

Powell House Newsletter

Lent Term Review



Togetherness...

The term has ended and I must admit it has taken me a few days to recuperate and reflect on a very busy few months. There has been a phenomenal amount of hard work on show and it has been fantastic to see the togetherness and sense of community continue to grow stronger and stronger within the house. This was truly evident in the house revue, whereby boys took the initiative, to collaborate with each other to produce a fantastic evening of entertainment. I am hugely proud of the many achievements, in various facets of College life that the boys have generated this term and this termly newsletter hopes to skim the surface of some of the highlights.

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INTER-HOUSE

A Cappella

Powell gained 3rd place, with a brilliant performance

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CHAMPIONS

In a drive to reduce food waste, we were crowned champions of clean plates

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BREAD

The house eats approx. 20 loaves of toast per week



National rugby success (p4)



So much talent on show in the house revue (p6)



Brave chess players reach the final (p12)



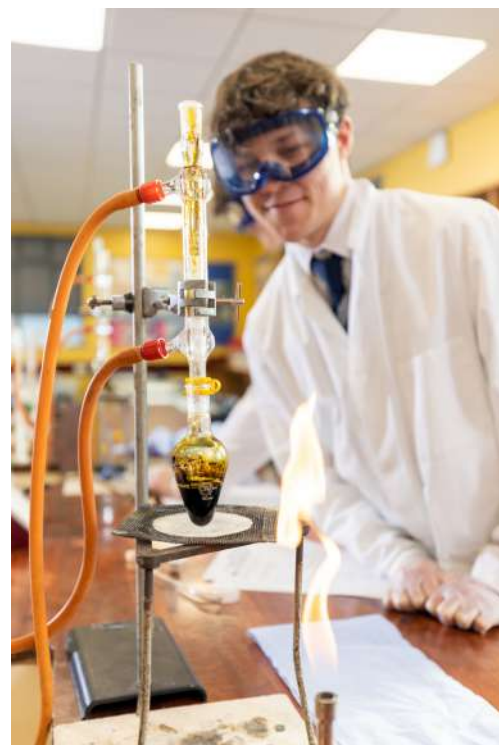
Academic Review

The academic life of the school has been very busy this term with formal mock exams for both years 11 and 13.

Congratulations must go to all those members of the U6 who have secured university offers for next year, together with a significant number of pupils in years 11 and 12 who have already made great progress preparing for the next stage, completing as much as 50 or 60% of their unifrog platform. January brought further good news, as Tobias Lloyd was offered a place at Oxford to read Chemistry.

In maths, there was some fantastic results from the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge with 8 Gold Awards, 23 Silver Awards and 38 Bronze awards spread across Years 9 - 11.

The sixth form linguists took part in a European multicultural quiz night and supper and a Spanish flamenco dance class, courtesy of señora Blanci. Meanwhile, pupils in year 11 and 12 are making good progress in supporting French and Spanish, with local partnership schools.



Finally, Daniel Guldemand won a scholarship offer from the Immerse Education, for his essay.

PRAISE MARKS - LT 2022

Top 3 pupils in each year group this term

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Alfie Lulham (22)	Reuben Booth (14)	Laurence Callow (14)	Matthew Wakefield (19)	Will Neal (10)
Tobey Braithwaite (16)	Jossi Pears (12)	Tom Arnold (11)	Daniel Guldemand (7)	Tobias Lloyd and James Grout (6)
Dan Abourous and Max Doyle (14)	Jasper Simpson (11)	Oliver Edmead (9)	Max Giddins and Ben Young (5)	Henry Duke (2)

Two reward points awarded for a Show Hsm. One point awarded for praise comments.

Sport

This term has seen 15 sports playing over 400 fixtures with almost 90% of pupils having now playing a fixture for the College this academic year. 350 goals have been scored by the boys hockey club and the footballers have had 5 teams out for the second half of term, with the 1st XI playing on the Eastbourne Town FC's main pitch.



The 1st XV boys rugby played in the RFU U18 boys final at the Saracens Premiership ground - the first ever occasion a College rugby team has played in a national final. Congratulations to Tom Pedley, Henry Duke, Charlie Carpenter, Oliver Wigman, Wilf Batham-Read and Sam Hamilton.



The swim team recorded their best results at the Bath Cup in over a decade. Congratulations to Tobias Lloyd and Matt Clark, who secured a bronze medal in the 4 x 100m freestyle out of 150 schools in Olympic Pool at Stratford.

George and Archie Shakespeare made a strong start to the golf season, competing in the ISGT Southern Championships, their first three day competition and their first World Ranking event. Recently they continued their fine playing form at Royal Eastbourne with Archie shooting a level par 70 and George 76. Their handicaps are impressively low, single figures, with Archie 6.4 and George 4.9.





1st XV Rugby National Vase Final 2022



Creative Arts

Creative arts has continued to thrive this term. Oliver Edmead made it through to the interview stage of the Arkwright Scholarship programme. Dominic Muschaili, Alex Pilsbury, Jossi Pears and Esteban Boruel-Lopez produced brilliant performances in the drama scholars' production of *Million Tiny Plays about Britain*.

Well done to Jossi Pears and Gregory Ashley-Taylor who produced excellent films for the emerging film festival.



Live Lounge Concert

James Grout, Sam Noton, Matthew Wakefield and Ben Young performed in this year's live lounge and we look forward to the album being produced in the coming weeks.

House A Capella

The boys gained a Bronze medal (top boys house) in a fantastic competition, please see a recording of a superb evening of singing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>





Powell House Revue

A fantastic evening of talent and entertainment - well done to all of the boys for their efforts. My thanks to tutors, parents and supporters of the house for packing out a full JWA.

Service

The Lent Term has been a busy one for the CCF. Thirty cadets across all sections participated in a live firing range day in early March and received their classification badges according to their proficiency. Congratulations to Laurence Callow who was awarded graded marksman.

A band of year 11 enthusiasts, mostly from Powell, volunteered to represent our CCF on a weekend Military Skills competition against other school and town cadet teams and although unplaced, they gained a huge amount of valuable experience.

Our non-uniformed programme has continued unabated. Although some covid restrictions still mean that some of our Service at School (S@S) activities are having to be modified, a large number of pupils have been able to participate in outdoor activities and face-to-face placements this term, with other activities continuing to be delivered via Teams calls. The ESP homework club has been doing sterling work helping pupils from local secondary schools with GCSE maths revision, and the MFL club mentors have been practising speaking skills in French, German and Spanish with pupils from our ESP partnership schools in preparation for the imminent oral exams. Local elderly residents are starting to venture out and to enjoy their afternoon's entertainment at the Wednesday Club in the College Dining Room and the Green Team have been out and about clearing litter from the beach and seafront. The Recycling Service has restarted, thanks to Noah James and George Lowery, which has been a great success, whilst the gardening group have been sowing seeds and growing succulents in home-made plant pots, and making pressed flower cards to sell for charity.

Zak Prawanna led a group of Powellians including James Grout, Will Neal, Noah James and Alex Davies in the tennisthathon, helping raise £4000 Bright ideas for Tennis, one of the school's chapel charities.



A big thanks to whole Powell community for donating £340 for the Chaseley Trust at the house revue.

The College's Chaseley group members continue to chat to the residents up at Chaseley over weekly Teams calls.



Things are heating up for the Duke of Edinburgh groups, despite no expeditions taking place this term. Two training days for fourteen Y12 golds and forty-nine Y11 silvers, in preparation for the expeditions in the Summer Term. Sixth-three



Junior Inter-House Football





Senior Inter-House football

More photos from the senior inter-house football





INTER HOUSE SPORT



Well, the stage was set – the 2022 chess final was played in the airy gallery of the Nugee building atrium, the sun shining through on the players as they prepared their opening tactics for the last time this year. These three compelling matches were a fitting finale to a fantastic house chess competition.

On board 1, Dmitri (playing with the white pieces) sensibly took his time in the face of Batuhan's rapid opening play. Pieces were quickly exchanged off, leaving a slightly weakened white pawn structure and Batuhan castled queenside to give himself good attacking options, managing soon after to place his rook on the 7th rank. White's doubled b-pawn fell and Batuhan's strength with two knights persuaded Dmitri to allow an exchange of bishop for knight. Now it was a tactical game with just one knight each – so of course the pawns were now the key battleground. Could Dmitri somehow hold on? Batuhan created a passed a-pawn and Dmitri really needed to get his king into the action.

This tricky defence would have been hard in any case - against Batuhan it was nearly impossible and soon the black knight was mopping up pawns. A nice knight sacrifice allowed Batuhan's a-pawn to queen and the game was over. 1-0 Reeves.

Meanwhile, on board 3, Tobias on white created some risks for himself with a very open pawn structure, castled with a pawn on g3 but without a fianchettoed bishop to guard the f3 square. But – Alex playing the black pieces waited a long time to castle, causing problems for his own king. He then castled long, which looked like a very hazardous move, leaving his king extremely exposed since his a, b and c-pawns had all advanced earlier. The black knight fell and Alex's c -pawn, the only defence in front of the king, looked very vulnerable. Alex defended with his rook, also attacking the white queen and Tobias thought he had found a clever checking move that would give him the exchange. But he had missed the bishop retake, expecting Alex to use his knight instead and suddenly the tables had turned. There was still life in this

game – but Tobias had to find the right attacking move to avoid destruction. He tried placing his queen to pin

the bishop, but Alex's other bishop sat waiting in the wings and suddenly white was in terrible trouble. Tobias defended valiantly but was soon down to a rook against queen, rook and knight. It was only a matter of time before a back rank checkmate gave the second and crucial win to Reeves.

Last but not least - board 2 (Magnus playing white for Reeves against Andreas for Powell) saw the four knights opening as both players battled for the centre. Andreas fianchettoed his bishop and Magnus castled and wasted a little time by manoeuvring his own bishop into the equivalent spot.

Andreas was now in some danger as he had delayed castling - and then missed a neat discovered attack on his bishop, losing a pawn as a result. However, Magnus' pieces were all well back and once Andreas had successfully castled, he had a lot of space in the middle to work with. But Magnus is a strong player, and had his two bishops nicely placed to fight back for control. Andreas thought he saw a knight attack but realised it wouldn't work...after picking up the piece! Under the tournament rules he had no choice but to move it and thought for a long time before sensibly retreating it to safety. Then Magnus forced the black bishop away and started to make his pawn advantage felt. He attacked the black rook with his bishop, simultaneously opening a double attack on the black e7 bishop and Andreas now had to avoid moving into a further and lethal discovered attack. He thought for five minutes but the white pressure on e7 was too



much and the exchange was lost. Andreas countered but there was one final bishop pin in Magnus' armoury and Andreas found himself down a full rook. After a few more moves where Magnus consolidated his position, Andreas realised the game was up and offered his resignation.

Another clean sweep for the excellent Reeves team, but certainly no shame in that for Powell. This young team fought to the end and at least two thirds of them will certainly be back for more. Dmitri gave Batuhan a good workout at the very least – at one point the Reeves top board was seen to consider his move for a good twenty seconds, probably a record in the house competition! Planning is underway for a multi-player simultaneous challenge against Batuhan - more to follow after Easter.

All that remains is to congratulate the Reeves team, victorious at last in their captain's final year, and to commiserate with Powell for a fantastic run that came very close to the trophy. And of course, to thank all the players involved in the 81 individual games over the last five weeks and all of the supporters who built the atmosphere and tension right to the final move.

Until next year – well played all!

Mr Dennis



Final thoughts of the term

As we approach an important Summer Term with public exams looming for years 11 and 13, I hope the Easter break is productive for all of the boys and the sacrifices they make to knuckling down will pay dividends come results day. For those in years 9, 10 and 12 next term is an important building block on their academic journeys. Beyond the classroom, I hope we are blessed with glorious sunshine as the cricket season commences and much to look forward to with the athletics and tennis. House socials, the young music competition of the year, more inter-house competitions, the bandstand concert and speech day makes a tasty line up.

Emma, Max and myself wish the whole Powell community a relaxing (and in some cases productive) Easter break,

Sam



Dates for the diary:

Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 19 April - House open 10am - 8pm

Thursday 20 April - Summer Term begins

Monday 2 May - Bank holiday Monday

Friday 27 May - Half Term + Y9 GCSE choices info evening

Monday 21 February - Term resumes

Saturday 2 July - End of term (4pm)

<https://calendar.eastbourne-college.co.uk/>