11.71	14.36

Colours Awarded

Half colours Golf	Rupert Plumptre
Half colours DT	William Lominchar Ormeño
Half colours Music	Herbert Keung

Nicholas starred in *Bouncers* as part of his Arts Gold qualification. Next term will see a school production of *Les Misérables* and I hope that some of the boys will audition in September. In art, **Herbie Flint, Edward Rowell** and **Denziel Armah** should be congratulated for their work for their GCSE which was on display last week. **Wilson Zhang** should be congratulated for his superb architectural model for a gymnasium complex and swimming pool powered by human effort.

Opportunities for service have been more limited than usual, but Petty Officer **Arthur Mckay** helped to run the year 10 activities week. **David Cui** should be congratulated on achieving his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

KEY DATES:

Wednesday 1 September

New pupil induction day. Rest of boys return 4pm-9pm

Thursday 2 September

First day of term

Friday 24 September

U6th parents' evening

Exeat weekend

Sunday 26th September

Boys return 6pm-9pm

Friday 15 October

L6th parents' evening

Half term begins

Sunday 31 October

Boys return 4pm-9pm

Friday 30 November

Year 9 parents' evening

Exeat begins

Sunday 2 December

Boys return 6pm-9pm

Friday 17 December

End of Term

Academic Stats

eRC (effort) Wall of Fame - Lent

Year 9

Oliver Bearcroft	5.65
Archie Stephens	5.51
Oscar Fox	5.26
Lucas Jayaraj	5.21

Most improved:

Ryan Liu	+0.43
Harry Heming	+0.2

Year 10

William Daniels	5.31
Rohan Van de Ven	4.92

Most improved:

William Daniels	+0.18
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Year 11

Edward Rowell	5.29
William Lominchar Ormeño	5.17

Most improved:

Herbie Flint	+0.46
Emmanuel Bawa	+0.45
Edward Rowell	+0.29

Year 12

Wilson Zhang	6.21
Yuki Nagata	5.94
Arthur McKay	5.83
Julian Göhre	5.62

Most improved:

Theo Wong	+0.46
Arthur McKay	+0.42
Yuki Nagata	+0.28

Year 13

Humphrey Hare	5.88
Victor Chan	5.54
Shintaro Hashimoto	5.31

Most improved:

Humphrey Hare	+0.71
Adam Emin	+0.47
Rupert Plumptre	+0.31

Show Hsm Roll of Honour - Lent and Summer combined

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

Year 9

Arsène Chaté	16 (7)
Archie Stephens	13 (7)
Oliver Bearcroft	12 (15)
Ryan Liu	9 (7)
William Rennie	8 (6)
Harry Heming	7 (2)
Oscar Fox	6 (17)

Year 10

William Daniels	9 (4)
Rohan Ven de Ven	7 (2)

Year 11

Luke Clifford	5
Edward Rowell	4 (4)

Year 12

Arthur McKay	9 (3)
Yuki Nagata	6
Matthew Whiteley	4

Year 13

Shintaro Hashimoto	6 (2)
Victor Chan	3 (2)

Academic Stats

eRC (effort) Wall of Fame - Summer

Year 9

Oliver Bearcroft	5.8
Archie Stephens	5.48
Harry Heming	5.43
Lucas Jayaraj	5.33
Arsène Chaté	5.24
William Rennie	5.22

Most improved:

Barley O'Connor	+0.27
Harry Heming	+0.26
William Rennie	+0.19

Year 10

Oliver Du Feu	5.16
William Daniels	5.16
Rohan Van de Ven	5.06
Aidan Yao	5.06

Most improved:

Aidan Yao	+0.53
Nathan Woodall	+0.45
Oliver Du Feu	+0.3

Year 11

Edward Rowell	5.47
William Lominchar Ormeño	5.38
Zac Crowe	5.07

Most improved:

Zac Crowe	+0.85
Tammo Schuette	+0.77
Luke Clifford	+0.31

Year 12

Wilson Zhang	6.44
Yuki Nagata	6.11
Arthur McKay	5.94
Joshua Harding	5.36

Most improved:

Joshua Harding	+0.69
Ralu Ugochukwu	+0.61
Jago Goodsell	+0.46
Mosope Oyemade	+0.38

Year 13

Shintaro Hashimoto	5.96
Humphrey Hare	5.85
Adam Emin	5.75
Victor Chan	5.5

Most improved:

Henry Drew	+0.88
Shintaro Hashimoto	+0.65
Adam Emin	+0.37
Carter Ho	+0.31

Prizes and Commendations

Alex Coates L6th physics	- Yuki Nagata
Year 9 DT prize	- William Rennie
Year 9 EAL prize	- Arsène Chaté
Year 9 Greek prize	- Lucas Jayaraj

Headmaster's award for all-round contribution to year 9
- Oliver Bearcroft

End of Year Class Effort Awards:

Arsène Chaté	- DT
Harry Heming	- Geography
Oliver Bearcroft	- Classical civilisation
Arthur McKay	- Geography
Oscar Fox	- Maths
William Lominchar Ormeño	- Chemistry
Edward Rowell	- Classical civilisation

Departmental commendation:

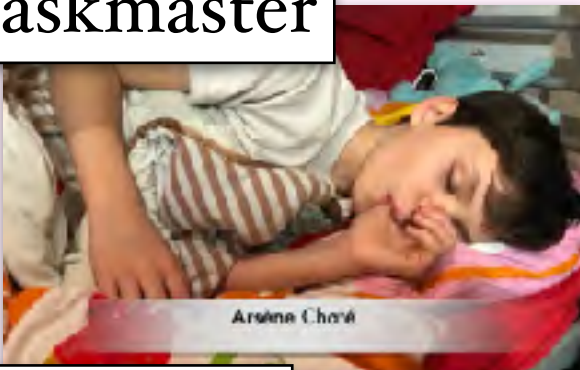
Rohan Van de Ven - French

Headmaster's Commendations:

Rupert Plumptre
Oliver Du Feu
James Nicholas
Wilson Zhang

Memories of remote school

Taskmaster



Arsène Charé



Trickshot

Recreate old photo



Arsène Charé



Mr WD sculpture

Masterchef

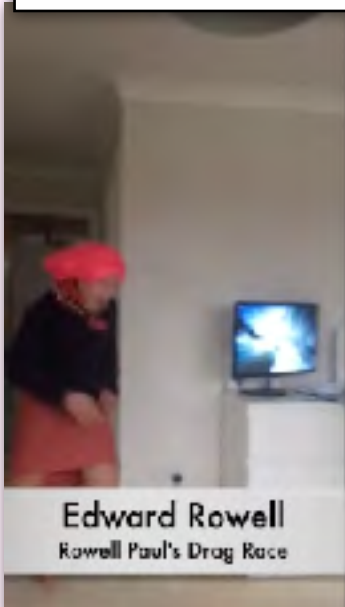


Bread : Jimmy Hall
Banana bread with ginger ice cream and lime tree jam.



1st Ben Whiteley
Pancakes with caramelised bananas

Something surprising



Edward Rowell
Rowell Paul's Drag Race



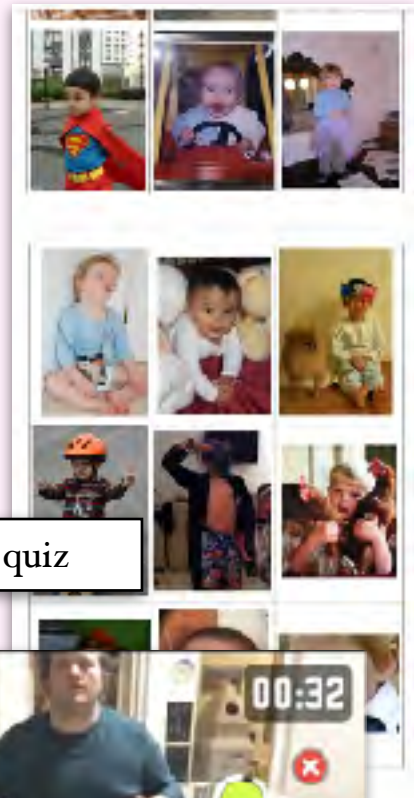
Oliver Rose
Who said your PC was grumpy?



Throughout the Lent term the pupils were invited to take on weekly challenges. Over the course of five weeks **Harry Heming** emerged as the most consistent contributor, closely followed by **Oliver Bearcroft** and **Archie Stephens**.

Aside from this the lockdown was also filled with the ubiquitous house zoom quiz, photo competition and exercise challenges. In *The Great Escape* Gonville pedalled nearly 3000km and finished 4th of 10. In the Home Court app challenge, **Ben Whiteley** led the school in both the reaction and the CrossFit challenges. **George Pepper** should be congratulated for his photo competition victory.

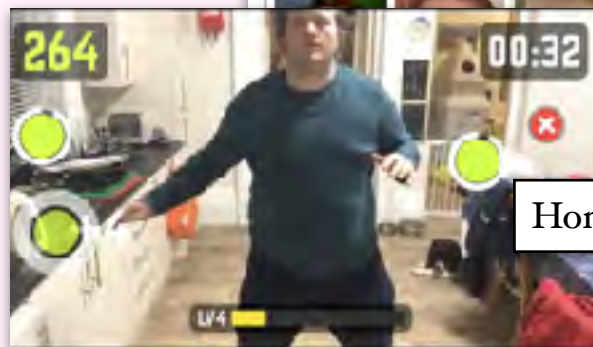
The Great Escape



House quiz

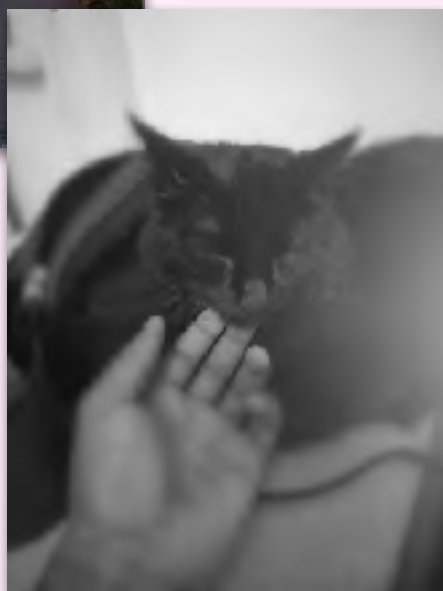
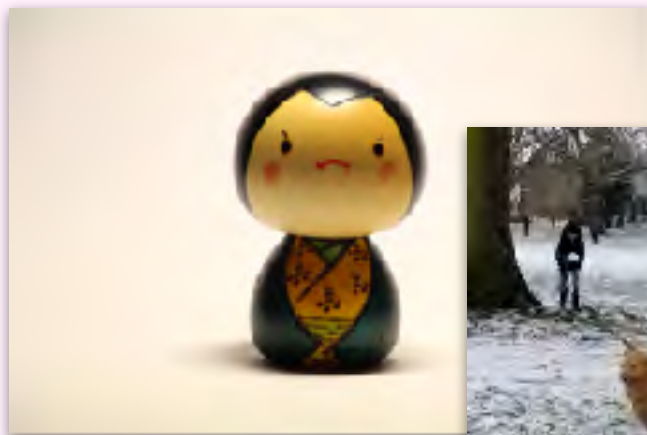
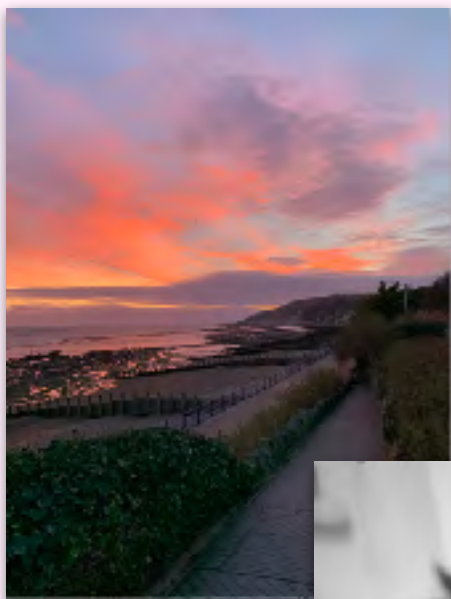


Strava pictures



Home Court

Photo competition



Now back to live school in the summer!



ARSENE CHATE AND HERBERT KEUNG IN YMOFY ACTION



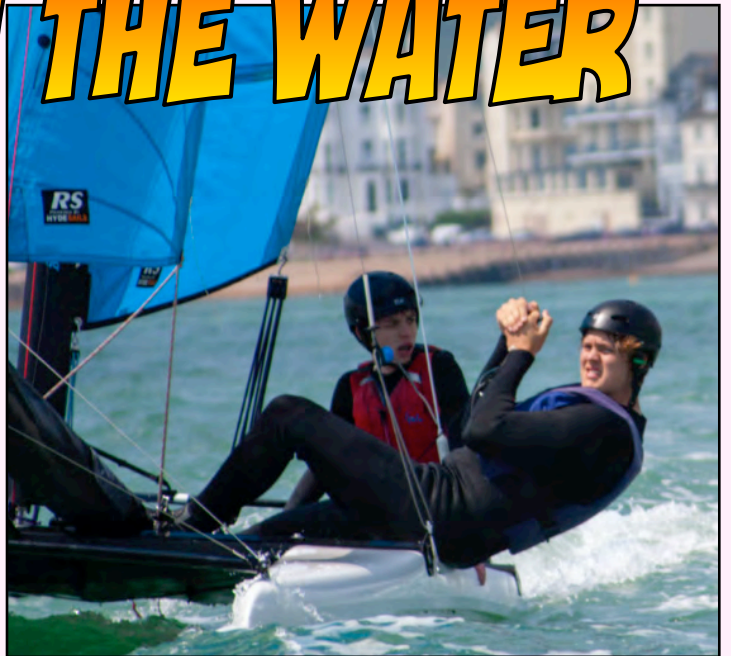
THE UNDERCROFT GETS JAZZY WITH MATT WHITELEY AND ARSENE



JAMES NICHOLAS IN BOUNCERS



YEAR 10 ON THE WATER



SCHOOL MATCHES RETURN



SORRY EMMANUEL....



CRICKET



GLORIOUS FROM JIMMY HALL



OLLIE BIDDING HIS TIME





HARRY HEMING IN ACTION VS TONBRIDGE

EASTBOURNE
COLLEGE



BASKETBALL





Sports Day



I really was very proud of the efforts displayed by all on Friday. The boys universally took great joy in getting involved and some achieved wonderful results. I so love these events for allowing them to surprise themselves and give an opportunity to celebrate each others' successes. Below is a table of results.

Senior				Intermediate			
Event	Name	Position	Time / Distance	Event	Name	Position	Time / Distance
Hurdles	Emmanuel Bawa	2	18.75	Hurdles	Rohan Van de Ven	2	18.18
100m	Emmanuel Bawa	2	11.78	100m	Nathan Woodall	4	13.19
200m	Adam Emlin	3	27.04	200m	Rohan Van de Ven	5	27.77
400m	Henry Drew	6	01:09.3	400m	Will Daniels	5	01:11.0
800m	Rupert Plumpton	1	02:34.2	800m	Luke Cliffor	2	02:30.5
1500m	James Nicholas	5	06:13	1500m	Herbie Flint	5	06:38
High Jump	Adam Emlin	3	1.3m	High Jump	Luke Cliffor	4	1.55m
Triple Jump	Rupert Plumpton	3	10.46m	Triple Jump	Edward Rowell	5	8.04m
Long Jump	Emmanuel Bawa	1	5.1m	Long Jump	Oliver Rose	4	3.90m
Shotput	Henry Drew	6	9.75m	Shotput	William Daniels	2	11.09m
Javelin	George Pepper	5	33.80m	Javelin	Max Drouther	4	31.88m
	James Nicholas				Rohan Van de Ven		
	Adam Emlin				Nathan Woodall		
	Rupert Plumpton				Edward Rowell		
4 x 100m	Emmanuel Bawa	5	52.81	4 x 100m	Luke Cliffor	5	56.38

Junior			
Event	Name	Position	Time / Distance
Hurdles	William Kennie	3	14.81
100m	Archie Stephens	5	14.12
200m	Barley O'Conor	1	26.48
300m	James Hall	1	47.44
800m	Oliver Bearcroft	6	02:53.8
1500m	Harry Heming	2	05:03
High Jump	Barley O'Conor	4	1.45m
Triple Jump	Archie Stephens	2	9.50m
Long Jump	William Kennie	5	3.65m
Shotput	James Hall	2	8.09m
Javelin	Lucas Jayaraj	5	19.80m
	James Hall		
	Harry Heming		
	Archie Stephens		
4 x 100m	Barley O'Conor	1	54.5



SPORTS DAY







GRIT FROM JIMMY TO FINISH 1ST



ZOOM WIN FOR BARLEY O'CONNOR





FIRST EVENT OF THE DAY AND 3RD PLACE FOR WILL



400M IS FURTHER THAN I THOUGHT!





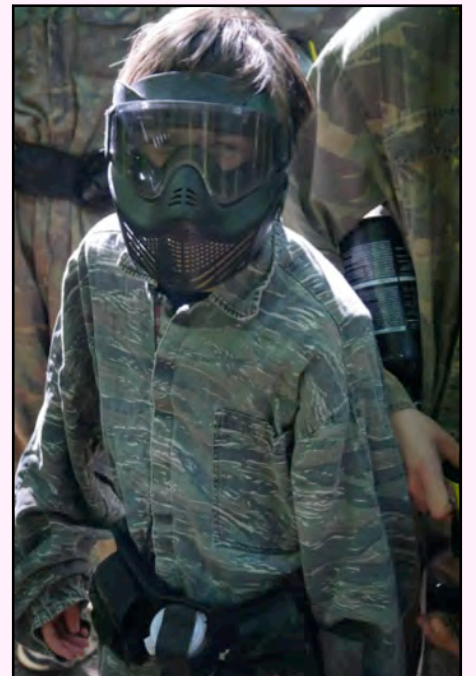
HOUSE TENNIS

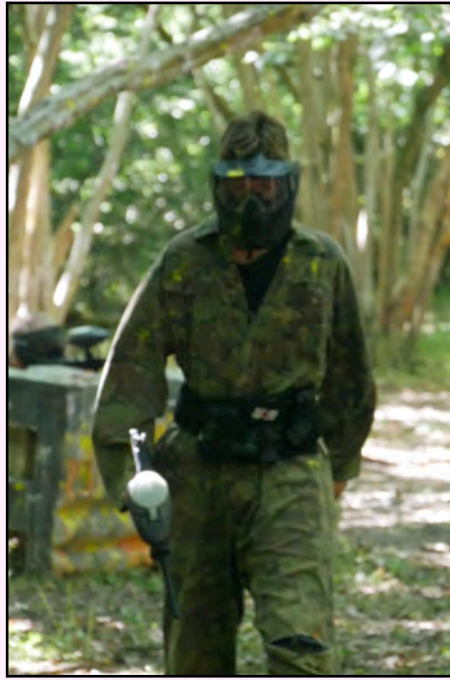




HOUSE PAINTBALL









GONVILLE LIFE









Message from outgoing Head of House



It has been a tough year for Gonville and the whole school due to the issues with Covid. Mr Wingfield Digby, with the help of the prefect team organised a lot of activities and challenges for pupils to take part in throughout all the different lockdowns which helped maintain house spirit and people's general morale.

Since returning for the summer term, we have had house table tennis and pool competitions. As well as this we have enjoyed playing house football and basketball. With a promising finish of 3rd for Gonville in house golf, Rupert, George and I were proud to represent the house in our first inter-house tournament of the summer term.

It is a shame that we never got to put on a house concert for the parents and the school yet I am looking forward to coming back to watch next year's which I'm sure will make up for us missing the last one. I wish Arthur and his house prefect team all the best as we pass the baton of house leadership to them.

It has been a memorable five years in Gonville where I have made friends and memories for life. I would like to say a special thanks to Mr Wingfield Digby, Mr Ford, Matron and all the other Gonville tutors for making the last five years so amazing for me and the rest of the my year.

James Nicholas, OG



Wilson Zhang - Head of School 2021-22

Well, well, well. Gonvillians are on a roll it seems, impressing at the highest levels. The deserved appointment of Wilson makes it three heads of school in five years for Gonville (after a long preceding fallow period). Wilson is rewarded for his incredible consistency of effort and kindness, whether in class, the house or the wider school. He is always enthusiastic whether trying to avoid serious injury on a mountain bike, or carrying an unnecessarily heavy back pack for his Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. He gives his time willingly and ensures that any undertaking is given his entire effort. In house he has navigated the year 9 drama crew through Chaucer (a challenge if English is your first language!) and has been hugely helpful in managing the logistics of twice weekly testing for 55 boys. We all wish him well in the role where he is joined by Liv Reeves, sister of recent OG Will Reeves.

VALE



We say farewell to another group of fine young men this term. We wish them well in their next steps and hope that they will stay in touch. Fingers crossed they will be there to enjoy the house concert next year!

Victor Chan - While he physically remained the same size from year 9 to year 13, Victor developed into a hugely dependable, loyal and enthusiastic young man. He served very well as head of house in the Michaelmas term and was certainly proud to represent Gonville. Those who shared Bushey with him would say that Mr Chan is not to be trifled with at cards. He hopes to be at Bristol in September and expect him to be making waves in capital markets before long.

David Cui - A small young man arrived in 2016 called Harry, but was rebranded David within a week. Having doubled his height in five years, David heads off to Imperial where we hope someone will help to remind him to sleep. He has quietly gone about securing his D of E Gold - a notable achievement, and has become a charming, engaging and caring young man.

Henry Drew - Henry did everything in his time at the College from charity revues to album clubs via an Aquathlon or two and the 1st XV. A head boy from Gonville is, historically, a rare thing and I hope he is hugely proud of this achievement. It will be hard to forget his turn as Lady Gaga and his penchant for a horror film, much to Matron's.....well, horror. He heads to Bristol where I am sure he will make the most of all that the city has to offer.

Adam Emin - Classy footballer (as long as he doesn't have to run too far), part-time hairdresser, dependable and entertaining, Adam hopes to head to the US for his next step. He arrived in year 10 having had to suffer in Reeves for a year. He has served as a house prefect, championed house activities and was crowned 2019 house FIFA champion (or at least a finalist).

Humphrey Hare - Arriving from Mauritius in 2019 he immediately forgot that The Channel was colder than the Indian Ocean and regretted his decision to enter the Aquathlon. A fine rider he embarked on a 10 month search for a horse and then, once he found one, got kiboshed by Covid. Charming and dashing he has forged links between Blackwater and Gonville this year and did well as Bradley Cooper in the house concert. He has impressed everyone with his open-mindedness to new opportunities and has thrown himself into all Gonville activities.

Shintaro Hashimoto - A man of many talents. Shintaro arrived in year 10 and almost immediately led the house A Cappella version of *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*. Throughout his time in the house he threw himself into any opportunity, from dancing and singing at house concert, to keeping goal for The Occasionals hockey team. He was always fearless and enthusiastic. In house he was hugely studious, kind and giving. He ran academic drop-ins for younger years and was often seen taking time to help other internationals settle in. We wish him well in his quest to become a doctor.

Carter Ho - Carter arrived with a great weight of questions and has become hugely resilient. Always either distant from home or distant from school, he has developed his ability to work through challenges (although I think he will always be scared of Dr Ball). He was always willing to be out of his comfort zone, whether in house concert as a ballerina or an activity in house. We wish him well at UEA on his occupational therapy course.

Kosi Oguine - A man of few words, but many talents. Whether designing T-shirts, creating music or sketching Kosi managed to cram a lot into his time at Gonville alongside his studies. Of course his late nights took a toll on his breakfast attendance. After a brief look at rugby he found he was more comfortable on the football field. He hopes to attend Loughborough in September and we wish him well with all his future projects.

James Nicholas - Head of house for the second half of the year, James was the worthy recipient of the Godden Memorial award for services to Gonville. He has been a key negotiator, a peacemaker and a house motivator. I always knew when he appeared at the office door with an absent minded clap of the hands that he had an agenda (and I was to need to backtrack on something). He has shown great loyalty, integrity and has been hugely dependable. That said, I am not sure that the school appreciated his ideas for a Winn building redecoration.

George Pepper - George has enjoyed a huge amount of sporting success despite a nasty ankle break and Covid. As he departs to play golf in Florida it is hard not to sound jealous, but I will remind him that he doesn't hold the house corridor golf course record (despite being the course designer). Caring and mature, he has had a huge influence on the house in five years and will be greatly missed in house sport. It is possible that the maths department will remember him less fondly.

Rupert Plumtre - When Rupert first arrived I was his tutor and tasked with ensuring he got involved in singing and drama. I was not successful, but he did a wonderful turn as George Ezra in the A Cappella and he was imperious last week in the 800m, winning by a huge margin. A born performer and raconteur he will find great success with his people skills at Newcastle University and beyond.

Sadly we are also saying goodbye to the following:

Julian Göhre - Julian joined us for a year before returning for A Levels in Germany. He has made the most of the pool, the gym and the seafront for some early morning runs.

Denziel Armah - After three years Denziel is off to study his A Levels closer to home. He has brought joy and fun to the house with his infectious laughter.

Lenny Bosch - After a year with us, Lenny has returned to Germany for A Levels. In his few months in house he made a big impression with his charitable instincts, his sense of humour and his polite demeanour.

Zac Crowe - After two years in the house, Zac departs for the sixth form at Cranbrook. He has always been great company and has matured into a fine young man who we will miss.

Lars Kipker - Only with us until Christmas he made a huge impact on the tennis courts and in the house. Charming, polite and entertaining company, he made a lot of friends in a short period of time and we wish him well.

William Lominchar Ormeño - Will returns to complete his studies in Spain having impressed everyone at Eastbourne. He has been hugely studious and has done wonderful work in the DT department. He was always able to make his friends laugh with just a look or a smirk and will be greatly missed.

Tammo Schuette - After a year at the College, Tammo returns to Germany. He has been a great fan of the gym and the self-proclaimed pool shark who only ever lost because of the silly house rules.....

Feliz Ng - Feliz returned to Hong Kong to be nearer his family. He was always happy to get involved in activities and challenges, even if he always looked unhappy about it. I will miss his dry sense of humour.

Travis Wong - Travis completed two terms in year 9 before moving to be a day pupil at Gildredge House. One of the smiliest and kindest young men, he produced some wonderful art work and threw himself into everything at the College.

Old Gonvillians

It was wonderful to hear that recent leaver Tawanda Muyeye (2017-2020) has signed with Kent CCC. He had his 1st XI debut against Sussex in May. We are all excited to follow his progress.



Remarkably the house has two old boys currently forging a career in English Premiership rugby with **Seb Nagle-Taylor** capped by Gloucester. Hopefully the future will bring a Gonville showdown West Country derby between **Piers O'Connor** (Bristol) and Seb.



Headmaster's Academic Challenge 2021

The Headmaster invites all pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 to develop their academic interests beyond the school curriculum, not only because pursuing a subject of personal interest is great fun, but also because it encourages reading, watching and listening to academic sources, which all lie at the very heart of scholarship.

Pupils can choose either (or both!) of the options below.

1) September to Immerse Education (if pupils wish to be entered for their Immerse Education Essay Competition)

This is a national essay competition, and we are delighted to have had several successes in the past. Pupils need to write 500 words in response to one of the subject questions. Entry specifications, tips for writing an academic essay, guidance about referencing and plagiarism all offer excellent support. Please note that entries must be submitted by 6pm on 2 September to djr@eastbourne-college.co.uk.

2) MASSOLIT-style video lecture

MASSOLIT is a platform for short academic videos, and Brasenose College, Oxford runs a competition for pupils to create a "MASSOLIT-style" video lecture running at around 8-12 minutes on any academic topic. Full details are found in the email from Mr Ruskin.

Pupils will not be able to submit their entry to Brasenose as their deadline is the start of the holidays, but we would still strongly recommend producing an entry for this competition (please share a link from One Drive with djr@eastbourne-college.co.uk by 6pm on Thursday 2 September). It may also be possible to enter the Brasenose competition with the same entry next year of course.

Headmaster's Creative Challenge 2021

The Headmaster invites all pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 to design a Christmas card which represents your ideas of the Christmas season while linking in some way to Eastbourne College. The card can be produced in any suitable medium, including digital, and should be as creative as possible. The original artwork can be A4 to A3 in size but the winning design(s) will be printed A5 (148mm by 210mm).

Entries should be submitted to the head of art: ezgreenwood@eastbourne-college.co.uk by 6pm on Thursday 2 September.

Here are examples of last year's winners (please try different ideas for your submission).



Admin:

Uniform: Reminder that all will need to wear the new coat next year. 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/>

Hair: The new academic year, with no hairdressers shut and no lockdown haircuts, will see a return to the College haircut expectations. As always please err on the side of caution with haircuts. If in doubt please check with me before they happen.

I wish you all the happiest of summer holidays. I am excited for September and the hope of a normal school year. As always I am available on 01323 452220 and at aowingfielddigby@eastbourne-college.co.uk if you have any queries. Good luck from us all to those receiving results in August.

