

teachers and fellow pupils were moved to tears when first viewing - testament to his group's focus and dedication.

Hard-working and focused, Will Neal has had a very positive year. He has engaged well with the medics programme as part of his road to medical greatness. He was recently awarded a scholarship to the Immerse Education summer school programme, a fantastic achievement. Will must be congratulated on being appointed Head of House for the next academic year; he looks forwards to leading the house to further prosperity.

Chris O'Hanlon is a great personality in the house. He's very keen on his sport, attending extra evening rugby sessions. He was made an honorary Drama Scholar this term, thoroughly deserved after many strong performances throughout his time at the college. In addition to this, Chris has also been appointed as Deputy Head of House.

Tom Pedley is a phenomenal sportsman. Throughout the year he's played all of his sport at a very high level, whether that be rugby, tennis, swimming, athletics or cricket. It's been great to see Tom play some cricket matches on College Field with the Y13s, and has shown some incredible batting and bowling performances in many of his games. In addition to this, Tom has also been appointed as Deputy Head of House.

Zak Prawanna settled in very quickly and became great friends with everyone in house. He is a very gifted tennis player and competes at a high level. Zak has also been a ball boy for the Eastbourne International tennis tournament. He was great in house rugby earlier on in the year and managed to weave his way around the whole opposition and score a superb try.

You can always count on Dexter Richardson to make a conversation entertaining. In addition to being very bright, he is a keen sportsman. He enjoys going to the gym and is a strong rugby player; he will be looking for a spot in a top team next year. He will no doubt be applying to the top universities next academic year and consistently shows hard work and dedication in his studies.



Upper Sixth

Thoughts from the U6th...

Ed Hebron has enjoyed his football and rugby (achieving half colours in both). Whilst not on the field he has been leading the way for Powell in the politics department. Ed's outstanding sense of humour and willingness for a debate has certainly livened up the atmosphere in house. I wish him all the best at Exeter.

Louis Loubser has excelled throughout the year in all aspects of school life. He received full colours for hockey and had a good season batting for the upper sixth XI. My best wishes for the future.

Will Lowery has continued his good academic form through this year's term of distance learning, showing some great improvements. Will has played a big part in the upper sixth XI's success both batting and bowling. I hope he has a great time on his gap year.



Callum Corney has had a year of trying new things, cricket and rowing being the main two. He has used the Covid restrictions as an opportunity to expand his horizons. If he continues this at university im sure he'll have a great time.

Although disappointed by this year's lack of sport Spike Gleave has still given everything on offer his best. His highlights this year are captaining the Upper Sixth XI and breaking the senior boys high jump record. Spike has worked very hard in the classroom this year, which I'm sure will put him in good stead for starting university this September.

Kam Rajwani has led the way all year with his incredible work ethic and courtesy. It would've been great to see Kam playing some football against other schools this year but his performances on Reeves astro have been outstanding. I can't wait to receive my first haircut from Kam once he's mastered the art on his gap year.

Ali Al-Shamaa has been a great help with all things prep this year. Ali has had a great sporting year, receiving full colours for football and making it on to the Upper Sixth XI as a bowler.

Alex Richards has been a joy to be around this year. He has excelled in all his subjects and should be very relaxed about results day. I'm sure he'll go on to do great things at university and beyond.
Gent

Ed Gent has really enjoyed his music this year; recording for the latest singer- songwriter album, playing in the jazz band and singing in the chamber choir to name but a few of his activities. I hope Ed enjoys himself at Cardiff next year.

I couldn't have asked for a better right-hand man this year than Giacomo Ghio. He has been a pleasure to work with. Giacomo enjoyed this year's tennis season, bagging some good wins both in the singles and doubles matches.



Loïc Bass Gualbert has been integral member this year in the College's orchestra and jazz band performing countless times throughout the year. His hard-working nature has allowed him to excel not only academically but also on the hockey pitch where he scored numerous goals.

George Callow started the year in the second XV rugby team but was instantly moved to the first XV thanks to his incredible passing speed and accuracy and his strong carries. His determination and passion did not go unnoticed, and he was awarded his half colours.

Alex Photiou has impressed many people this term not only on the golf course but also in the art department where he was awarded full colours for his outstanding artwork. I wish him all the best reading Physics at Warwick.



David Quinn has had a very good year all round. He enjoyed playing rugby, hockey and tennis and has performed outstandingly in the history department earning many SHMs. I wish him all the best on his gap year.

Callum Hynes has had an amazing year, competing at national level on horseback, which earned him his full colours. His love for computers hasn't faltered as he intends to read computer science at Exeter. I wish him all the best for the upcoming years.

Tom Simpkin has a great passion for the performing arts and took part in many college events. He was an incredible addition to the football third XI where he was goalkeeper saving many goals on many occasions. Good luck reading business at uni.

Sean Wilson has had a fantastic time playing badminton this term not missing a single session! He has also shown resilience in tackling the hard maths A-Level course. He is a very good actor and has entertained many audiences throughout his time at the college.

Billy Hipperson has been an amazing Head of House this year, not only did he shine academically in the chemistry, mathematics, and physics department, but also on the rugby pitch where he was selected for the first XV. He also tried cricket for the first time where he discovered a new love for the sport, and he ended the year with a bang, breaking the senior boys shot put record.

Wali Sahebzadeh surprised everyone this year not only academically but also on the rugby and hockey pitch. It has also been a lot of fun having him around making jokes all the time! He had a very fun summer term finding a new passion for sailing and ended the year on a spectacular note winning the Grimaldi award. I wish all the best for the future.



Speech Day



A huge congratulations to Billy Hipperson (Head of House) who was awarded the Lucie Smith Prize. This prize is awarded to someone who best leads their school life who inspires others through the Colleges' values of integrity, kindness, participation and pursuit of excellence, as well as promoting inclusion.

The Speech Day recording can be found here <https://vimeo.com/563612714/47979a42e6>

Final thoughts of the term

This term's unsung heroes are the Powell parents. They've bolstered the Wi-Fi, dialled into Zoom calls and have become teaching assistants, whilst juggling their own zoom calls, jobs and making meals. My sincere thanks for all of your support of the College and your children over the last 15 months. It was great to see so many parents for a glass of pimm's on Speech Day and I hope the new term will allow for more parents receptions.

I'm really looking forward to the return of the Steeplechase, a full fixture list, house singing and so much more, come September. Bring it on! Between now and then, I wish you a very happy and enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes,

Sam

Dates for the diary:

Michaelmas Term 2021

Wednesday 1 September - House open 9am - 8pm

Wednesday 1 September - Induction programme for new pupils (Y9&12)

Thursday 2 September - Michaelmas Term begins

Friday 24 September - Exeat begins (14.35) and U6 parents meeting (15.15)

Friday 15 October - Half term commences (14.35) and L6 parents meeting (15.15)

Monday 1 November - Term resumes for all pupils

Friday 19 November - Exeat begins and Y9 (14.35) parents meeting (15.15)

Friday 17 December - Michaelmas Term ends (15.45)

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