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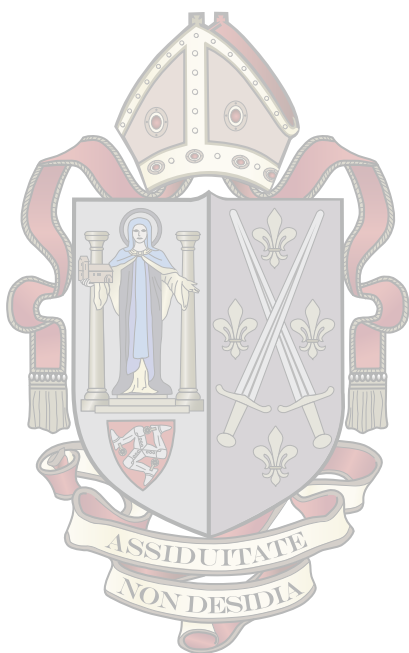




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Letter from the Principal



As I write this the sun is out, the sea is a deep, clear blue - and the whole school is eerily quiet as everyone is sitting exams. The Upper Fifth are in their final GCSE Maths paper in the Gym whilst the rest of the school are dotted around the site busy with their internal exams. The peace is only disturbed by the distant drone of motorbikes as this is the second week of the TT.

In so many ways this is all so familiar, but it is actually the first time in three years that any of this has been possible. As we started the 2021-2022 academic year the Covid pandemic still dominated

school life. The international boarders were subject to 10 days of quarantine as they arrived on the island, and measures were in place throughout the school to ensure good ventilation and to avoid large gatherings – such as Chapel services and assemblies. In November the infection rate hit a peak, and to try to limit the numbers of both students and staff having to isolate, the whole school wore facemasks for two months. We all wondered for how long we could carry on like this.

But by the spring the worst finally seemed to be over and we began to return to normality. It was confirmed that both IB and GCSE exams were on - for the first time since 2019 - and with the infection rate down we were able to reinstate the normal calendar of school events. House Music and concerts, a school production of 'Blood

Brothers', Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions and a CCF Field Day, matches and Sports Day all resumed, and the year culminated with the full festivities of Founders' Day and the Leavers' Ball. We were finally back to normal.

The Barrovian is the chronicle of school life and this edition, the 329th, records the highs and

lows of another extraordinary year but a year in which a lot was achieved and a year which ends very much on a high.

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JOHN OATTS

John joined the College as Bursar and Clerk to the Governors in September 2007. His background was in estate management and he had previously worked for both Fettes College in Edinburgh and the National Trust for Scotland. He moved to the island with his wife Debby and two children, Huw and Sarah, and whilst Debby managed the College shop for a number of years Huw and Sarah went all the way through the school both doing exceptionally well in the IB.

A bursar's responsibilities are far-reaching and the role is of critical importance to the success of any school. Finance is central and a deft hand is needed when dealing with both parents and budget holders, but the bursar is also responsible for the entire support side of the school from the state of the playing fields to the quality of catering. During John's long tenure the list only got longer with IT becoming ever more prominent and an increasing emphasis on compliance, such as in respect to data protection. Somehow, John managed the lot. He never appeared stressed and by putting in long hours both during the school day and in the evenings and weekends he kept everything running smoothly.

But what singled John out above all was the courtesy and kindness he showed everybody who came into contact with him. He always had time to listen to someone's concerns and he made sure that

everybody felt both valued and supported. With such a measured approach he was able to resolve the most difficult of situations and his reassuring presence helped the school navigate its way through a number of challenging times, none more so than Covid.

John leaves many friends behind in both the College and wider island community as he moves back to his native Scotland. We wish both him and Debby a long, well-deserved and very happy retirement.



DENISE CURRIE

Denise joined the History Department at College in 2005 after she and her family moved to the island from London. At first, she taught part-time as her family was still young, but over time she took on more and more teaching and she soon became a mainstay of both the History and RS Departments. Her experience of teaching both subjects was extensive and she brought both enthusiasm and considerable expertise to her lessons. She was soon teaching History in the IB and she enjoyed its international dimension - happily teaching everything from Maoist China to Peron's Argentina, and this encouraged her to introduce the complexities of the modern Middle East to the GCSE course when she took charge of the department in 2014. She was always up for a new challenge and the time and effort she put into

her lessons together with the support she gave to every individual led to the department's consistently strong exam results.

And then there were those trips. Denise had always been an intrepid traveller and she immediately contributed to the History Department's reputation for travelling the world. She took responsibility for First Aid - and when accompanied by her husband, John, the group had the luxury of its own doctor - and there were numerous trips to Europe and the US together with more specialist ones to China, Vietnam and Cuba. From an overnight sleeper in Russia to travelling by powerboat up the Mekong, Denise was always undaunted and her resilience and good humour were central to making the trips so successful.

But Denise was not one to rest on her laurels. In addition to both History and RS she took charge of the Extended Essays at College and she became an IB examiner to broaden her expertise. She was a very popular tutor in the Sixth Form and she guided generations of students through the complexities of both the IB and their university applications. And more recently she became a Safeguarding Lead and, reflecting her high standing amongst her colleagues, President of the Common Room. For 17 years Denise and her family - all of whom went through College - have been at the very heart of the school and as she moves with John back to Northern Ireland, we will all miss her friendship and support but we wish her every success and happiness in the future.



DUNCAN MATTHEWS

Growing up on the Isle of Man, Duncan Matthews took his degree in Mathematics at the University of Manchester before beginning his teaching career in Sheffield. Shortly afterwards he moved back to the island to take up a post at Ballakermeen High School, and not long after, he was promoted to deputy Head of Mathematics. He came to the College as Head of Mathematics in September 2007 and with several members of the department retiring in that year, he was faced with the challenge of building a new department. He did this efficiently and soon the new department was seeing excellent results both in the IB and also at GCSE.

An outstanding teacher of Mathematics, Duncan soon gained the respect of his students and found new and interesting ways to engage the students at all levels. Enjoying a real passion for Mathematics, he led the department in teaching the Higher-Level Mathematics to the Sixth Form, but he was equally adept at teaching all abilities and at all levels. Sharing his ideas and new teaching initiatives with all members of his staff - he managed to enhance the teaching of Mathematics through his department and thereby throughout the school as well.

The extent of Duncan's Mathematical abilities was not restricted solely to the school and he was quickly recognised by the Edexcel examination board; who appointed him as a chief examiner. For many years he has been the author of the Edexcel 'A level' papers which have been a rigorous benchmark for assessing the candidates in Statistics.

Duncan also graced the life of the school through his many extra-curricular activities which he used to

help enrich the lives of many students. An avid golfer, Duncan was keen to include golf in the sporting curriculum of the school and so he volunteered to take students to the golf course and golf range as part of the sports programme for fifth and sixth formers. Throughout his fifteen years at the college he took countless fifth and sixth formers to play golf every Thursday afternoon despite the often in-hospitable weather conditions which are so often prevalent on the island. His dedication extended to taking students on golfing tournaments where the students were rewarded with several trophies for their prowess.

Throughout his time at King William's College Duncan has seen many changes in the education of students in Mathematics and he successfully took his team through them, showing the way and leading them from the front. His dedication and hard work have been exceptional. His caring nature for both his staff and students has been a constant quality which have been an encouragement to everyone in the school, and this made him a much loved and valued member of the teaching staff. Duncan has many interests and pursuits outside of school life and we are sure that he will throw his time and energy into these activities with the same vigour that he gave to his teaching at King William's College. We wish him all the best in his retirement and hope he enjoys many a happy hour on the golf course.



SUSAN GIBSON

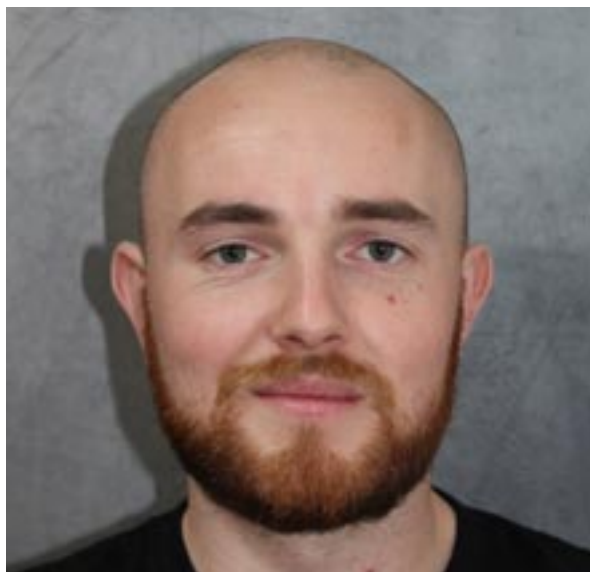
Susan joined KWC in 2010, initially running the School Shop and then moving into playing a key role in both the Admissions and HR Departments.

In 2018, she was appointed Examinations Officer and her keen eye for detail, administrative skills and meticulous organisation made her perfectly suited to this wide-ranging role. Little did she know that within such a short space of time, the role of the Examinations Officer would take on a whole new dynamic as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Susan expertly navigated two years of uncertainty and ever-changing regulations and requirements, and worked exceptionally hard to ensure that staff and students were kept fully abreast of all of the changes. Her personable, caring nature, good humour and attention to detail ensured that the process of awarding Teacher Assessed Grades was carried out fairly, and according to regulations. She helped to enable the students to achieve the results they deserved, in spite of such disruption to their Teaching and Learning and the cancellation of their examinations.

We were all delighted to see a return to a normal external examination series this summer and, once again, Susan's calmness and organisation ensured that these ran smoothly, not least for the Upper Sixth whose GCSE examinations had been cancelled two years previously, resulting in them having limited experience of formal, external examinations.

Susan's daughters, Molly and Alice both attended the Buchan and KWC and we have all enjoyed getting to know the entire family throughout their time with us. Susan will be very much missed and we wish her all possible success and happiness in her future endeavours, wherever they may take her.



HAMISH LUCKAS

Hamish joined KWC two years ago, after doing his initial teaching training at Ellesmere College. He graduated from the University of Chester with a BA (Hons) in Sports Development and later completed a MA in Sports Coaching at UCLAN. Hamish had previous work experience as a performance analyst and assistant rugby coach in National League Rugby and joined us as a Teacher of PE and 1st XV rugby coach.

Hamish was an excellent 1st XV rugby coach, dedicating many hours coaching the boys out on big side. He was committed and professional and developed excellent relationships with all players. Unfortunately, during his first season, the world was hit with the COVID 19 pandemic, but KWC was one of the only schools in the northern hemisphere to play a competitive game of rugby. The IOM had an 'air bridge' with Guernsey and the 1st XV managed to travel to Guernsey to play Elizabeth College and Guernsey rugby academy – winning both games. The following season things slowly started opening up, allowing Mr Luckas to fully get his teeth into leading the 1st XV with strong performances and victories against Birkenhead School and Liverpool College.

Hamish was also heavily involved in the boarding life of the school being a Colbourne tutor. He was a lead member of staff with College's efforts in quarantining returning students after their

Christmas holidays, in January 2021. He spent a total of 5 weeks in isolation in Colbourne House, supporting students' wellbeing and health on their return to the Island. Hamish is the classic all-round school master: Fully committed to the holistic approach that defines the best boarding schools, high care and consideration towards the boarders, as well as his firm stance on discipline. Students recognised him as a role model. He will be sorely missed.



ELENA SINCLAIR

Elena was born and raised in Tbilisi, Georgia. Before moving to the Isle of Man, Elena taught in Fleetwood, but before that, she worked for sixth months in Normandy as a volunteer.

She joined the Modern Foreign Languages Department in September 2018. Elena worked as a part-time teacher, teaching both French and Spanish. She also worked as an Exam Officer Assistant for the past 2 years. It was evident that she enjoyed living in the Isle of Man, as in her spare-time Elena loved swimming and walking. She also visited stately homes and museums.

Elena is now heading to Windermere school where she will be teaching Russian and Spanish at IB Level and she will part of the Boarding community. We wish her all the best on her new venture.



HELEN ALLAN

Helen is a passionate and experienced teacher of Geography to GCSE and A Level for 22 years at QE II High School. Helen decided on a career change to take up the role of Learning Support Assistant at King William's College in September 2021. Committed to inspiring children and making a difference, Helen brings with her a wealth of knowledge and understanding about young people regarding how they learn, gain confidence and remain motivated. While immersing herself within the Learning Support Department and the many roles that this entails, Helen has already been teaching GCSE Geography and numerous sessions to support the Maths department.

Outside of work, Helen enjoys crafts and developing her artistic talents, whether for fun with her family or for show; at events such as Peel Carnival. She is also involved in the running of St. John's Football Club, first joining as a committee member for over ten years and holding the role of Treasurer for four of these. Nowadays, when she can, she also watches enthusiastically from the side lines at Lincoln City FC Academy where her son, Isaac, plays. She also has two other children, Reuben and Evie.



LEE BATCHFORD

Lee is originally from Nottingham where he completed his education, then trained as a precision engineer. He spent time designing and manufacturing parts for jet engines, as well as manufacturing tooling for the injection moulding industry whilst owning and running his own small business. Lee enjoyed his role training apprentices and decided to train as teacher in 2002. He attended Sheffield Hallam University where he achieved a First-Class Honours degree BSc in Design and Technology Education with QTS. Lee has embraced his career in teaching wholeheartedly by undertaking the roles of Head of Year/House, Aim Higher coordinator, Head of Design and Technology and Head of PSHE. Lee has continued his CPD throughout his career, he has over Fifteen years' experience as a middle leader and has completed courses in coaching and mentoring. Lee has been identified as an outstanding teacher by previous head teachers, he regularly mentors newly qualified teachers to provide support and guidance during the early stages of their careers.

Lee and his family left the sunny island of Jersey to join King Williams College, and he took the position as Head of Design and Technology in September 2021, predominantly to allow his son Alex the chance to attend this prestigious school. This is a decision the family are really glad they made as Alex has flourished in the KWC

supportive environment. Lee's wife Pauline works full time in the Buchan nursery, the whole family are immersed in KWC and IOM life. They enjoy cycling and paddle boarding in the bracing waters of the IOM.

During his time at KWC, Lee has been a well-respected tutor in the Lower fifth form, and actively involved with the boarding community, embracing the role as a tutor and mentor to students in Colbourne and School House. In September 2022, Lee will take on the role as Colbourne House Master/Parent, an opportunity that he is very much looking forward to. He will receive the full support of his wife, and Alex will become part of the boarding community. On his appointment, Lee said 'this is a unique role that will allow me to use all my skills and experience gained from my time in education and industry, whilst continuing to learn and grow as a human being. I will ensure the boys in Colbourne House, along with the day students I teach at KWC will receive the best experience possible'.



AMY BENZIANE

Amy spent her childhood in Paris, Málaga and Port St Mary, returning to her island home with her own young family and taking up the post of English Teacher in September 2021. While in her third year of studying History and Politics at The University of York, Amy was offered a place to train as an English teacher with Teach First. Since beginning her career in the North West, Amy has spent time teaching in Manchester, London and Bordeaux and held a range of leadership positions, extending the

impact she makes on student wellbeing and progress well beyond her own classroom.

While working in London, Amy supported Teach First trainee teachers based at UCL's Institute of Education and the University of Warwick. She has been running workshops at the universities themselves since 2014 as well as coordinating the training experience of Teach First, Schools Direct and PGCE trainees as Lead English Mentor in North London. Amy is also an alumna of the Ambition Institute, having completed their Middle Leadership Development Program. During this time Amy successfully applied for a research grant from the Education Endowment Foundation; her research focused on language acquisition and teacher coaching, and successfully ensured the majority of students achieved 5, rather than the expected 3, levels of progress.

Amy's genuine passion to support diverse groups of young people has been demonstrated through her work within the classroom and as a volunteer for charities and community projects. This desire to support her students and help them to excel has been evident throughout her time at College thus far, not only in her work with her own students but also through her role as a Sixth Form Tutor, and she has volunteered as a boarding tutor. As such, Amy's impact in supporting students can be seen across the breadth of College.

Although Amy knows the island well, she has been enjoying rediscovering it through the eyes of her two young children and energetic rescue dog.



MADELEINE BURGER

Hailing from South Africa, Madeleine Burger completed her teacher training through the University of the Free State before continuing her studies through the University of South Africa where she attained a Bachelors in Education, with English and History as her majors. She comes to KWC with a wealth of experience in education, having spent 18 years teaching in her homeland, during which time she taught English, Afrikaans and History. Alongside her teaching roles, Maddy has inspired students in many different ways. She served as a Head of Year at Hillcrest High School between 2013 and 2018 along with providing a breath of extra-curricular opportunities for her students. In particular she has been Head of Debating, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator, along with coaching netball, and managing football both within school and at a provincial level.

Making the difficult decision to leave South Africa in January 2019, Maddy traded the coastal beauty and sunshine of Durban for the rugged coastline of the Isle of Man. With her partner Rob at her side, she has embraced all facets of Manx life and enjoys exploring the natural and cultural wonders of the Isle of Man. Using the rocky Manx landscape as training, Maddy braved the heights of Kilimanjaro in 2021, climbing 5100m and welcoming in the New Year atop the mountain, raising money for Hospice IOM as she did so.

Since arriving on the island, Maddy has spent a year as a supply teacher, providing inspirational lessons to students across the secondary schools, before teaching English at Castle Rushen High School from 2020-2021.

In her time at King William's College, Maddy has fully immersed herself in all areas of College life, not only providing a kind and reassuring presence for her students, but also by launching the Isle of Man's Debating League which has seen competition between the island's secondary schools. She is a Fifth Form tutor, guiding her tutees with warmth and compassion, alongside extending her time to School House where she has volunteered as a boarding tutor, enabling her to develop close bonds with students in all areas of College.



ANOUK DE VOS

In September 2021 we were absolutely delighted to welcome Miss Anouk de Vos into the Mathematics Department at KWC. Anouk arrived with glowing references and has lived up to them since day one. Joining us with sixteen years of Mathematics teaching experience, first in Gloucester and most recently at Ballakermeen High School, Anouk's roles there included Key Stage 4 then Key Stage 5 Maths coordinator, Head of Maths, and Assistant Head of 6th form.

Anouk clearly enjoys being kept busy. In addition to her teaching commitments, Anouk completed an MEd course in Teaching Further Maths (which she passed with distinction) and then started teaching Further Maths online with the Advanced Maths Support Programme, an initiative run by the UK government to increase post-16 participation in Mathematics.

In January 2021, Anouk qualified as a Special Constable and, in her spare time, really enjoys

volunteering with them. With her two children now grown-up, Anouk keeps busy with partner, Tim, working on renovating their idyllic Manx country cottage where she loves gardening, growing her own vegetables, managing a flock of thirty hens ('the girls') and selling their eggs. Anouk and Tim are currently working towards re-wilding their land; they have planted over 500 native trees to enhance their natural surroundings. With several years of experience of sea kayaking, more recently Anouk has been spending time preparing for a canoeing expedition in the wildest part of Canada in the summer of 2023. Unsurprisingly, Anouk aced her probation year during which she was appointed to take over as Head of Mathematics in September 2022. Anouk 'sails a big ship' (as well as paddling her own canoe). We are looking forward to her leadership over the coming years.



MARIA SÁNCHEZ

Miss Sánchez joined the Spanish department this year. Having lived in England for over the last two decades, she ventured to sail across the Irish Sea looking for new adventures and hoping to enjoy her passion for water sports. Miss Sánchez is completely passionate about sharing the knowledge of her mother tongue with her students, and she strives to help everyone in her groups to fulfil their potential. ICT is an essential part of Miss Sanchez's teaching and she is always keen to develop new resources to support her students.

Miss Sánchez has also been a 5th Form tutor and is part of the boarding team. She has been a real asset to the girls in School House who have benefited from her caring and listening qualities. Whilst life at

KWC has proven to be rather busy, Mrs Sánchez has also managed to discover some parts of the Isle of Man and particularly enjoyed the Steam Trains in the South of the island, but she is aware that there is a lot more to explore!



HANNAH WATSON

Hannah, born in Hampshire, moved to the island when she was just 2 years old; her parents wanted to raise their family here after falling in love with the island during their TT visits. Hannah developed a keen interest in plants which took her to study Horticulture at Myerscough College before returning to work at some of the island's nurseries. She then spent no less than 21 years as a senior Science technician at Ballakermeen High School. She has come to King William's College with a wealth of experience.

She has quickly become an integral part of the Science team, popular with staff and students alike. Within weeks she was stepping in to help out in lessons when we were affected by staff shortages with Covid.

She has transformed the traditional physics prep room with her plants and has been helping to run the increasingly popular Junior Science club. She is a keen baker (which is greatly appreciated by colleagues in the Common Room) and enjoys craft activities, so has been helping students at crochet club.

IB Results 2022

We celebrated significant success following the publication of the International Baccalaureate Diploma results in July. Despite the challenges of the pandemic the students achieved an excellent overall average of 33 points with seven students achieving a remarkable 40 points or more.

At the very top of the year group Anna Cregeen achieved the maximum of 45 points. That is a spectacular achievement and one that only around 250 students achieve globally each year, and Anna becomes only the fourth student at KWC to score full points since we introduced the IB nearly 20 years ago. Only narrowly behind her was Oana Voicu on 43 points and Christina Adcock on 42 points, whilst Scarlett Sadler and Alex Turnbull both achieved 41 points and Carys Hoile and Francesco Holm both achieved 40 points. An enormous well done to them all.

The results lower down in the year group were equally pleasing. In a cohort of 46 students there was a wide range of abilities and some had initially hesitated about taking on the IB, but by putting in the effort they made a real success of the programme demonstrating once again that the Diploma is not just for the most able.

The university picture is very encouraging. The overwhelming majority were straight into their first or second choice of institution and this year's most popular destinations were Bath, Durham, King's College, London and York. We also had students going to universities in Europe and North America and several had chosen to take a gap year.

It had been a very difficult two years for the students. The cohort never had the opportunity to sit their GCSEs because of Covid and twice in the Lower Sixth they were in lockdown and had to study online. They had shown enormous resilience to have stayed the course and I am very pleased that their hard work had been rewarded with such a strong set of results.



(I)GCSE Results 2022

There was considerable nervousness in the UK that this year would see a significant drop in grades as we return to exam performance rather than the centre assessed grades used during Covid, but for College the results were excellent.

The headline figures are:

- 31% of all results are 9/8 or A*
- 49% of all results are 9/8/7 or A*/A
- 91% of all results are 9-4 or A*-C

Six students gained straight 9/8 (A*) grades, Isabelle Cutts, Bethany McGreevy, Robbie Davies, Rory van der Merwe, Anna Rosenthal and Elizabeth Penn.

A further five students, Olivia Cregeen, Ned Crellin, Arthur Owenson, Vinn Vogel and Rhona Wilson achieved all level 9-7 (A*/A) grades with a handful of other students only missing out by one or two subjects.

In total, out of a year group of 62, over a quarter of the students achieved all A*/As or were only one grade from doing so. Those are enormous achievements and we are very pleased that the students' hard work paid off so handsomely. We also had excellent results lower down in the year and there was conspicuous success in particular for those studying in their second language and for those who joined us partway through the courses.

This year group was able to sit exams as normal but they were still badly impacted by Covid - they were in lockdown twice in the Middle Fifth - and they deserve enormous credit for having shown such resilience and commitment and for having done so well. They were a hard-working year and that has been reflected in the results.

Congratulations also go to the Middle Fifth on their GCSE RS results. They too were strong with a significant number of top grades and again that is all the more impressive given the Covid-led disruption at the beginning of the course.



University and Careers 2022

Christina Adcock	Cardiff	Psychology
Rachel Amoedo Garcia	Lancaster	Politics and International Relations
Lily Ansara	University of the Arts, London	Fashion Buying & Merchandising
Catherine Atkinson	York	Global Development
Jake Black	UCM	Business Management
Benjamin Bloch	Durham	Classics
Anna Cregeen	Durham	Biological Sciences
Samuel Davin	Bath	Pharmacology
Jemima Denton	Exeter	English
Reece Donnelly	York	Sociology with Social Psychology
Artem Dorozkhin	SAE Institute, Dubai	Game Design
Francesco Facchini	UCFB	International Football Business
Alice Gibson	University of Southern California	Theatre
Jasmine Harding	Kent	Psychology
Bobbie Hempsall	Liverpool Hope	Human Biology, Sport & Exercise Science
Carys Hoile	York	Computer Science
Francesco Holm	Durham	Psychology & Anthropology
Adam Holt	Nottingham Trent	Business Management, Accounting & Finance
Oscar Huang	National University of Ireland	Foundation Year
Sebastian James	Kent	International Business
William Kearns	Nottingham	American & Canadian Studies
Elias Köhler	University of Munich	Law
Annabel Kneale	Liverpool John Moores	Criminology & Sociology
Antoni Lechanski	Sussex	History & English
Sophie Long	Nottingham	Architecture
Ruairi McNally	Nottingham	Geography
Ana Migeladze	IE University, Madrid	Law
Milo Murphy	Manchester	Ancient History
Edward Pegge	Newcastle	Modern Languages & Business
Philip Pribik	Leiden University, Netherlands	Security Studies
Lauren Raatgever	York	Human Geography & Environment
Emil Shinskii	Lancaster	Business Management, Entrepreneurship
Anastasia Smolianinova	University of the Arts, London	Foundation Year
Ava Treutler	Bath	Mechanical with Automotive Engineering
Alexander Turnbull	Bath	International Management with Spanish
Haydn Waddington	Nottingham Trent	Business Management & Entrepreneurship
James Weston	Exeter	Medical Imaging
Oliver Wylie	Nottingham	Politics and International Relations
Toby Wylie	Liverpool	Law & Business

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James Cannell	Lancaster	International Relations and History
Anna Glynn	King's College, London	English
Polly Glynn	Queen Mary, London	Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Matthew Kerruish	Birmingham	Biomedical Science
Bryn Kingston-Jones	King's College, London	History



THE BUCHAN SCHOOL

Letter from the Head

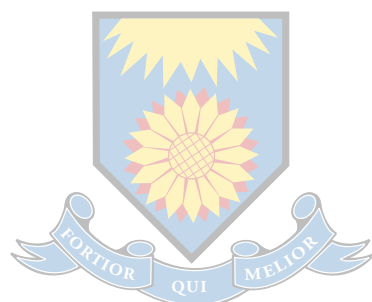


Each academic year, although similar in many ways, has its unique stamp. This year has been the first one since 2019 where we have been in school from start to finish.

We have witnessed another cohort of students experience their final year and are ready to welcome our new P1 pupils in September.

At our recent prize-giving ceremony, I reflected upon the different parts of our school working together, to provide an excellent education. The dedicated teaching staff continue to go above and beyond to create exceptional learning experiences for the children. The support staff also ensure that the school runs smoothly and efficiently with over 1,000 delicious and nutritious hot meals and 2,500 snacks provided each week!

I am immensely proud of The Buchan School and I am certain that you will enjoy reading the articles about this academic year. If you would like further information about The Buchan School, please do not hesitate to contact me.



The Buchan Nursery

We have had a fantastic, fun filled year in the Buchan Nursery. We have learned so many new songs, read new stories and played new games. We have built towers and castles out of bricks and blocks, painted pictures with paint, glue, sand and glitter and had so much fun making a mess!

We have three different classes; the Little Seeds who join us when they turn two, the Seedlings who are turning three and the Sunflowers; the pre-schoolers preparing to move on to Big School.

The children have loved having all the extra curricular activities including drama, where Mr Duncan has turned well known nursery rhymes into spectacular performances. Madame Willis and Camembert have taught the children French songs and Miss Laura has the children pointing their toes in their tutus for ballet every week. We also have a

weekly visit from Rev Erica and our own Miss Jen who gets the children moving doing Ready Steady dance. We had a wonderful sunny Open Dance session where the parents came to watch a fun filled dance session, full of laughter and a memory to treasure.

Miss Amy has taken the children out every day to Buchan Rangers, come rain or shine to explore the hidden world of mud kitchen, puddles, bug hotels and natural treasures in our own woods on the Buchan grounds.

Alongside all of our own activities we've had some very special visitors. PCs Jeff & Steff came to visit us in their police van, complete with riot gear and shields. The children had a ball being arrested and put in the back of the van – all 15 at a time! Half of the children have now decided to join the force.



Santa came to visit at Christmas time, bearing gifts for all the children. They all sung lots of Christmas carols and he left to fly over the rooftops whilst we had an exciting Christmas party. It was a very special morning.

We've been around the world; taste testing foods of all flavours and learning about different cultures and traditions. Whilst around the world, the Sunflowers wrote and sent their own postcards home from their imaginary destinations including Mermaid Land, caravans, Florida and Australia.

This year we are sending up 16 children to P1 at the Buchan. The children are ready to move up as

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they've had plenty of transition days, activities in Pre-prep and visits from the P1 teachers.

As a final send off for our little Sunflowers moving on to 'big school' we had a wonderful Graduation ceremony, complete with personalised t-shirts, mortarboards, certificates and medals. By far the best memory of the day was the parents doing the Penguin song.

We would like to thank all the parents, teachers and children for a wonderful year. We look forward to welcoming the new children in September, making new friends, more memories and even more messy fun!



Pre-Prep

This was a huge year for all of our Pre-Prep children... it marked the first time that every single child from P1 through to P3 experienced their first full academic year in school! What an extraordinary thought, especially for the older children! To say it is a relief is an understatement. So much has been missed, but so much has now been experienced during these fun-filled past few months. This year saw the introduction of Mini School Council. The Pre-Prep councillors have met each Monday morning and discussed events and changes to help enhance our school environment. Activities have included an Easter Egg hunt, Christmas crafts and a movie day, Valentines baking, the return of Toy Day Friday ("Hurray", I hear the children shout!) a summer fun day, recycling bags for each room and so much more! As a department, we were able to celebrate Christmas in the form of year group concerts, showcasing the festive songs learnt during music lessons, a Christmas party where the children were able to dance and play collectively without the apprehension of social distancing, and a scrumptious Christmas dinner provided by our wonderful kitchen staff. As the months progressed, the seasonal celebrations continued with a fabulous outdoor Easter egg hunt in the Rose Garden, an abundance of merriment for the Platinum Jubilee with extravagant attires fit for the Queen, treasure hunts and a unique outdoor summer fun day to celebrate the closing of a fabulous year of joy, learning and friendships.

"We didn't realise we were making memories, We were just having fun!"

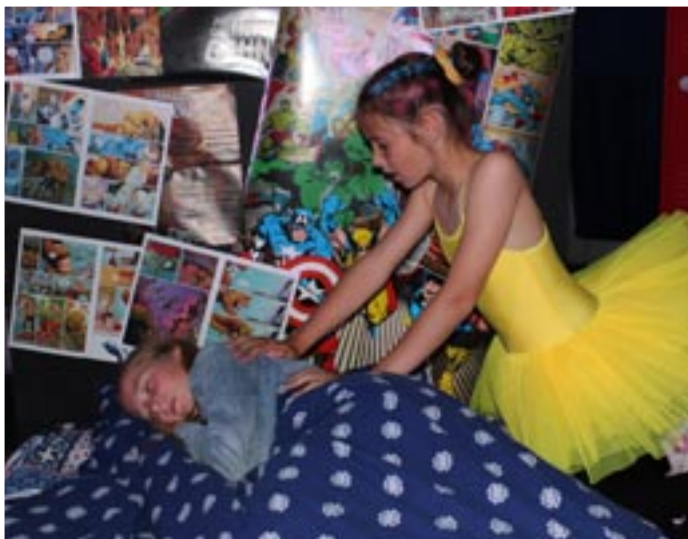
P3 explored the wildlife park and spent time learning about the rainforest, received a video link from the airport fire station as part of the Great Fire of London topic, where they burned down their cardboard houses and P3 also became Experts of the Week where each child chose a topic they were passionate about and gave presentations to the class on their chosen subject.

P2 ventured up to Peel to visit the House of Manannan and experienced an old toys workshop, they also made their own ballot boxes for the election and spent many happy lessons investigating an array of topics, including tasting exotic fruit as discussed in Handa's Surprise! P1 spent time finding out about where food comes from, made their own butter and had a trip to a local shop to buy food supplies! They also visited KWC Chapel to hear the Christmas story and collected toy sheep with Reverend Erica for the 'crib scene'.

P1 thoroughly enjoyed learning about different cultures and festivals from around the world.

Children's conversations about lockdown, masks, social distancing and lateral flows have slowly ebbed away and have been replaced with the happy chatter of school trips, assemblies, concerts and so many other adventures; just as it should be.







Subjects

ENGLISH

It was with a huge sigh of relief that everyone in the English department, teachers and pupils alike, celebrated a complete year in school for the first time in a while. September saw the return of the Interhouse competition with the focus on handwriting. Pencils were sharpened, pens primed and feather quills prepared as the children diligently copied classic poetry in the hope of being crowned overall handwriting champion of 2021. The prize was awarded to Magnus house.

October meant the submission of the Buchan Baccalaureate Extended projects from F4. Every year, we as staff, are in awe of the range of topics and quality of research and presentation of the entries and are already looking forward to receiving the next cohort's entries. The projects were exhibited during the Spring Term for all the parents to see, and inspire future classes.

During the Spring Term, three Form 4 pupils took part in the Rotary Public Speaking Competition. Their performance and speech entitled, 'If I were chief minister...' earned them second place. They entertained the audience with a range of suggestions to improve school life, including a request for comfy chairs!

The highlight of the year was World Book Day. Once again everyone had fun dressing up as their favourite book-themed characters, parading through the school and enjoying a host of book-themed activities.

The Buchan School fully embraces all that is offered by the English Department and we are very grateful to everyone's participation in all of our events and fun.

FRENCH

At the Buchan, French language learning has continued to enrich the diverse curriculum. There is always great enthusiasm for our cultural topics and this year was no exception.

The French tradition of the "galette des rois" was thoroughly anticipated and enjoyed by all Prep pupils who sampled an authentic slice of this delicious cake, baked by an incredibly talented patisserie chef who is also a parent, Mrs Helen Crosbie. A recipe was shared with the children and many chose to bake a galette with their favourite filling at home.

Our new addition to Pre-Prep was none other than Camembear, the talking teddy bear from Quimper. Camembear was welcomed with winning smiles from the children and he appreciated their well-rehearsed greetings and singing in each lesson. Camembear brought traditional pastries in for the children and talked to them at length about the delicious French "petit déjeuner"

We are always so fortunate to share the much-coveted resource of any language teacher with College; an assistant(e)! This year Morane was able to work in small groups with our Form 3 and Form 4 pupils, targeting their spoken French and delighting them with some competitive and enjoyable board games.

Instilling a love for languages is always top of the agenda at The Buchan and we look forward to another year of embracing this wonderful experience.

DRAMA

If this year of Buchan Drama could be summed up with one word, it would be...SUPER!

Form 4's summer production of the new play ZERO RISING has inspired all year groups in their work throughout the year.

Firstly, Pre-Prep have been looking at the journey of the traditional hero throughout their drama work, from journeying with Odysseus on his great adventures to travelling back in time to the origins of theatre and mask work in ancient Greece. They have been thrilled with battling monsters and triumphing over evil at every turn.

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Form's 2 and 3 have been taking a deep dive into the works of Shakespeare, from the 'vasty fields of France' in the bombastic Henry V to supernatural and most tragic heroes of Macbeth and Hamlet. The children have faced the complicated verse and twisting plots with energy, enthusiasm and typical Buchan bravery.

Form 1 thoroughly enjoyed their time in front of the camera, filming their first short film. They got to experience creating a project from the ground up, devising, rehearsing, filming and looking into the post-production process as well! If their work was anything to go by, Spielberg has got some serious competition!

As ever, the highlight, was the final show of the year. And, more than ever, we have challenged ourselves to new heights. ZERO RISING was a new play written especially for the children. It was a wildly ambitious new take on super heroes, set in a future where everyone has a super power, everyone except one girl, the eponymous Zero, who must face her greatest fears and the ultimate super villain if she's ever to discover her place in the world. The production involved special effects, multi-media, filming and flying as well as stage work with a cast of nearly 30 new superheroes, from CopyCat, Galvatron, SteelHeart and Lone Wolf to PlayList, Dr Cross and Captain Awesome. It really was a remarkable production and you could see the joy in the cast of children from the moment it began to the final curtain call. Well done to all involved in this huge artistic endeavour.

Here's to another extraordinary year in Buchan Drama. BRAVO!

MUSIC

The multi talented children at The Buchan School have performed their way through numerous musical events this school year. The Prep choir entertained parents at Harvest Festival in October and this was followed by an Autumn Serenade. Held in the school gym, it was an opportunity for

the children to play or sing in front of an audience to improve their confidence. Items included pieces on the trumpet, piano and violin in addition to super vocal performances.

The musical school year continued with many rehearsals and performances in the lead up to Christmas. Pre-Prep Department told the story of the Nativity through carols and prose, whilst Prep performed their usual Carol Service at St. Thomas' Chapel. The choir performed to a Covid-reduced audience, singing Il Est Ne in French along with Prep children. A beautiful Normandy version of Away in a Manger was sung by the Prep choir, assisted by members of staff. African Noel and Born is the King were the final items sung by the talented children in the Prep Choir.

Choir rehearsals got underway after Christmas for the Manx Music Festival. After a break of two years, the children were excited to perform and

rehearsed for many hours. Candlemas featured next and the Prep choir sang a beautifully haunting hymn called Like a Candle Flame. It was soon time for the Easter Service and once again, the Prep Choir performed a number of hymns, including He is Risen and Alleluia – in three parts!

Only a few weeks later and it was time for the choirs to perform at the Manx Music Festival. The Prep choir sang their pieces beautifully – I am the Earth and Joshua fit the Battle of Jericho, gaining a well deserved second place. The newly formed Pre-Prep choir were extremely excited, waiting for their chance to perform. Siyahamba and One Little Voice were their pieces and they were outstanding in their performance, with a superb solo by Lara, gaining them first place, the Phurt Le Moirrey Cup and £100! Just as important as excellent performances was their behaviour at the Festival which was exemplary – true ambassadors of The Buchan School.

An exciting project for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee took centre stage next. Working in collaboration with the King William's College Chapel Choir, they recorded a performance of 'In Our Service'. This was an anthem written by

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Thomas Hewitt Jones and commissioned by the Royal School of Church Music. The text of the music contained words from the Queen's own speeches. The children were very eager to take part in this event and it was a super transition opportunity for the children to sing with a more experienced choir. Listening to themselves on Manx Radio and featuring on Granada News was exciting and something they will always remember. Moving forward to Buchan Prize Days in June involved two separate events for Pre-Prep and Prep. A selection of younger children entertained the audience before the main guests arrived. There were many wonderful performances including Aubrey on the ukulele in P3 and budding pianist Sean in P2. The Pre-Prep choir also sang their Manx Music Festival pieces. The Prep Prize Day was a similar format. Excellent singing and performances from the Form 4 girls and some super instrumentalists. The audience was able to hear the Prep Choir once again, performing their Guild pieces.

A final performance by the Form 4s was given during the Leavers Assembly in which they sang When I'm Gone, with a tricky technical cup rhythm demonstrated by some of the children. Pre-Prep music making has involved lots of singing and instrumental work this year. Activities have also been based on class topics and events in the school calendar.

Music making at Buchan has been recently enhanced by the adoption of the Model Music Curriculum used in the U.K. Children in Prep have taken part in a weekly carousel - including listening, performing and composing activities using the laptops and keyboards.

Music clubs throughout the year have included Staff choir, Prep and Pre-Prep choirs and a developing Orchestra. Children in both Pre-Prep and Prep have greatly benefitted from the expertise of the visiting music teachers, who enhance the provision of music. Many pupils have taken Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music exams supported by the visiting music team, and their input contributes to the success of Music at The Buchan School – thank you.

ART

One of the key objectives of The Buchan art room is to provide an environment in which the children feel at ease and confident enough to experiment, take risks and make mistakes. These days, children are so keen to achieve results and 'get it right', that the whole process of exploring different media and discovering their own personal choices can sometimes be lost. With this in mind, our lessons build in periods of exploration and self discovery.

We have not worked without objective or boundary in the name of creativity. However, instead we have tried to create a balance between, on the one hand, learning and practising the tried and tested techniques of famous artists (old and new) and on the other hand embracing the freedom to explore our unique view on established ideas. In this way, children find their own style and uncover their own competence and in doing so, it often surprises them what they can achieve.

All children at The Buchan are encouraged to demonstrate their creativity.

I have great pleasure in sharing with you some of the work that has been produced this year from our super artists at The Buchan. This is just a small selection of many excellent pieces of work that have been produced as a result of real bravery, learning to love our mistakes, embracing the learning curve and most importantly, not settling for anything less than they personally set out to achieve





Buchan Sport

RUGBY REVIEW: U7-U11

It has been great to see the Junior Rugby Festivals start up gain on the Island. Player numbers at all the Island's clubs have taken a hit after the enforced break and this has led to some clubs, including ourselves, joining up age groups to ensure that games take part and the children do not miss out. This really shows the spirit of the game as participating and learning the core skills are the important part of the sport at this age and level.

The Under 11 team amalgamated with Douglas Rugby Club for each festival and made good progress over the year, particularly with their tackling and rucking. Our Under 10 team have real potential, they have a bit of everything and will hopefully have the option to travel off island in the near future to develop their skills. The Under 9 team put in some sterling performances and adapted well to their first experience of contact rugby. The tag teams played really well in the indoor festival and won the majority of their Sunday Festival games.

FOOTBALL: U11 MILLENNIUM SUCCESS

The under 11 football team enjoyed another great day at the Millennium Tournament. With 40 teams and over 400 children playing, it was a real challenge for everyone. In the group stage we remained unbeaten and topped the group after 8 tight matches, with 5 wins and 3 draws. It was then onto the knockout stages where we beat Ballacottier and Ashley Hill to meet the highly fancied Onchan team in the final. The boys improved throughout the day and the final was an end to end affair with both teams having chances. It finished 1-1 in normal time with Onchan going on to win it late in extra-time. With the majority of the team being from Form 3 we should be should be strong again next year.

NETBALL: U11 SOUTHERN SCHOOL NETBALL CHAMPIONS!

Despite our teams having very little chance to compete this year, when given the opportunity,

they were determined to prove themselves! The U11 netball teams finished 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Southern Schools Tournament – a superb result! From this, our two top teams progressed to the Isle of Man Finals where they played the top 10 schools on the Island. With the addition of boys into the tournament, it was a very different style however of play to previous years. Both teams put in some great performances with much improved shooting percentages. After 8 games we finished a pleasing 3rd and 4th place and with many of our players being in Form 3, next year looks strong! Well done to all - a brilliant achievement in an event that started out with 33 competing Schools.

INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS: RESULTS 2021/22

	U9 Champions	U11 Champions
Fitness	Lagman	Lagman & Olaf
Netball	-	Olaf
Tag Rugby	Godred & Lagman	Olaf
Cross Country	Godred	Godred
Basketball	-	Olaf
Football	-	Magnus & Godred
Bucketball	Godred	-
Swimming	Olaf	Magnus
Triathlon	Magnus	Godred
Athletics	Lagman	Magnus

INTER HOUSE SWIMMING GALA

The summer term hosted the return of our Inter House Swimming Gala. For a majority of our pupils it was their first ever gala due to the three-year Covid break. There were two new individual records set. Just as commendable were the efforts of all the pupils for their improvement over the year and the number of personal bests that were set.

INTER HOUSE TRIATHLON

With just under 100 pupils taking part in our 17th Annual Buchan Triathlon, it was always going to be an exciting day. This is still the biggest junior event of its kind on the island and a fantastic opportunity for the Buchan children to participate in a multi-sport event. All finishers received a medal, t-shirt and an ice cream, which for many is the highlight of their day! You can always sense the children's nerves and anticipation the morning of this event, however so many of them put the day down as their proudest sporting moment of the year when they complete their end of year review.

INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS

After nine closely fought Inter House competitions between the four School Houses, the year as always finished with our biggest Prep event of the year – Sports Day. All pupils in the school took part in both track and field events and throughout the day displayed excellent sportsmanship, determination and desire to achieve their very best – it was truly rewarding watching the children reap the benefits of their hard work. Congratulations to all children on their hard work and efforts in achieving their bronze, silver, gold and platinum certificates and thank you to the parents for supporting and making it a fantastic atmosphere

PRE-PREP SPORTS DAY

Our 4 -7 year olds enjoyed an awesome afternoon of sport! The excitement and smiles on their faces stole the show. Well done to all the children on their hard work and efforts both on the day and when practising in lesson time. Their finishing stickers were certainly much deserved!

BUCHAN SPORTS TEAMS – COMPETITION RESULTS

Southern Schools Competitions 8 competing schools

U11 Southern Schools netball 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Isle of Man Competitions 33 competing schools

U11 Athletics - Boys	2nd
U11 Athletics - Girls	2nd
U11 Millennium Football	2nd
U11 Cross Country - Girls	3rd
U11 Cross Country - Boys	4th
U11 Cross Country - Overall	4th
U11 Netball	3rd & 4th







Venture Centre

ASSAULT COURSE

For our first activity, we had to keep hold of each other and do the assault course. If you let go of the first then you had to go back to the start of that obstacle.

For the zipline, we had hooked up to a harness which was like a sling.

We had lots of different jobs: photographer, person in charge of brakes, barreller, catcher and taking back up the zipline.

I went first and hurt my back, I went flying up after crashing into the tyres!

AXE THROWING

We were axe throwing, which is where you throw a small axe at a target on a wooden board, not at each other (sadly!) So, in our group I was very excited to throw axes. My friend was able to hit three times with the angel throwing axe and we played boys v. girls. The boys triumphed over the girls after they obliterated us with the crossbows.

Another friend of mine kept on hyping himself up to throw the best axe throw of all time, but he kept failing in the practice.

Someone said that in his group they had different pairs, and in the practice, you switched over. In the tournament, I was with my friend and in our first round, our start was a bit rocky, then I hit the bullseye and got us 100 points! But we were nowhere near as good as the first team (the best axe throwers in the West, (or north-east in Maughold)).

SAILING

Two of the girls capsized 10 times! Two boys faceplanted straight into the water. When we were getting onto the sailing boats, my friend tried to sit down on the boat but he sat on the edge which tipped the boat up, throwing me off the other side and he also fell in! So, before we started, I was soaked! We had a practice without the sails in which I did fine, then when we tried the sails, a lot more people fell in. We did a course around buoys on the lake in a figure of eight.

CANOEING

Once we were in our canoes in the water, we paddled up to the depth stick, then to the tyres and off to the island. We raced around the island, our group was last! We were really slow because we didn't know how to steer the canoe. Three boys won the race. Two girls fell in a lot, because they couldn't keep the boat steady. We shouted "Pirates!" then jumped onto their boat and the girls jumped onto the instructor's (Jamie's) boat and tipped him! Another boy kept rocking our boat a lot and I nearly fell in, my arm went in and got wet but we all managed to stay on board.

CRATE STACK

So basically, we stacked crates and, in the game, we tied for first. There was a base which was two crates high, then there was another two and we both had to go on one at the same time, and people stacked crates on the other side and we climbed higher. It was very fun but I also screamed (more like a screech) a lot.

We made Mr Dunn and Miss Lachenicht do the crate stack. They fell off and Mr Dunn cracked his back on a crate. Mr Dunn says "The children all laughed at me". Mr Dunn obviously blamed the children.

HIGH ROPES

Children had to climb a ladder in order to get to the high ropes. At the top of the ladder you had to climb through a rope bridge and over platforms. The platforms were all quite small and there were lots of obstacles to get past. There were 3 different zip lines, the first was a "zop line" because you basically fell off the edge and went down three metres! The other two were quite fun because it was a bit longer and quicker. It was sometimes annoying because you had a 'Safety C' which you had to put through a load of metal plates, which was quite annoying because most of them were stiff.

On one of the last obstacle platforms I tripped over a rope and fell into a tree and bent my wrist back, and struggled to get up, but I eventually made it. One of the girls was in front of me when

I fell off. She said that everyone fell on their bum at the end of the zip line, but I didn't.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

We played a game of mass hide and seek in the forest. There were lots of brambles and thorns and lots of people got thorned. One of the boys fell down a massive bramble hill and his legs got destroyed! We split into teams and one team had to try and find the other. I was found in the last five seconds. The child who found the most people shouting, "Do you want to hear a joke? What does the cow say to the cow? MEEEEEOOOOW!"

When we played predator, I got really close to the end and my friend didn't see me. I think Madame Willis showed him where I was.

One of the boys said, *'When I was running, I had to jump to the side because the timer ran out and you had to get into a safe place. Mr Dunn got on Mr Macnair's shoulders and spied down on everyone cheating! Also, Madame Willis would look at you and even if you didn't get seen they would get you out! Really unfair!'*

KAYAKING

We started by learning how to paddle and my friend managed to somehow not listen and got the wrong paddle. We had to have one with writing on but she somehow had the wrong one? Even though I was going the right way, I managed to go in circles and do a figure eight in the water. Our instructor, Rebecca, threw 50 mini rubber ducks into the water (all named Percy!) and we had to save (collect) as many as we could! I managed to get 7, my friend got 2 (one of the boys stole them from her!) and the winner got 10.

One of the boys jumped out his boat capsizing everyone, including himself!

NIGHTLINE

In nightline we were blindfolded and had to go around the forest, over, under and through obstacles. We had to try and figure out the secret which was that we were going around in loops. My friend was ahead of me and another one was behind. My friend who was ahead of me got lost at

one point and had to be shown where the rope was. At one point there was a ditch and no one knew where it was. Someone fell in!

After the main loop, we played another game. In groups, there were 6 helmets hidden on the course and we had to direct the blind person to get two helmets. I was in a team of three and we took turns to be blindfolded. We came joint first and won a Squashy each!

We started by getting our blindfolds and helmets. They kept on telling us stories like (a witch made a ton of portals) so we had to avoid them but we couldn't. The instructors said, "don't worry if you end up in the Himalayas or the outback."

A few children were falling a lot. Another boy managed to avoid the barrel that I was meant to go through. I fell and I went out the obstacle. I hit every little tree branch in the area I was crossing in. The instructors had to continually put me back on the rope. I kept on hearing wails and shouts from other people shouting, "fall down! ahh!"

RAFT BUILDING

We used 6 logs to build a raft and we used ropes to tie them up, then attached 4 barrels. We used the barrels as our seats. Our challenge was to race to another island and come back to where we started. The other team kind of had a head start because they built the raft faster. We had to get to the island and touch the giant duck (which one of the boys named "Barnard"). We were still in the middle of the lake when they touched Bernard so we were told to go back to where we started, but we were struggling to turn so we failed.

Then, the instructor couldn't watch us anymore so he helped us by pulling our rope and giving us a boost! My friend was screaming at us on the raft and everyone was stressed so when the other team reached the end, we were still in the middle of the lake. When we got back, they had almost finishing separating the raft, Miss Cain helped us take our raft apart.

Overall, the raft building was fun but the rowing was not fun because we got screamed at!





Health & Wellbeing Club

Health and Wellbeing club at The Buchan has continued to grow and thrived this year with children learning more about our emotions and wellbeing. The sessions start with everyone joining in answering a very simple question (name two things that have made you laugh or smile today) from that we move on throughout the session, we always finish with some relaxation and a positive message so that it ends the day feeling good.

We have been lucky to have various visitors to join us, including Ny Cassyn Reflexology where the children learnt about the body map on feet and had a go at simple massage.

Kat Mills Transformational Coach, during this session the children enjoyed talking about their feelings and emotions and where we hold them in our bodies. We all learnt some techniques about how to let go of emotions and deal with some tricky situations in life. Kat then took us all on a journey as a Dragon Fly; as we all joined in some relaxation.

Isle Listen have visited several times to work with the children including art therapy, making up heroes based on what they would like to be if they could choose, talking about confidence and how to build our self-confidence and worth.

The children have participated in first aid, learning the recovery position, CPR, general first aid tips and what to look for and do in anaphylaxis; including practising with educational auto injectors.

The group have also enjoyed a visit from Purdey the 'Paws for Therapy' dog and learnt how animals can benefit us all. That research has shown that petting an animal can reduce blood pressure and therapy dogs / animals are now used to help children and adults in many different settings.

It is without doubt that the favourite session with the children is Chocolate Visualisation. Visualisation is a powerful technique that can be used to help relieve the symptoms of anxiety. Using chocolate is a great way to get the children to participate and understand the importance of breathing, listening and relaxing and how powerful we all are in our minds.

The children have learnt short relaxation techniques, that I was pleased to see how it helped them during the 11+ exams; when a small group asked to do some breathing before their exams.

We are all now acutely aware of how important mental health is so by providing this club and introducing children to different ideas and thoughts, the hope is that going forward they will be more equipped to deal with difficulties they crop up in life and also dispel any negative issues surrounding mental health.

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Roman Day

On Friday the 27th May, the Buchan school Prep Department was invaded by Romans! The aim was to have a fun day, which also extended the children's knowledge and understanding of the Roman way of life. The day was a great success.

In order to get into the spirit of being a true Roman citizen all children from Form 1 to Form 4 arrived at school, dressed for the occasion, wearing some fantastic costumes. It certainly helped to create the atmosphere for the day. We had Roman soldiers, slaves, gladiators, Gods and Goddesses. A very well done to the students, featured in the picture on the left for winning the best dressed Roman competition.

The day was organised by Miss Newson and consisted of eight different activities, which were superbly co-ordinated by staff and enjoyed immensely by the children.

Miss Newson taught the children how Roman roads were constructed with edible materials... delicious!

In Mrs Ellwood's activity, the children created Roman gladiator or soldier helmets.

Mr Brindle and Mr Dunn taught Colosseum sports on the field.

Miss Cain and Mrs Garret baked some tasty honey cookies.

Mrs Veale made laurel wreaths.

Miss Ashton taught the children about Roman numerals.

Mr Duncan made clepsydra, a Roman water clock.

Perhaps, the most anticipated activity of the day was Mr Macnair's hands-on archaeology lesson! We were lucky enough to have the expertise of Rebecca Macnair, a qualified archaeologist to join us for this special activity. Pupils learned about what archaeology was, and why it is important. Mr Macnair became none other than Indiana Jones and his classroom was transformed into a dig site for the day. Every child had their own earth sample to investigate and approximately one third of the

coins found were Roman. There were coins from all around the world which matched the theme of a tourist destination and the pupils catalogued each coin, finding information out about them from fact sheets and completing a wax rubbing of their coin. Mr Macnair said "This was huge fun! Not only was I able to create realistic earth samples (see the photo of the 'well' in my classroom) but each sample had a coin (Roman or not) set within it that required proper archaeological techniques to reveal and clean up successfully!"

There was an excited buzz during playtimes with children acting like gladiators and Roman soldiers.

One of our students claimed the day was "full of fun and excitement" and this success could not have been achieved if it was not for the enthusiasm and support of all the staff involved. A special thanks goes to Todd and the kitchen staff for creating a delicious Roman pizza meal. They did a wonderful job. It was "perfecto" according to one of our boys.

Over the years, we have had many successful themed Humanity days including two Roman Days, Chinese Day, Viking Day, World War II Day and a Wellbeing Day. I wonder what next year will bring?

Donec tempus!







KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

English

If last year was the year that things 'almost' happened then this year has certainly been one of transition. We saw not only the transition from a world consumed by a pandemic to one that is working within an altered reality, but also the transition of the department as we welcomed Ms Benziane and Mrs Burger to the fold.

After two years of having no external exams, the move to something closer to normality was a welcome relief for both staff and students. Finally anticipating the first, albeit incomplete, examinations for the new IB course, there was a great deal of focus as the Autumn term began and the pressures of external assessment loomed. Unfortunately the lingering impact of Covid meant that there were no Manx Litfest celebrations this year and so there was no visiting speaker to provide some light relief. However, thanks to the efforts of Mrs Murphy, we were still able to get everybody talking about literature through our annual National Poetry Day celebrations. With the Common Room sharing their favourite poems and many interactive poetry writing activities taking place in the Library, College was abuzz with the spoken word. We were also delighted to embrace writing of a very different style through the Isle of Man Newspaper's 'Editor for a Day' Competition, something that we hope will become an annual event and will see greater success, building on that achieved by Louise van der Merwe who claimed

second place in the island-wide competition. This year has seen the evolution of some long aspired to goals as, under the guidance of Mrs Burger, College has expanded its debating offering by launching an Isle of Man Debating League, which has seen our students debate against the best and brightest from the island's secondary schools. With a very successful inaugural year achieved, not least because of KWC's success, we look forward to this expanding in years to come. In addition, organised by a passionate group of students and with Darcey Bateson at the helm, *The Raglan Review*, a new Literary and Arts Magazine, was launched and has already enthused many about reading and writing about their favourite works. Crossing over into Fourth Form and Lower Fifth English lessons, 'the Rag's' team inspired some superb poetry reflecting on the changing seasons.

As the days grew longer with the shift from Autumn to Spring, the English calendar began to fill up quickly as, returning to its rightful place in the schedule, the annual Reading, Writing and Reciting Competition was held for all Fourth Form and Lower Fifth students. Showcasing performances ranging from the poignant to the hilarious, there was an abundance of talent on display as the audience was treated to writing that spanned all genres. However, when the heats were taking place, nobody could have predicted just how pertinent and heartrending Sasha Rabinovich's

reflections on her homeland of Russia would become. In what was a very tough competition, the following students were victorious:

Junior Reading:	Zara Levy
Junior Writing:	Brodie Millar
Junior Reciting:	Jens Cullen
Intermediate Reading:	Tommy Harwood
Intermediate Writing:	Sasha Rabinovich
Intermediate Reciting:	Dominic Sgouraditis

While some longed for home, in March IGCSE English students welcomed the opportunity to leave the Isle of Man in a trip which, for many, was their first time off the island since 2020. Travelling to Liverpool to watch the phenomenal National Theatre production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, ninety M5 and U5 students were able to see first-hand this innovative and daring production which brings the character of Christopher Boone to life. While the journey is one that several members of the department would prefer to forget, the students enjoyed the chance to see the play and to immerse themselves in the cultural delights that Liverpool has to offer, including, for many, a trip to Nando's.

Meanwhile World Book Day returned and we were delighted to welcome back the much-loved Book Fair. With a range of activities and competitions to invigorate interest in books, College responded in their usual fashion, with enthusiasm and just a hint of competitiveness, not least because of the amazing cake that was the coveted raffle prize.

Alongside the extra-curricular activities and the headline grabbing moments, the English department maintains its foremost priority: to inspire a love of literature, writing and learning in all of our students. Therefore, we cannot overlook the importance of the new books that have been read, the new words that have been written and the new arguments that have been formed in our pursuit of learning. And so, while this year has been one of transition, long may it continue as we seek to build on the many successes that have been achieved and strive to transform our students by encouraging their talents.

ENGLISH TRIP TO LIVERPOOL

Covid has somewhat curtailed our off-Island school trips and for some of us, this was our first whole year school trip away since junior school. Having just finished studying the play "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time", it was the perfect opportunity for us to get away and watch the phenomenal live production of the play we had learned about so thoroughly. It was a great opportunity to gain a whole new perspective on an interesting story, with the lights, actors and staging bringing it to life.

'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' tells the story of a boy called Christopher Boone who, although good at Maths, struggles somewhat with social situations and people. The play explores him breaking out of his comfort zones and developing as a person as he undertakes a series of challenges to solve the murder of his neighbour's dog, Wellington. Seeing the play live, with its minimalistic design, use of lights and choreography, allowed us to fully grasp the stage directions and gain a greater understanding of the main character.

As well as our visit to the theatre, we also got the choice between 4 different museums to explore! Plus, we got to go shopping in Liverpool One the next morning (another added bonus). Dinner at Wagamama's and other restaurants made a nice change to our usual IOM options.

The journey home was probably one the teachers would all like to forget... With there being several accidents on the motorway driving up to the sea terminal, it led to us only making the boat (which had already been delayed for us) by 2 minutes – it was quite a stressful experience for many! In spite of this, it was a remarkable trip which certainly helped with our knowledge and understanding of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' and I hope other students studying the play in the future get the same opportunity to see the production that we did!

Emily Osbourn (M5)



Mathematics

UKMT MATHEMATICS CHALLENGES

Once again in the Senior Challenge Oana Voicu, from Upper Sixth, achieved a Gold Certificate and Best in School with another sensational score, this time 106, which was again followed with a much-prized Certificate of Merit in the follow-up Kangaroo paper. Victor Magold and Marija Vasić achieved Silver Certificates and were joint Best in Year for Lower Sixth.

In the Intermediate Challenge, Gold and Best in School certificates were awarded to Sam Torpey from Lower Fifth, a notable achievement given that this exam was taken also by Middle and Upper Fifth students. Upper Fifth student Vinn Vogel achieved a Gold Certificate and Best in Year and followed this with a Certificate of Merit in the Pink Kangaroo paper. Best in Year for Middle Fifth went to Oliver Kermode who also achieved a Gold Certificate. Luke Sutton from Upper Fifth achieved a Gold Certificate. Silver Certificates were achieved by Ben Leinwand and Oli Poole-Wilson from Lower Fifth, Nickolas Ellis, Emily Kirkham, Freyja Kelly and Liav Rosenthal from Middle Fifth and Lloyd Cheadle-Higgins, Isabelle Cutts, Theo Kyriacou, Bethany McGreevy, Arthur Owenson, Reuben Thiagarajan and Rory van der Merwe from Upper Fifth.

This year's Junior Challenge saw Martin Vorster, from Upper Fourth, achieve a Gold Certificate and Best in School with a fantastic score of 119; Martin was only one mark short of qualifying for the Olympiad Paper. Best in Year for Lower Fourth went to Brodie Millar who also achieved a Gold Certificate. Silvers were also awarded to Ameya Malikireddy, Jacob Kennedy, Ro Neel, James Osbourn and Eric Su from Upper Fourth and Amelie Geldart from Lower Fourth.

Science

CONRAD FOUNDATION SPIRIT OF INNOVATION AWARDS

Each year a group of students from College enter the Conrad Foundation Spirit of Innovation Awards. An international competition which challenges innovators to create a solution to a problem and build a business around their idea. It teaches people the importance of marketing an idea and seeking finance to develop their business. CEO Louise van der Merwe said:

'The Conrad Challenge is an international entrepreneurship competition, during which students use their scientific knowledge to create their own business models. Following the success of the school's previous team, Charlie, Teddy, Liam, and I decided to bring together our different interests in STEM subjects to formulate a business idea that has the potential to contribute to future sustainable development'.

'In collaboration with The Foundation for a Smoke-Free World, this year's challenge presented teams with the task of designing an innovation based upon the theme of 'Re-purposed Farmlands and Alternative uses of Tobacco'. We were very keen to tackle this challenge; a global reduction in smoking is both a significant global health target, but will also require a sustainable economic transition for those dependent upon tobacco farming. Our solution stemmed from research into the chemical properties of tobacco. We found several studies that indicated a high efficacy when used as an insect repellent and concluded that this characteristic has the potential to be used successfully.'

'Over several months, my team and I created a detailed business plan which outlined the methods we would use if we were to set up the business in the real world. It was challenging to transfer our ideas into a plausible business model, nevertheless, we learned a lot from the experience. For me, it has demonstrated the importance of scientific innovation, and has certainly encouraged me to consider developing a real business in the future.'

The team reached the second round of the competition and were one step short of being invited to the summit meeting in Texas. Our thanks as always goes to ManSat for sponsoring the entry.

INVESTIGATING SCIENCE DAY

On Tuesday 21st June 2022 we welcomed the September's new intake for a day of Science.

The 36 students were split into 3 groups and they rotated around Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Sports Science to complete a practical investigation in each subject.

In Biology, the class investigated fictitious scenario about a town where lots of dogs had become poorly. The students carried out a variety of tests, such as on water samples that had been collected from different areas in the town. Analysing these tests and comparing them with a map of the town they all successfully figured out what had been making the dogs ill.

In Physics, the class learnt about pendulums. They were put to work calculating how long 1 swing took with the pendulum bob of different masses. Once they had mastered this they had to try to work out how to make 1 swing take exactly 1 second by adjusting the length of the string. They contributed to the construction of a large Barton's pendulum by the end of the session.

In Chemistry, the class learnt about chemical reactions and in particular, the Iodine clock. By mixing measured amounts of certain chemicals in a particular order they could control how long it took for a clear solution to turn completely black. The students were set the challenge of working out a method, using the results that they had already collected, to make the reaction happen in 1 minute and 30 seconds.

In Sports Science, the pupils undertook fitness testing to identify the best sport for them. This is the way that UK Sport run their talent identification when looking for future Olympians. The class undertook a range of tests to identify their strongest components of fitness before looking at which sports these strengths would be best suited to.

The groups all had a good time and got some fantastic results. They ended the day in the Bragg Lecture Theatre to see a set of exciting Science demonstrations. It looks like we have some keen scientists starting in September, I wonder if we have future Nobel Prize winners amongst us!

SCIENCE CLUB 2021/2022

What a wonderful year it has been in Science club. We meet on a Friday lunchtime with as many keen fourth form scientists as we can welcome in. On average, we have had 12 students come to Science club each week, with our busiest club seeing 18 in the lab.

We have done experiments investigating surface tension and density, we have had engineering competitions for who can build the tallest tower with each group having the same equipment to work with, made volcanoes, made glue using only milk, made a model heart, made hot air balloons and investigated which chemicals are used to make the different colours in fireworks (of course we did that one on the 5th of November). We had the great pleasure of welcoming Kate Hawkins, a spider expert to talk to us about the wonderful world of spiders. We opened up this talk to fifth form as well as staff. We had well over 20 spider enthusiasts attend the talk. The talk coincided with our big Science club project, Biodiversity.

"The Isle of Man is a special place and it is important to keep it that way. As we publish this vision and strategy, the Isle of Man is the only 'entire nation' Biosphere. Let's embrace what Biosphere stands for and use it as a platform to work together for a sustainable future."

By Hon Howard Quayle, Chief Minister of the Isle of Man and Chair of UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man until October 2021

"17 Sustainable Development Goals have been set by the United Nations.

Never before have world leaders pledged common action and endeavour across such a broad and universal policy agenda. We are setting out together on the path towards sustainable development"

In Science club we all had a discussion on our thoughts on what biodiversity and sustainability meant to each of us before we set the club the project of making bug hotels for within the grounds of KWC to encourage insect life. We were kindly given permission to use a section of ground as well a beautiful wall to set our bug hotels on once they were made. Over the next few weeks the club designed and constructed some very

impressive creations and came up with some brilliant names for the hotels which DT very kindly made signs for.

We would like to thank all of our super Scientists for their enthusiasm and dedication.

SPACE SCHOOL 2021

Participating in the Global Space School 2 was an incredible, once in a lifetime experience. Despite its being held online instead of at NASA's Space Centre in Houston, I still feel as if I have reaped the benefits, as I was pushed out of my comfort zone through having to work with students from all over the world to design a mission to an asteroid. My group specifically worked on planning a mining mission to the asteroid Ceres, and I focused on the more 'human' parts of the mission with three students from South America. As part of this we not only investigated the possibility of growing food in space, but also aspects such as recycling water and air to maintain a healthy environment, preventing dust from the asteroid from entering the habitat, and coming up with safety procedures for different emergencies. In the daily assemblies I got to know students who were not in my group through a series of fun games, and in the lectures and interviews with astronauts I learnt more about the intricacies and level of detail that goes into planning space missions, from how to make sure the astronauts have a healthy diet, to protecting the astronauts from radiation, to space law. There are two moments in this experience that stand out to me the most. The first was the Q&A session we had with Chris Hadfield, where I was particularly inspired by his achievements and positive outlook. The second was a games night with my group which was the first proper opportunity we had to bond with each other. My experience at space school is one that I really value and has helped fuel my curiosity and motivation as I continue to pursue a future in science.

Anna Cregeen

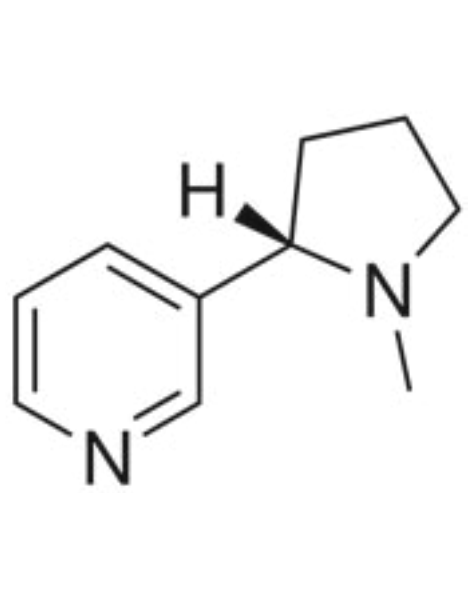
Design & Technology

In DT, U4 students have been designing and making their own mood light for a specific client. The project has allowed them to develop a range of skills that include, soldering, cutting and sanding, laser cutting, and the most enjoyable, using a cordless drill.

As you can see, the project has been a huge success.







Sport at KWC

RUGBY

1st XV Report – Ben Bloch, Captain

This rugby season was a gruelling one. Most of our games held abroad (only two of the 7 being on the island) we knew it was going to be tough, and a real test of not only our ability but character as a team. Having begun the season with our annual pre-season camp, we were feeling confident. The players which made up our 1XV were all familiar with one another, not a single player would prove to be a 'weak link'. Each of us had a bad game, but overall, we knew we could place confidence in one another. As a result, trainings were always constructive, and the effort was always there.

Our first game was against Birkenhead School. Arriving at the school, we had our 30 min warm up and got going. We left the pitch with a 21-5 victory. Our defence was by far our greatest asset, holding them on our try-line, most importantly turning over rucks in the middle of the pitch and converting that into penalties, which again was converted into points. We realised that we would need to work on our discipline, as some players had been penalised far more than they should have and our attack was often hindered by silly handing errors. So, we reflected on what went well and what hadn't.

3 of our next 4 games across would prove not only the most difficult, but most important. Wirral Grammar School was first. It has always going to be a challenge against a team of their quality. With their solid rucking and 9-10 partnership we couldn't get out of our own third in the first half, but promising attacks in the second. We lost by a big margin and did not score any points. They were very good and went far. The next two teams we played (St. Edwards and Lady Manners) proved to be of a similar calibre to WGS. However, this time we played with intensity. We lost both games very narrowly. This was down to our lack of subs, due to on the day illnesses or dropouts and key players

getting injured. The backs and forwards came closer together with stronger interplay and communication. We struggled to play from the first minute.

We then faced Liverpool college, our most prestigious and historic fixture of the year. The team was ready for the challenge both physically and mentally. We put on a very impressive performance both going forward in attack and in defence. The back and forwards were finally

playing in sync with lovely link up play, leading to very well-worked tries. This led to us winning the fixture 23-3, putting us in good form for the rest of the season.

Our last game of the season was an important one against CRHS. We built up to it well, kept a calm attitude and we were ready for them. Having trained beforehand, and remaining focused, we were

confident going into the game. We had a strong team so, when the whistle blew, we were raring to go. For the whole of the first half, we held them back, and our forwards presented themselves much stronger than them. The breakdown work by the team was excellent. With some well-coordinated lineouts and set-plays in what was awful, but typically Manx weather, we scored two tries in the first half. The first half ended 10-5 to us. With their score coming through a poor decision on my part. Moving into the second half we felt exceedingly confident. With the rain growing heavier, so did our legs, cramps were claiming victims all over the show, so many stoppages. They scored a try. Henry Telford made some significant runs through their defensive line from pick and goes, though we didn't make much ground through any backs strike moves, we moulded together as a team with our backs and forwards playing as ball-handlers and ruck-formers regardless of position. We scored a try. The fire was really burning now, and we were so cold. Our 9 got yellow carded. We were getting frustrated and tired. They scored a try. We were growing frantic, trying to find a solution. They scored their third try to bring us level and converted it to edge past us by two points; then, in

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what seemed an unreal moment the whistle blew again. We had lost. It was a sad moment, but we picked ourselves up. We had to. Everyone who played in that match gave it their all, we gained a lot in character.

1st XV Team: *Ben Bloch (C), Jake Black, Ruairi McNally, Edward Pegge, William Kearns, Samuel Davin, Toby Wylie, Oliver Wylie, Sebastian James, Haydn Waddington, Antoni Lechanski, Adam Holt, Carl Floding, Adam French, Patrick Loader, Zachary Novak, Toby Poole-Wilson, Joseph Quinn, Ziv Rosenthal, Liam Savage, Jaime Amoedo-Garcia, Eoin McArdle, Henry Telford, Robert Davies.*

U15 Rugby - Ellis Dunn

This year was successful for the U15 rugby team, we started off the year strongly becoming undefeated on island, meaning we qualified for the school final where we faced a strong Ramsey team, where we easily won 55-10. The season kept getting better as we headed off island so we could really face a challenge, we headed to a rugby 7's tour where we managed to make it to the semi-finals, despite the lack of players due to injuries. So, overall this year was very successful for our rugby team.

U15 Rugby - James Gale

The under 15s rugby squad has been incredible this season, with all players progressing immensely. We comfortably beat all of the other island schools. Playing QE2 in the final, our final game of the season, giving a bittersweet goodbye to one of the best players college has seen, Leo Williamson. After triumph around the island, we set our sights on the NatWest cup, several of these games had been called off and cancelled due to COVID, which further improved our chances of success in this tournament. Our first game of the tournament was against Austin Friars, our first away game as a squad for a while, the boys rose up to the challenge and we beat them 71-5 – only conceding within the last 5 minutes due to a well-organized set play. We had a few weeks to prepare for the next round which was also away. We know this would be one of the toughest and most important games that many of us would play in, regardless we went into the game with our front foot forward looking for

victory. We had a weakened squad to begin with due to injuries, however we made the most of what we had and the squad still had a fighting chance. Right from the first whistle we were on it, everyone was ready and put their bodies on the line. Playing some of the most constructive rugby we had ever played as a squad. We narrowly lost to (The King Edward VI School, Morpeth) despite the passion all the boys had shown, they got the better of us that day. I got to see how much it truly meant to everyone with the whole squad (and staff) in tears. The pride, discipline and endeavour that was displayed in that match was unmatched. I would like to give a special mention to the boys from the under 14s squad who stepped up and made a real contribution to the team (Henry, Ellis, Sam, Ben). The season itself saw everyone grow as players and people, all the boys should be incredibly proud of themselves and it will be exciting to see what we can do as a team next season!

U15 Team: *Ralph Scott, Jack Cutts, Max Barnes, Sam Cowin, Ben Leinwand, Jarred Sheppard, Joe Savage, George Kearns, James Gale (C), Ian Larrison, George Hotchkiss, Luke Sutton, Jerry Xu, Milo Burnett, Jacob Douglas, Henry Dawson, Leo Williamson (C), Max Cope, Luca Parker, Elliot Butler, Ellis Dunn*

U13s Rugby - Jack Williamson

The U13 rugby season was very positive even if the results didn't always go the way we would have liked. The team had missed a lot of the previous year because of COVID so had only minimal game time; therefore, this was the team's first full season together. The year started strongly with good results against Castle Rushen, St Ninians, Ballakermeen and Ramsey but slipped to a defeat against QE11. With only one defeat, however, we made it to the School Shield final against QE11 at Douglas Rugby club, and a chance to revenge our defeat. Unfortunately, in the run up to the game we suffered a COVID outbreak and so through a combination of this and injuries we did not have a full selection of players to pick from for the final. The lads who were picked did a brilliant job but sadly on the day it wasn't enough against a strong QE11 side that won deservingly.

After Christmas we switched to rugby 7s and were fortunate to be able to go on tour to play in the

Packwood Rugby 7s Festival. We played some very good rugby in what is a prestigious prep schools 7s competition. The team won against very strong sides from Packwood Haugh, Terra Nova and Oswestry School, but sadly came up short in our final game against Prestfelde school who were both an organized and physical side. It was a fantastic day out though and it was great to take the team on tour to play some top sides in the UK.

I am very proud of the team and look forward to building on this season next year with the aim of winning the school shield final and achieving some more success in the UK in both formats of the game.

U13 Team: *Jack Williamson (C), Oscar Christian, Alfie Mathieson-Nelson, Rory McLoughlin, Archie Davies, Joe Page, Jack Flanagan, Charlie Arculus, Rohan Neel, Niv Rosenthal, Max Masson-Whittaker, Will Sinclair, Archie Craddock, Evan Cheadle-Higgins, Tristan Welch, James Osbourne, Will Osbourne, Jacon Kennedy, Martin Vorster, Archie Dawson, Brandon Smith, John Moore, Flynt Owens, Jaime Harding, Oliver Quinn*

U12 Rugby - Flynt Owens

Our rugby season started off against Castle Rushen (our most fierce rival) who we beat. Going through the season we played well, winning most of our matches. For the finale of the season there was a big festival in which we unfortunately didn't play our best in, and we ended up losing. However, we had an amazing season and had lots of fun. We hope that next season will be as eventful and exciting.

U12 A Team: *Flynt Owens (C), Oliver Quinn, Oliver Cassidy, Jamie Harding, Kai Crookall, Finlay Taggart, Jens Cullen, Oscar Mckee, Kye Greenhalgh, Max Simpson.*

U12 B Team: *Alexander Owenson (C), Sam Callister, Tommy Foster, Alex Gary, Brodie Miller, Samson Curtis, Edward Pugh, Oscar Taggart, Conner Story.*

BOYS FOOTBALL

1st XI Report - Haydn Waddington, Captain

The 1st XI did not have the best of seasons results while coming away with only one draw from five games; however, the lads were competitive in every game and were unlucky to not have seen these

good performances turn into results. The first game was against possibly our toughest opponents (Castle Rushen) which started well as we led the game, but lack of time to train showed as the team got tired and lost more than deserved.

After more time to train the team really stepped up and lost just 2-1 to St Ninians after a very close and hard-fought match against one of the islands most renowned footballing schools. Then to go on and give Ballakermeen a run for their money all the way to the final whistle, being one of our best displays in another 2-1 defeat. The team came off thoroughly disappointed after these games showing how close we were to securing some big results against the two city schools.

For the penultimate game we faced Ramsey Grammar School, which brought us our first point of the season in an end-to-end game away at Ramsey. With a solid 2-0 lead early on it looked like a comfortable game for college; however, we let slip and the game finished at 3-3. Our final game came against QEII, who arguably had the strongest team this season, yet we showed our quality in another close battle. We unfortunately could not get a result again leading us to the end of our season.

Forgetting results, the 2022 football season for college showed some of the best quality and hard-fought games against tough opponents and we were unlucky to not have made it to the semi-finals. The whole team would like to thank Mr Crabtree, 1st XI coach, on all the hard work put into the training sessions throughout the season, giving us the chance to battle in every game and improving each of our football skills and knowledge.

1st XI Team: *Haydn Waddington (C), Henry Telford, Jasper Davies, Sebastian James, Patrick Loader, Ben Bloch, Francesco Facchini, Adam French, Toby Wylie, Oliver Wylie, William Kearns, Ziv Rosenthal, Adam Holt, Cameron Jaffrey, James Weston, Jamie Amoedo.*

U15 Football - Max Barnes

The U15 football season was a challenge for KWC as a new rule was put in place, resulting in not being able to bring players up from the year below, despite this issue we pushed through with a lot of the players going out of their comfort zone, having hardly played any football before to playing in competitive games against other schools.

Although we lost every game, the effort all the boys put in was impeccable and I couldn't have asked any more from them as we were facing teams with generally much stronger sides than us (and with a lot more football knowledge and experience). We did not drop our heads even if we were one nil down or 10 nil down which is something to be proud of.

Unfortunately, the football season wasn't quite as we had hoped. However, the team has stepped up to the challenge and recognised what we need to improve on moving forward to have a successful season in 2022/2023.

Special mentions:

George Hotchkiss for goal of the season where he dribbled passed 3 defenders and calmly slotted the ball passed the keeper.

George Kearns for being assistant manager and helping the team train.

Liav Rosenthal for scoring a half way line goal.

U15 Team: Max Barnes (C), Ian Larson, Cameron Benham, Milo Burnett, Liav Rosenthal, James Gale, Elliott Butler, Luca Parker, Joe Savage, Ralph Scott, George Hotchkiss, George Evans, Jacob Douglas, James Brodie, Max Cope and Oliver Freer.

U15 Boys' Football by Ellis Dunn

This year was challenging for our football team. We started off the year really well by beating our closest rivals, Castle Rushen, 5-0, then easily defeating QEII and then Ballakermeen. After that the chances of qualifying for the finals was strong, but then unfortunately we faced 2 defeats in a row, meaning we never qualified for the finals. Hopefully the next season is stronger.

U13 Football - Oscar Christian

After a couple of years of not being able to play competitive games due to COVID and other factors, it was great to be able to play against other schools and complete the season.

Our first game was away to Castle Rushen High School. We started off slowly, failed to take our chances and unfortunately lost 1-3. Our goal came

from Jack Williamson after some good team play. After a couple of weeks of training, we welcomed St Ninian's Lower School to KWC in what looked on paper to be an uphill task, given their team was made up entirely of 'TOM Centre of Excellence' players! We were much improved from our first game. I scored to give us a deserved 1-0 lead at half time, but unfortunately, we couldn't hold onto the lead and we ended up losing 1-3. Despite losing the game, we were proud of our performance and we were very unlucky not to get a result.

Our next game was against Ballakermeen High School at KWC. We went 1-0 up with a goal from Jack Williamson, but unfortunately Ballakermeen equalised just before full time. Our first point of the season!

The next fixture was a tricky tie away to Ramsey Grammar School. Due to the weather we had to play on their astro pitch and we found it very difficult on a tight pitch, losing 1-4.

Our final game was away to QE2 High School. The team were excellent throughout and we won the game 2-1 with goals from Jack Williamson and Rohan Neel.

Although we had some ups and downs during the season, it was fantastic to be playing again and great to end the season on a high. We improved as the season went on and narrowly missed out on a semi-final place. We showed that we can be competitive against all the schools on the Island and are looking forward to next season already!

U13 Team: Oscar Christian (C), Alfie Mathieson-Nelson, Joe Page, Jack Williamson, Jack Flanagan, Charlie Arculus, Rohan Neel, Max Whittaker, Will Sinclair, Archie Craddock, Evan Cheadle-Higgins, Tristan Welch, James Osbourne, Will Osbourne.

U12 Football - Oliver Quinn

The start of the season was a pretty hard challenge, as the week before the season started our keeper picked up a nasty injury when he broke his finger trying to save a shot during training. This set us back in most matches and we played the whole season with a CB in net instead of our normal keeper. Luckily, we had a keeper back by the end of

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the season. We failed to overcome our opponents in most matches, except in one. We were 3-1 down and ended up coming back to make it 3-3 in the second half – with Kai Crookall scoring a worldie and Jamie Harding with a halfway line screamer to bring us back in the game. As I did not get the chance to see the B team, it sounds as though they tried their best but their opposition was just that little bit better when we went to Ramsay Grammar to play in the festival. We were very excited to have an afternoon of football, but we still disappointingly struggled to find a win, only a draw in one game and the rest just a goal or two. As we continued to not win, we decided to change it up and everyone had a go at everything and this changed our mood of the afternoon and we enjoyed having a laugh and enjoying our time playing.

A Team: *Oliver Quinn, Olly Cassidy, Kai Crookall, Jamie Harding, Samson Curtis, Jens Cullen, Max Simpson, Flynt Owens.*

B Team: *Tommy Foster, Kye Greenhalgh, Oscar Taggart, Finlay Taggart, Connor Storey, Ed Pugh, Alexander Owenson, Alexander Garry, Sam Callister.*

CRICKET

1st XI Cricket vs MCC - Mr Crellin

A young King Williams College 1st X1 narrowly lost to the touring MCC team following an extraordinary spell of bowling from their spinner, Cillian McDonnell.

The college team featured a number of junior players which bodes well for the future, including some lower fifth players and there were even guest appearances in the field for fourth formers.

Luke Filer opened the batting for the MCC and he proved difficult to remove, scoring 83 in a total of 178 for three although accurate bowling from Ned Crellin and particularly Toby Poole-Wilson who conceded only 14 runs from a seven over spell, restricted the MCC's run rate.

Dollin Jansen and Henry Telford opened the reply for the KWC team for their second appearance against the tourists and while Henry's honesty saw him walk for a catch that even the MCC admitted afterwards probably didn't find an edge, Dollin's

excellent 80 gave the college team a great chance of a rare victory.

However, with victory in sight, and the MCC's fielders flagging in the unusually warm weather, Dollin holed out, which sparked a batting collapse from the college team with the last seven wickets falling for only 2 runs, six of which, including a hat-trick, fell to spinner McDonnell. King Williams College ultimately ended the game 25 runs short, and only 2 overs before the game was due to finish.

There was better news for several members of the College team who have been selected to play for the Isle of Man u19 team in the World Cup qualifiers in Guernsey later in the summer. Henry Telford, Dollin Jansen, Toby Poole-Wilson and Ned Crellin have all been selected and they will face the U19 national teams from Denmark, Norway and Sweden in the group stages.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Although too short, the girls football season was fantastic, in that our senior girls got to play competitively as well. The format changed to playing a week of triangular fixtures against Castle Rushen and QEII; followed the next week by playing the equivalent placed team between the other three schools. All our placing fixtures were against Ramsey Grammar.

All the girls were well prepared for their games and thoroughly enjoyed playing friendly but competitive matches. It was clear to see that they all improved their individual skills and understanding of the game from

start to finish. With the women's game becoming much higher profile, I hope to see the format of this competition expand going forward.

NETBALL

With all the girls playing in games, the L4 had a fantastic netball season. They worked hard both in matches but equally (and if not more importantly) in practices, which helped develop their skills and team cohesion. The girls improved greatly throughout the season, and it was encouraging to see so many people join island netball teams. Finishing off a very successful season with a great performance at the Island school's tournament, where they won all the matches and ended the

*KWC narrowly loose to
touring MCC team!*

season on a high. Hopefully they can build on this positive experience future seasons, well done to all.

The U4 girls (although a small year group) punched well above their weight and achieved an excellent set of results, the A team in particular won all their league matches which earned them a place in the final at the NSC. In a change to the usual end of season tournament a straight final was played between first and second place. The final was a replay of their first match of the season against Castle Rushen and was just as close with both schools taking the lead throughout the game. Both teams showed nerves and made mistakes that they normally wouldn't as the occasion got the better of them. However, their effort and determination shone through and secured the victory.

The L5 girls (every single one of them!) have been a credit to us all. Their commitment and dedication to training and matches was second to none. Where possible three teams prepared and played their Island schools fixtures each week. The success of all the teams was attributed to the girls themselves as their application was exemplary. The A team won all their league matches and secured a place in the final at the NSC against Castle Rushen, this would be a very close game if it was to be a repeat of the league match. As predicted, it was an enthralling match from start to finish and I can confidently say that it was the best U14 netball match I have had the pleasure to watch in my teaching career. Both teams were outstanding in their level of skill as well as their team work. The lead changed through the game but no more than 2 goals either way. The match went to the wire and there were so many amazing performances it would be unfair to recall just one. Winning by one goal was a fantastic feeling but huge credit must also go to our opponents who were truly outstanding, and made it the match that it was. This rivalry will continue now into senior netball and I am so excited to see how they improve from here. Congratulations to all.

15s, the A team started off with a bit of self-doubt and nervousness over their first match. This could be seen during the first match. However, once the team had a few more training sessions together, you could see a great improvement in the matches

that followed. The girl's improvement and ability ensured they reached the semi-finals.

Unfortunately, it wasn't their time to win and the competition they played against went on to win the final.

The B team also had a great season, with a number of them helping out within the A team and slotting in perfectly. They worked extremely hard and won quite a few of the matches throughout the season, even in some blustery weather conditions. A special mention to Mikhaella who was coming back from injury and did extremely well in both teams. A great season had by all, well done.

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SWIMMING

After a three-year absence it was fantastic to see the Bay Swim commence once more. In good conditions 30 swimmers (27 pupils and 3 staff) took the plunge. After weeks of preparation in the pool competitors got the opportunity on the reserve date to test

themselves in the challenge of a half mile open water swim. The event was very popular after a long absence and all competitors can be proud of their achievements. True to qualifying form the top three were Alex Turnbull in his third and final attempt, followed respectively by Lower Fifth pupils Alex Brown and Tilly Bird-McGowan (the two youngest swimmers in the race). Our eldest competitor this year was Rev. Erica who deserves a special mention and is testament to what commitment to training can enable anyone to do.

Congratulations to all swimmers and a very special thank you to all the helpers as this event simply would not happen without you.

ATHLETICS

Sadly, due to teachers' action short of strike our only athletics competition this year was our Inter House Athletics held at the NSC. Oh, how we missed the inter schools' competitions! All our pupils continued their hard work in PE lessons to prepare for sports day. The sun shone for us but not too strongly which created good conditions for both athletes and spectators. Dickson were the dominating house this year winning four out of six competitions. There were some brilliant

performances through the afternoon but only one record breaker this year which was Lola Bass in the Intermediate girls 400m, recording a time of 1:04.49. Lola has since regularly competed off Island and achieving some significant times and distances. Macy has been busy with exams at the start of the season; however, she travels off Island in July to compete at the English Schools steeple chase competition. We wish both the best of luck and look forward to hearing their results.

CROSS COUNTRY

In glorious conditions and hosted in a new venue at Port E Chee, the IOM Schools cross country ran beautifully in early December. All our pupils were well prepared having spent the second half of the Autumn term training hard during their PE lessons. The course suited our runners well as they were similar to college. There were some brilliant individual and team performances that day and all athletes can be very proud of themselves. Following on from this event, a team representing the Isle of Man schools went on to compete at the English schools' competition - including Summer, Penny, Keiron, Lola, Macy and Ava from KWC.

ROUNDERS

The Rounders season was sadly missed due to no fixtures taking place with the IOM Schools. To combat the lack of competitive fixtures, games were played between the year groups, houses and against the boys. Testament must be given to the girls as they continued to apply themselves to training as normal – which will have enabled them to make improvements to their individual performances as usual.

As expected the older year groups always got the better of their younger counterparts more notably through their understanding of game play. House competition victories were shared out fairly between Dickson and Walters where in some categories there were up to three teams for each house. The real test proved to be playing the boys! Although they lacked knowledge of the game they just secured victory by batting and fielding more consistently, especially over longer distance. The girls must be congratulated though in applying their tactics well and keeping matches very tight.

We were delighted also to welcome Sally from IOM Cricket into some of our games lessons to deliver some cricket sessions. Let's hope that we can incorporate this into our fixture list next year.















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Music

ORGANIST ASSOCIATION

The musical year began early with two of our college organists invited to perform at Castletown Methodist Church for the Isle of Man Organist Association. Carys Hoile and Alexander Owenson performed to an audience of skilled organists, but did so with confidence and musicality and both were fantastic ambassadors for the College.

MUSIC SCHOLARS CONCERT

The first concert at college this year was the Music Award Holders concert, which took place on 13th October. All of the award holders were invited to perform to a supportive audience, giving them an opportunity to showcase their talents along with the chance to hear musicians in other year groups. As we have come to expect from our concerts, the programme was varied with items ranging from classical sonatas to songs from the world of music theatre. Our Award Holders are to be commended for getting the annual series of concerts off to such a positive start.

AUTUMN CONCERT

The annual Autumn Concert took place in the King's Court Theatre on 18th November. As ever, it was a fantastic evening of musical talent from our many talented musicians. The programme was very diverse and included performers from the Lower Fourth all the way through to the Upper Sixth. There were many compelling instrumental and vocal performances from the worlds of Musical Theatre, Rock, Pop and Classical. It would be a shame not to mention some of the stand out moments of the concert. Amy Bloch's impressive performance of Beethoven's Sonata in C Minor, and Liam Savage's stunning guitar rendition of The Mountain Song were just two of the many outstanding performances of the night. The evening was drawn to a close with our two school choirs; the student-led Consort sang two pieces in beautiful harmony, whilst the Chapel Choir gave a

compelling performance of Goodall's Be Thou My Vision. A reflective ending to a wonderful musical evening.

CAROL SERVICES

Our carol services were once again a highlight of our musical year. The choir stalls were full to bursting and we were delighted to welcome some guest singers to join with us for both evenings. Repertoire for the service included works by John Rutter, Malcom Archer and Edgar Pettman. The choir worked tremendously hard in preparation for these services and were delighted to welcome a large number of the local community to the chapel to mark this occasion. Our thanks to Mr Corrie for his sensitive and supportive accompaniment.

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HOUSE MUSIC

The second house event of the year was House Music. We were hoping to return to the Villa Marina this year, however, due to ongoing Covid restrictions, the event took place in the King's Court Theatre. As always, there was a variety of engaging performances across the different categories. Walters

House provided us with the vocal talent of the Sgouraditis brothers, Dominic and Sebastien, who won the intermediate and senior vocal categories, respectively. They also took home the Part Song prize for their harmonious choral singing. Dickson House had some wonderful performances, but the stand out performer was Amy Bloch who not only organised the event for Dickson, but accompanied all performers herself on the piano, earning her the Accompanist prize. Colbourne brought their strong sense of community, and gave a feel-good, energetic ensemble performance which involved the audience, earning them the prize in that category. The overall winners this year were a deserving Walters, although all houses did themselves proud. It is always wonderful to see some hidden musical talent at this event!

SPRING CONCERT

Our Spring Concert was held in the Barrovian on 1st March. This is always an emotional evening for our Upper Sixth pupils as it is their final concert at College. Once again, the evening was filled with variety and the audience were treated to pieces by Chopin, John Williams, Beethoven and Coldplay, as well as a thoroughly entertaining portrayal of King George (from the musical Hamilton) by Farrel Ewanena. This year's concert was particularly special due to our wonderful Upper Sixth students, who put together a captivating and emotional performance of One Day More from Les Misérables. We say a fond farewell to our Upper Sixth musicians: Cate Atkinson, Christina Adcock, Jake Black, Ben Bloch, Anna Cregeen, Pierre De Terrason, Jemima Denton, Carys Hoile, Sebastian James, Antoni Lechanski, Sophie Long, Ruairi McNally, Milo Murphy, Josh Parker, Ava Treutler and Alexander Turnbull. Their commitment to music over the years has been second to none and we will miss them.

GUILD

We were delighted that the Manx Festival of Music & Dance (The Guild) was able to make a return this year and our pupils entered a variety of classes during the week. The college was well-represented with many credible performances well-rewarded. Our musicians were successful in a number of classes, including Woodwind Solo, Boys Solo, Organ (beginner), Leier Solo and String classes, to name but a few.

PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations provided us with the opportunity to bring together musicians from across the college community. The Royal Schools of Church Music commissioned Thomas Hewitt-Jones to compose an anthem using extracts of the Queen's speeches spanning the seventy years of her reign. 'In Our Service' was performed across the UK and beyond, including by the combined choirs of The Buchan and KWC,

along with members of the community, totalling over 70 singers. We were delighted to be able to collaborate with Ballagroove Studios and all enjoyed the experience of recording in the chapel together. The final product was released a matter of days later and attracted much attention from local media, including being played on a variety of programmes on Manx Radio. The project was also widely publicised by the RSCM via their social media channels. Later in the term, guests at Founders' Day were also treated to a performance of 'In Our Service' by Chapel Choir.

LIVE LOUNGE

The final music event of the year was a new event, put on in the final week of the school year. The

Live Lounge was an 'open mic style' event held in the Music School foyer on 29th June. The idea behind this was to give a more informal setting for students to perform in and to get some involved who haven't performed before at concerts. The 'get up and give it a go' approach was well received and the evening was a roaring success! We had a nice variety of

performances including singing, piano, guitar, cello, harp, bass and the slide guitar skills of Mr Jeffers. It was wonderful to see some students performing who normally wouldn't and a great evening was had by all. So much so that we are going to continue running these events, with the next one scheduled for September 2022.

PRACTICAL EXAMS

Practical exams have continued to be a valuable part of our students' musical journeys and this year, over sixty exams have been sat from grade 1 to grade 8. We are delighted that our 100% pass rate has continued, with 66% achieving a Merit or Distinction. Congratulations to all who have taken an exam this year.

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OTHER

In addition to the wide variety of musical opportunities within college, a number of our musicians have continued to support local ensembles and make incredible progress in doing so. These include Rushen Silver Band, The Isle of Man Wind Orchestra, Manx Voices and The Isle of Man Symphony orchestra, to name but a few. Jessie Quigley has also performed as a soloist with a number of vocal ensembles, including Ramsey Choral Society.

Many of our senior musicians continue to look for ways in which they can develop their talents further, and we are delighted that three pupils were worthy recipients of a Roz Kelly Bursary this year. This will enable Catherine Atkinson and Jess Quigley to participate in a Rodolfus Choral Course, whilst Sebastien Sgouraditis will take part in a course organised by the National Youth Training Choir.

Our team of Visiting Music Teachers are the lifeblood of the department and we are indebted to them for the commitment and enthusiasm they show to each of our musicians. This year, we say farewell and a heartfelt thanks to Olga Stone, who has been teaching at the college for 25 years. She has inspired generations of pianists during that time and will no doubt continue to do so in her private practice.

As we prepare for a new academic year, we are very much looking forward to launching a number of new ensembles, with the support of our Visiting Music Teachers. These will include Jazz Band, Music Theatre Group and Barbershop Choir.

Our musicians have most certainly had a busy year and we continue to be reminded of the important of music, not only in supporting our mental-wellbeing, but also for the part it plays in developing a broad range of skills in addition to academic attainment. Their performances have not only enabled them to develop in confidence, but also given much enjoyment to both the KWC community and the island community as a whole.

THE GUILD

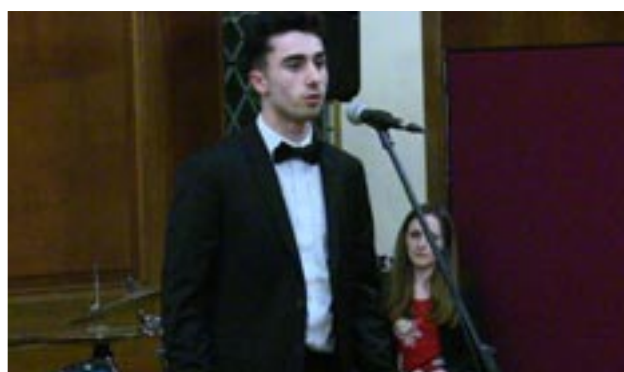
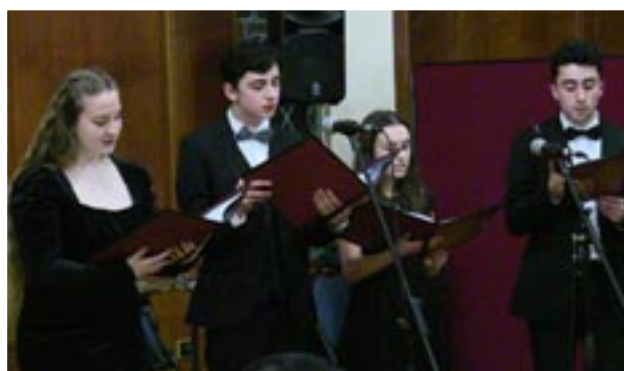
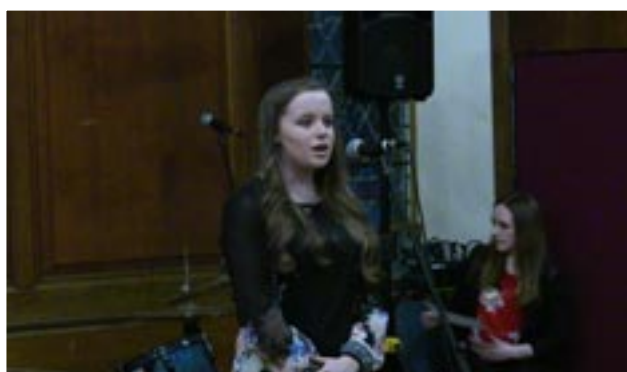
Students have enjoyed success at the Guild in April. In the Woodwind section, Ameya won the Grades 1 to 3 competition, Rita won the Grades 4

to 5 competition and Arwen gained first place in the Grades 6 and over category. In the Plucked Strings Grades 3 to 4, Alexander won with Aristeia in second place both playing the harp. Well done also to Charlotte for her second place in the Public Speaking Years 7-8 competition. A fantastic achievement for all.

JESS QUIGLEY

Jess (U5) performed as a soloist with Ramsey Choral Society in St German's Cathedral, Peel. A near full house enjoyed Ramsey Choral's 40th anniversary concert, accompanied by members of the Isle of Man Symphony Orchestra. Jess performed Faure's Pie Jesu and joined the renowned island soloists Karen Elliott and Graeme Nash in Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the living" (first performance on the island). Jess wowed the audience with her soaring solo lines and several members of the audience commented favourably on her flawless performance. Congratulations Jess, we are looking forward to your next performance!







House Drama

221B Baker Street, the Orient Express and the cursed county of Midsomer, all have played host to some of the best minds in deduction, as Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot and DCI Barnaby have sought to solve some of the most baffling cases in fiction. However, none of that could compare to King's Court Theatre where, in December, three inquisitive Houses tackled troubling and disturbing cases of their own as House Drama returned with murder mysteries.

The task of acquiring a play and coordinating rehearsals was far from elementary but the Sixth Form directors from each House were able to maintain the enthusiasm of their teams, despite the grisly mystery that awaited them each evening. As such, a special mention must go to directors Farrel Ewanena and Kira Matveenko (Colbourne), Jess Brodie, Talisa Larson and Sophie Shepherd (Dickson) and Darcey Bateson and Katie Leinwand (Walters).

The investigations began as, alongside the rehearsal process, each House probed their opponents: scrutinising the evidence, conducting stakeouts and interrogating witnesses until eventually the evening arrived when the culprits would finally be revealed and the winners announced. We were delighted to have Sarah Smart join us as adjudicator who, having undertaken roles in series such as 'Agatha Christie's Marple', 'Poirot' and 'Wallander', was more than qualified to deduce the villains from the victims.

The evening began with a Manx inspired mystery that came from the cunning minds of directors and writers Farrel and Kira. In this tragic tale, the victims met their grisly fate not in the Billiard Room, Ballroom or the Study but instead at the den of evil known as the Co-op! With the Chief Minister (and Co-Op regular) as the first victim, the Detective (Joseph Quinn) and his Assistant (Julia Hauert) were on the case in 'The Co-op Demise'. Tracking down the Isle of Man's underground network, the detectives were no match for the suspicious characters they encountered, not least because of the incompetence of their subordinates, ably played by Emily Su and Gloria Huang. After encountering a whole host of Europe's most wanted, there was a twist in the tale as the killer was revealed to be the

detective himself in a bid to protect the Manx gold that is Shoprite.

Next up it was the efforts of Dickson which saw the footprints of a gigantic hound littered all over the stage. However, this was not the source of Dickson's great mystery. Rather, a feuding family sought the culprit in the destruction of a valued family heirloom and the massacre of a beloved pet goldfish in 'An Absolutely True Story (As Told by a Bunch of Lying Liars)'. Brodie Millar had a difficult job as a downtrodden dad at the end of his tether attempting to keep his unruly family under control, but with the cool-headed Amy Bloch by his side they assembled a line up of their children and their unlikely accomplices to track down the evil genius responsible for this dastardly crime. After eliminating the most likely suspects, such as the elusive Nutella Man, and consulting the expertise of a pet psychologist, it was the family's trusty companion Marlin (played by Olivia Brodie and Celize Vorster) who was able to point the paw in the direction of the two crafty criminals, the children.

Finally, it was time for Walters' performance as Sebastien Sgouraditis took on the role of Private Investigator Sam Steel in 'The Mysterious Case of the Manx'. With a confident drawl, the hardened investigator evoked the feeling of the smoky underbelly of 1920s New York in his quest to find something even more valuable than the Maltese Falcon, the missing Manx. Encountering a cast of undesirables in the local pub, the PI and his Assistant (Ciaran Dougherty) uncovered a complex criminal network consisting of pirates and mobsters, all created by heiress and their secret adversary, Lola Appletree (Louise van der Merwe). Despite solving the mystery of the brutal murders, it was the eccentric Gertie (played by Catelin Grobler) who held the key to the mystery of the Manx in her trusty carrier bag and was able to bring this case to a close.

Following an evening of mystery and suspense, the adjudicator retired to the Library (sans body, thankfully) to weigh up the evidence and award the prizes. On her return, the casts of Dickson and Walters willed themselves towards victory, and they would have gotten away with it too if it hadn't been for those meddling kids from Colbourne who

swept in and took the coveted Tatton Shield for Best Play.

With that, this three-act tragedy was brought to an end and this appointment with death was over. And so, the audience made their way home to give their little grey cells a rest while the door of King's Court Theatre clanged shut for another year.

Prizes:

Kane Cup for best individual acting performance - **Sebastian Sgouraditis (Walters)**

Freda Jeavons Cup for best acting performance - **Amy Bloch (Dickson)**

Dorothy Lowey Cup for "Wow" factor - **Dickson**

Bowring Cup for best supporting role - **Alicia Kiernan (Dickson)**

Bowring Plate for Technical Excellence - **Colbourne**

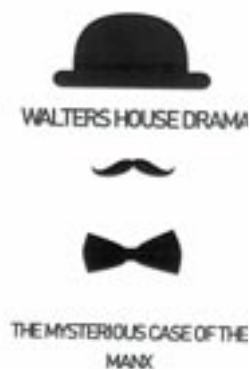
Tatton Shield for best play - **Colbourne**



An absolutely true story as told
by a bunch of lying liars
by Ian McEwan

Thursday 9th December 2021
Dickson House





Stenning Badge

Every year in January, students in the Fourth Form take part in an exciting range of activities whilst the rest of the school sits exams. As an IB World School, we feel it is important that the ethos of the IB permeates all year groups and not just the Sixth Form so the week emphasises a variety of tasks and skills they will need as an international school student but also as a global citizen.

As well as some key sessions such as Debating, Model UN, Problem Solving and the Swimming Gala, students also take part in a beach clean with Beach Buddies arranged with the founder Bill Dale. We are fortunate that Bill comes every year to educate the students about the role they can play in keeping the local environment clean and safe for wildlife but also for the enjoyment of local residents. The students did well and collected a large amount of waste off Castletown beach and it has been nice to see that some students have continued to volunteer with the organisation at other events.

Key to the Fourth Form Activities week is the Stenning Badge, where students are encouraged to take part in events to promote altruism, creativity

and exertion as well as write a project on a subject that interests them. There were too many to mention every single one but here are some of the highlights. Students submitted evidence for a wide range of wonderful activities including bake sales and other fundraising events for charities, assisting with footpath restoration, joining a jazz band, learning to tie dye and crochet, competing in the finals of a cyber security UK wide competition and coasteering. The aim was for students to have new experiences or be able to share all the wonderful afterschool events they take part in and they did not disappoint. Submissions for the written project were fascinating and included a wide range of interests - research project included ones on happiness (Emilie Saabye Katkjaer), Archibald Knox (Evie Wright), philosophy (Alexander Owenson) and quantum computers (Brodie Millar).

The students showed real compassion, interest, creativity and passion in their chosen activities and projects and the skills that they were introduced to will help them in their studies and beyond.





QUANTUM COMPUTERS



Brodie Millar, L4
26th May 2022



Sixth Form Events

LECTURES

JEROEN WATS

After a busy few exam weeks, the Sixth Form students gained a sense of normality as the Sixth Form Lecture series returned on January 25th, 2022. Our guest speaker was Jeroen Wats, a Dutch Innovator and the Founder of Exo Technologies.

Mr. Wats spoke to us about his experiences in Yacht Racing and the global necessity of a transition from linear to circular economies. He has sailed around the world and has developed innovative yacht designs, leading to the development of a new and fully sustainable material for use in applications such as yachts, wind turbines or even skis.

I particularly enjoyed hearing about his experiences of completing a 5000-mile yacht race from South Africa to Brazil, and hearing about his emotions as he came across the first signs of human civilisation after several days at sea. Perhaps leading to his interest in preserving the futures of young people globally.

Mr. Wats encouraged us to think of possible solutions for our global challenges and to remind us that “the earth is not ours, we are simply borrowing it from our children.” This sentiment is clearly embodied in everything Mr. Wats has done and continues to do in pursuit of a sustainable future for the next generations to enjoy. We thank him for sharing his experiences about how he has striven to create a renewable future and how we too can become budding entrepreneurs and innovators! **Ava Truetler**



MARK GEORGE Q.C.

The Sixth Form were incredibly honoured to hear a presentation (entitled “Amicus, the US Death Penalty and Volunteer Placements”) from Mark George Q.C., at the final Sixth Form Lecture of this academic year. As a barrister and Q.C. (Queen’s Counsel) of more than thirty years’ experience, with incredible expertise in serious criminal defense trials, Mr. George was not only able to explain the nuances of the US legal system, but also to share his personal experiences of advising as part of murder trial defense teams in the US.

As an opposer of the death penalty himself, Mr. George soon made it apparent that there are inherent issues in the US legal system, a system that frequently sentences people to the death penalty. He discussed how factors such as arbitrariness, poverty and race can cause a person to be more likely to be sentenced to death, a fact seething with injustice. His quote of a statement by the Supreme Court in 2017 was extremely impactful: the law should “punish people for what they do, not who they are.” This led to his discussion of the charity “Amicus,” of which he is a trustee, and its work for justice. Amicus regularly sends volunteers from London to the United States to assist US frontline lawyers working tirelessly to prove the innocence of convicted prisoners waiting on death row - he pointed out how even helping with photocopying can mean the difference between life or death in submitting an appeal on time!

This lecture was a wonderful experience for the Sixth Form: our eyes were really opened to the importance of justice in society, and how we can help to work towards greater equality in the law and society as a whole. **Amy Bloch, L6**

TAYLOR WINYARD

Taylor Winyard broke the World Record for Rowing the Atlantic this winter. She was part of the Atlantic Nomads team which became the quickest mixed trio ever, in 40 days and 37 minutes. After finishing she took the time to talk to the IB Sports, Exercise and Health Science groups about her experiences. Taylor spoke about the training

demands building up to the race, including marathon rows on rowing ergs, emergency capsize procedures and the weekly drive from Scotland to Exeter to train as a crew. The phenomenal care that had to be taken over the nutrition for the race; where dehydrated food was measured to the calorie for each individual member of the team, was amazing. Then the unique challenges of the race itself; from being on alert for marlin attacks to having to use a bucket to go to the toilet. After the talk the pupils had the opportunity to ask questions linking specifically back to the course content. We are grateful for Taylor for taking the time to talk to the group and for sharing this unique experience.



SENIOR KANGAROO MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE



Upper Sixth student Oana Voicu has been awarded a certificate of merit for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo Mathematics Challenge – this is only given to the top-scoring 25% of participants. Entry to this challenge is by invitation only, based on achieving a qualifying score in the UK Senior Maths Challenge. This is an incredible achievement – well done Oana!

CHESS CHAMPION



Congratulations to Victor Magold who drew with the current Island chess champion. Victor has also been spotted in the Library helping younger students improve their match techniques.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

In February a number of Lower Sixth students took part in the Isle of Man Model United Nations.

Joe Quinn and Darcey Bateson represented Estonia and were given an honourable mention for Best Team. Charlie Cowin, who was given an honourable mention for Best Speaker, and Katie Leinwand represented Russia. Chaplin Ng and Lily Ellison represented Mexico.

These students joined pupils from all across the

Island's schools in an event organised by the UN Association of the Isle of Man.

The Lower Sixth had a brilliant day on Monday 23rd May at a Model United Nations Conference held in the Bragg Lecture Theatre. With some brilliant negotiation skills on display, it was a fantastic opportunity for the group to gain valuable experience.



CHEMISTRY

It was brilliant to see our Lower Sixth Chemistry students get involved in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Young Analysts Competition in May 2022.



Boarding

Paddleboarding

In the summer term, Colbourne got their own paddleboards, and everybody loves them. We go down to the beach after supper and at weekends for our new favourite aquatic sport.

Day Trip to Liverpool

This year we had our first Liverpool trip in two years. The boarders had a wonderful time exploring the hometown of the Beatles and returned to the island with full shopping bags and wide smiles.

Karting at Jurby

For the first time in a while we had a karting activity at the race track in Jurby. It was amazing! The boarders showed off their driving skills and enjoyed the speed and competition. The views were amazing: green hills, trees and blue sky.

Steam Train to Port Erin

The boarders took a trip on the steam train to Port Erin where they indulged in some refreshing ice cream and games on the beach. It was a great opportunity for them to explore the island's culture.

18th birthday dunking

In Colbourne House we have a very old tradition that when a student turns 18, they can choose to jump into the sea as a celebration of becoming an adult. The whole house spectates on the shore, although this is quite a chilly tradition for some who have their birthday in January!

Christmas in boarding

The end of the Winter Term sees various boarding activities to do with Christmas: carol singing, Secret Santa and the boarding Christmas dinner with Christmas jumpers. It is a very special time of year for the boarding community.



Debating

INTER-HOUSE DEBATING

The KWC Inter-House Debating Competition returned this year with students from a breadth of year groups competing.

The Intermediates were the first to take a stand, debating the motion “This House believes that all sporting leagues should impose a strict salary cap for clubs.” There was fierce competition between Walters and Dickson but ultimately it was the might of Walters who took the victory in the opening debate of the year. The second round saw an impressive showing as students debated whether the school summer holidays should be significantly reduced. A valiant Walters effort saw them defend the break but it was to no avail as a superbly organised Colbourne team claimed the victory. That meant that it was all to play for in the final showdown and, with the title on the line, Dickson and Colbourne were poised for battle, debating the pros and cons of extending the sugar tax. Striving to level the playing field between them and the other houses, the Dickson team presented a range of arguments to claim the victory and with that an overall score of +8, seeing them crowned Intermediate champions for the very first time.

Not to be outshone by the might of the Intermediate teams, the Seniors also excelled as they began by considering whether technology makes people smarter. With analogies ranging from the internet to the printing press, Colbourne and Dickson presented an array of convincing arguments but it was the superb team performance of Dickson that enabled them to claim the victory. Next the Lower Sixth debated the motion ‘This House would limit the number of young people going to university’. In what is a very relevant topic for the Sixth Form students involved, there were impassioned responses from both the proposition team of Walters and their opposition, Dickson. The standard was extremely high but some stand out performances meant that Dickson were the ultimate winners by one point and meant that they were undefeated in the series and so claimed the overall title of Senior Inter-House Debating Champions for 2022. Despite the title being decided, the final debate between Colbourne and Walters was far from a subdued affair. Battling for

bragging rights and buoyed by a lively audience, Colbourne proposed a ban on fossil fuels by 2030, providing ample evidence to support the motion. However, a determined and passionate Walters side rebutted their points and were awarded the win in a very tight and tense competition.

Enormous congratulations go to all participants for the high standard of debates that we have been treated to this year. There were stand out performances from many of those who participated, not least the Lower Sixth students who ably lead their teams and set the highest of standards. However a special mention must go to Dickson’s Amy Bloch who successfully guided her team to victory in both categories, bringing to a close another year of challenging and passionate debates.

MANX DEBATING LEAGUE

Developing the skills to debate effectively sets you up for success. As Desmond Tutu once said, ‘Don’t raise your voice, improve your argument’.

In September 2021 I put my thinking cap on and with the support of Amanda Kerr (my Head of Subject) I started the Manx Debating League on the Island. I set up a workshop for the teachers, providing them with the skills to coach and to adjudicate. It was a pleasure to watch junior teams opposing senior teams. Debating can be categorised into age groups; however, if you can think on your feet and you have researched the motion extensively, age is just a number.

Debaters from Ballakermeen, St Ninian’s, Castle Rushen and King William’s college participated in the league. Castle Rushen and King William’s College debated in the finals and we won.

We are hoping that all six Secondary schools will be participating in Autumn. The aim is to enter a Manx team into UK competitions, as well as international competitions.

A big thank you to the teachers from all the schools for adjudicating the debates, and for putting in so many hours into coaching.

ARTICLE

Throughout the year I have participated in some debating events, and I wanted to share my experience of debating in fourth form with others. I was first introduced to debating within the school in my drama lesson, where my teacher told us of a public speaking event called the Jean Steels Rhetoric Competition. At the time of entering the competition, I did not really know what I was signing up for, I just knew I had to choose a topic and argue in favour of it. At the time this seemed quite simple to me, but it was not, and I spent many hours forming a speech which only lasted about 5 minutes! On the day of the contest, I arrived at The Bragg and waited for the competition to begin. As time went on 6th and 5th formers (with much more experience) began to fill the room. When the first 6th former stood up and demonstrated what I believed was perfection I began to feel nervous. However, when it was my turn to speak, the nerves vanished, and I was pleased with my performance. I would recommend that other students participate in the contest.

After this experience I was keen to continue debating therefore, I signed up for the inter house debate. I participated in this event with Tommy and Norah, two other 4th formers, and after many video calls with them and hours more of work, we were ready for the contest. We were up against Dickson and both sides put up great arguments, however we came out on top on this occasion. This was one of the two debates my house (Walters) would participate in, the second debate was taken on by a different team.

These have been really valuable experiences.

Finlay Helliwell



Dr Scholl Library

One of the rewarding aspects of my job is to promote reading, which can be challenging when dealing with our “digital” generation. A breakthrough has come in the form of graphic novels which are now available in an increasingly wider range of genres. I was chatting to a Middle five pupil about this and she said that after the pandemic she found reading these was an effective way to get back into reading. At our recent Book Fair the top selling book was a graphic novel “Silver eyes” by Scott Cawthon.

It was good to celebrate World Book Day again properly and pupils enthusiastically participated in all the activities held in the library. The Book Fair was well attended and the library received a decent commission on sales which will be spent on graphic novels. Pupils really enjoyed deciphering the book titles in the word cloud competition and there were prizes for the winners. The fourth form produced some amazing “Pop Art” based on classic literature and it was also heartening that quite a few went on to read the titles they had chosen. Paula Cummins made us a spectacular “Game of Thrones” cake which was raffled in aid of Book Aid International.

It has been a while since we had any mock ballots in the library so when the Chief Minister Election was held in October, we thought it would be interesting to see who we would support although only MHKs

get to vote. The two candidates for the five-year tenure were Alex Allinson and Alfred Cannan. Our mock ballot saw A. Cannan receive 97 votes and A. Allinson 82, which was closer than the actual result of A. Cannan 14 and A. Allinson 8.

October also saw us celebrating National Poetry Day where the theme was “choice”. Our Design and Technology Department kindly provided us with an upcycled “Poetree” and pupils were invited to write a limerick or an acrostic on a tag to hang on the tree. There were also cards available to write out favourite poems to give or post to someone as a surprise. It was good to see even the reluctant “I don’t like poetry” pupils giving it a go and feeling quite pleased with their efforts.

Chess has had a new dimension this year with sixth former Victor Magold, our champion chess player from Romania kindly giving lessons to very eager younger players. There is a real buzz during lunchtime when these lessons take place, especially when Victor plays up to five boards at a time.

TikTok has been a surprise source in promoting reading with #BookTok that became a social media sensation during Covid and has gathered momentum ever since. A new social media platform that allows brilliant books to be recommended by young ambassadors is invaluable.



A Taste of Culture

This year's 'A Taste of Culture' fundraising event in aid of the Moldovan charity 'Speranta Terrei' took place on Thursday, 3rd February 2022. The event was sold out and raised much-needed money for the charity, and especially for the Larosevscaia family who we have been supporting since 2008.

The entertainment programme, put together by our Lower Sixth entertainment coordinators, started at 7pm in King's Court Theatre and showcased the talents of our students from 4th Form through to 6th Form, many of them from our international boarding community. Songs and drama from different countries were performed, some in their native language, and truly gave visitors a 'Taste of Culture'.

This was followed at 8pm by food tasting in the Barrovian Hall. International and local students presented a wide variety of tasty international

dishes and desserts from 16 different countries, competing for the trophies for Best Food, Best Dessert and Best Presentation.

The winners were:

Best Food: **Mexico** (*runner up Italy*)

Best Dessert: **South Africa** (*runner up Canada*)

Best Presentation: **Mexico** (*runner up South Africa*)

A fantastic evening was had by all and the students, mostly Lower Sixth, did themselves and their countries proud. A special thanks goes to the parents who helped at the tables, who were tremendous in their support.

We raised a total of £1600.50 for Speranta Terrei.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported this great event!



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has had an amazing year and has registered a record number of participants in the U.K., establishing even more its recognition amongst parents, carers, institutions, employers and the whole of society at the end of the day. DofE participants not only grow personally but also become more aware of their environment and the world they live in.

Through the different sections of the Award, the participants have developed their own skills, kept healthy, helped others and had fun... what else can you ask for?! The answer... a party! But not just any party... a garden party at Buckingham Palace Garden! All Gold participants who complete their Award are invited to a celebratory party to collect their certificates and share their experiences with members of the Royal family, famous guest speakers and other participants from all over the U.K. This year has seen the return of these beautiful occasions after the pandemic restrictions and some of our own KWC ex-pupils had the pleasure to attend the Gold Award Celebration in May with their parents. It was an honour to be there with them as well, for such a special event. Here are some pictures of the day.

Please also enjoy reading about some of the participants' experiences this year and looking at their expedition pictures... In conclusion, another year full of adventures!

THE BRONZE EXPERIENCE....

Skills - By Alexander Brown

For my Bronze DofE skills, I decided to work towards my Grade 4 piano. I started at the very start of the school year and went to weekly piano practices as well as playing and practising at home. I had my examination in December where I had to play three pieces including some scales, aural and sight reading. The preparation was long and hard working but I achieved a pass. It was a good outcome and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I am now working towards my Grade 5 which I hope to pass again next year.

Volunteering - By Sophie Bateson

For our bronze DofE we all had to complete 3 or 6 months of volunteering. This meant helping out

somewhere but not getting paid, offering to help other people for free. Lots of people did many different things ranging from, helping out in schools to helping out at your local sports club.

I helped out with the U4 and L4's after school sports practice which at the time was hockey and netball, it was a great way to experience the game from a referee's point of view and it was a good chance to learn more about the game. It was something I enjoyed doing which made the process go quicker. I was helping others but I also felt like I was doing something that benefited me!

Physical - by Jake Turner

Personally, I believe that being active is very important. It has been shown that being active will have positive effects in many aspects of life. Not just physical well-being but also mental. Doing the objectives required for the DofE physical section has given me extra motivation and I have also thoroughly enjoyed it.

Being a keen cricketer, I decided to play cricket as my physical activity... I didn't need to think twice! I was required to complete six months of regularly practicing this physical activity at least once a week, although I often would be playing cricket at least three times a week through both my club and I.O.M. training.

Completing both this section and the whole DofE award has been incredibly rewarding and I have also learnt many valuable skills. I recommend taking part in the award next year. I know that I definitely will!

Expedition by Sam Fearnley

As part of the DofE bronze award everyone had to do the expedition. This was walking from one place to another place in 2 days and 1 night. You had to spend time away from your family and with your group of friends.

My experience on the expedition was very enjoyable as I had a very good group of friends and we all got along very well. I found it very fun being independent and not having parents or teachers telling us what to do. This put our teamwork to the test as we had to navigate around the island with nothing but a map and compass

(and phone for emergencies). Our group didn't have too much trouble, but other groups may have struggled. I think it was important to pick a good group because once you left for the expedition there was no turning back and you were stuck with those people for 2 days. It was also important that you focus, if you don't concentrate and mess around the whole time you will end up getting lost, and once you're lost it's quite hard to find your way back onto the path.

During the expedition all the groups had to complete a task. Our group had decided to build a wooden den, seen as our route was predominantly through Archallagan. After building our den we made sure to break it down to not disturb any of the animals. Other groups did things such as picking up rubbish and taking photos of wildlife.

At night it was quite fun to spend time messing around with your friends. Each campsite you had to share with another group so it was quite nice to see how other people were getting on. When it got later, we got the pots and pans out and started cooking. Dinner had to be something quite easy to cook, like pasta. After dinner we put up the tents and got ready to sleep because we needed energy for the next day.

When we woke up everyone was ready to walk. After we eventually finished the expedition and got back to the Venture Center, we had to present what we did and how we found the expedition.

In conclusion, I really enjoyed doing the DofE and the expedition in particular, as it was a great opportunity for me to bond with friends and it's a good thing to put on your CV. I would highly recommend giving it a go and trying because it is a really great experience.

THE GOLD EXPERIENCE....

By Charlie Cowin

This year we were very fortunate to be able to complete our Duke of Edinburgh on island, despite being unable to travel to the UK for our gold expeditions. The DofE has always been one of the highlights of the school year for me, finally being able to do the gold was a really good experience. This year there were originally 4 gold groups for our practice expeditions and we completed it in some really tough conditions, contending with nearly sub-zero temperatures at night, as well as the customary Manx wind and rain. The first night most of us camped at The Venture Centre, and we took advantage of being at the same camp together. The groups all cooked

and ate together, and after the first night everyone was in good spirits. The second day didn't go quite as well. A member of one of the other groups couldn't continue after he twisted his ankle, so at the start of day 3 I swapped to another group to make up numbers. There were now 4 in my group, and day 3 was really a struggle after heavy rain overnight carrying on throughout the day. The ground was now heavily waterlogged, so

everyone was grateful to reach our final campsite and get some sleep on our last night.

When we came to plan our final expedition, I decided to stay in my new smaller group. We were all people who had done all the DofE levels, Bronze, Silver & now Gold, so we decided to set ourselves a challenge we'd really remember for our final DofE experience. We decided to walk the length of the island, from the Point of Eyre to the Sound. Throughout 4 days we covered around 90km, at different points walking through snow, and at others stopping for lunch and a lie down on a beach in 20-degree heat. There were moments that were really tough, but as a group we picked one another back up and carried on walking. The last night the gold groups were all at the same campsite again, so the last night was spent sharing

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stories amongst friends, laughing and cooking together again, and it was the perfect way to prepare ourselves for the last day. We had a tough day ahead for the last day, so we set out early. When we finally reached the top of the hill leading down into the Sound, we were all ecstatic. The pains in our feet and backs instantly disappeared, and we all ran the last kilometre down the hill into the Sound. It was an incredible feeling to be sat there in the wind, and seeing the others coming down the hill and celebrating together, it was just amazing and I can still see it now!

I would like to thank Mrs Ganzo Perez for organising this amazing experience for us, and to the Venture Centre for providing instructors who really helped us when we were struggling.









Combined Cadet Force

July saw 40 cadets and staff take part in our largest on island Summer Camp, to date. Lots of adventurous activities included climbing and abseiling (from walls to trees to a 150ft cliff!) gorge walking, obstacle courses, shooting and archery. We are returning this July for our last on island camp before joining our Brigade in the North West for Summer 2023.

The Royal Navy Section have enjoyed a great year of sailing and kayaking under the watchful eye of Lt Coase, Mr Lewis, Mr Penn and Mr Blackford.

Our thanks to SLt. Karen Brew for her twelve years service to the CCF. We welcome Miss Garcia and Miss Rudge for this year. The whole Contingent was also introduced to Field Gun racing in our September Field Day.

The RAF Section have enjoyed learning some of the basics of theory of flight and, we have just acquired a number of indoor drones to practice flight and aerobatics. Thank you to all the staff including Pilot Officer's; Craine and Taggart.

The Army Section have been honing their shooting skills and practicing many basic fieldcraft techniques such as navigation and camouflage.

Thank you to all the staff including our Contingent Commander; Major Kirkham with fellow staff, 2Lt Macnair and WO1 Naylor.

A first for our CCF this year. Our current Under Officer; RSM Darcey Bateson completed the Army Cadet Senior Cadet Instructor Course at Frimley Park. Not only successfully completing the course but managed top student!

We always have a large turnout for Remembrance in November, this year was no exception. We supplied cadet standard bearers at several important functions on island, including the unveiling of a memorial plaque for Polish Aircrew in Douglas and Castletown. We also lined the route for the inauguration of our new Lt Governor as he passed through Castletown earlier this year.

2023 is going to be an exciting year for our College CCF. We welcome all new U4 students to give CCF a try on Wednesday's at 1630hrs. We would also like to wish all our CCF leavers for 2022 the very, very best.

CSgt Stuart Headon (SSI)

In Arduis Fidelis

Nec Aspera Terrent





Clubs

BRIDGE CLUB

Starting from September, the Bridge Club was organized every Thursday by Miss Watterson after school. The game of Bridge consists of 4 players who try to win the most hands in a round. As almost all of us were beginners, our co-ordinator ensured that we received proper teaching from experts in the game, who were members of the Castletown Bridge Club. As time went by, there were more new people attending and more insight into the game was explored. All age groups joined and a community formed who shared a love of card games. All participants made their own input in keeping the club going and a friendly environment for anyone to join, and with Miss Watterson's biscuits supply the strategy and sugar combined perfectly. **Victor Magold**

CROCHET CLUB (WOOLLY CORNER)

Crochet club was started by Miss Hope and Miss Watson in September 2021, both of them being very keen crocheters and being willing to help teach any students interested in learning, or supporting any students who already crocheted. We had about 7 or 8 regulars at crochet club, with a few extra new members joining throughout the term (all excited to learn a new skill). We even recruited Miss De Vos and her knitting skills, to join us for a few weeks to help out some students who had more of an interest in knitting. We hoped that each member of crochet club would make a granny square or 2 and we could then join everyone's contributions together to make a lap blanket, and gift it to a local nursing home. We can carry on with this project in the next academic year when Miss Hope returns.



Boarding Experience

This year the Summer Boarding Experience took place again from 7th-29th June. Six German and 4 French students took the great opportunity to improve their English skills, and experience boarding life.

During the first two weeks we received daily ESOL lessons and went on different trips to get to know the island and learn about Manx history and culture, mostly during the afternoons. The activities were many and varied, and although the long walks could be tiring and the weather cooler than we were used to, we were amazed by the beauty of the island, the landscapes and the views we had from Cregneash and Bradda Head and the castles. Some of us also had a very special close encounter with a 6-meter basking shark, which swam around our paddleboards and kayaks in Port Erin!

Boarding life is very peculiar. You do everything together. It's an amazing experience! At the weekend you can go on trips, take the bus to Douglas or simply stay in house to chill and watch a movie with your friends, munching on treats. The tutors are kind and welcoming. Boarding life is wonderful and an experience not to be missed! A special highlight was joining the trip to Liverpool with the boarders.

During our final week, we attended regular L5 and M5 lessons with "buddies" to gain an understanding of a regular day in a boarding school. We were surprised by the differences to schooling in our countries, but we had a great time and lots of fun. We really appreciated how readily everyone included us very quickly and our English has improved significantly in this short time.



King's Court Theatre

Following a disrupted few years globally, the theatre got back to normal with regular screenings being shown from the National Theatre, Royal Opera House, Northern Ballet and Australian Opera. We also held some excellent music concerts screened from around the world with André Rieu and his orchestra still being a favourite with our audiences. The Theatre has become a real community hub for many and it was wonderful welcoming people back.

During the Easter break King's Court also welcomed Parodos Theatre Company to perform their take on Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, directed by David Dawson our theatre manager. Following its success, we look forward to welcoming the company back next year for their performance of *The Merchant of Venice*.

A great moment for the theatre came this year when a brand-new surround sound system was installed by Gear Industries, improving the equipment to that of a leading cinema. The system now allows 7.1 surround sound which is compatible with all our live screenings and films; lifting the experience for all our patrons. This would not have been possible without the support of the Manx Lottery Trust who have once again supported the theatre financially to help develop the space for the college and the community.



Chapel of St Thomas

Chapel is the spiritual heart of the school. Here new beginnings are observed, triumphs celebrated, sadnesses set before God, and endings marked. In this school year there have been many of these, some of which have been shaped by the circumstances we have lived through.

Noteworthy moments have included Remembrance, where the whole school gathered at the Memorial to commemorate the fallen. After the Last post and Reveille, only some year groups and CCF entered the Chapel. One of the joys in the year is the annual visit of P1 from Pre-Prep. They came to Chapel in Advent to seek out lost sheep, spot the angels, hear the story and to sing Away in a Manger. They then placed the sheep before the crib scene and we said a prayer. Carol Services were beautiful despite restricted numbers.

Some thoughts:

It was almost two years to the day after College closed. We all re-entered Chapel to sing together and hear the Good News of the Gospel. During the pandemic the two previous years, social distancing in place, separate year groups gathered twice a week in Chapel for their services. The doors remained open, it was frequently extremely chilly, and I wondered how the windows did not blow in. We had endured, persevered and survived the pandemic. Now the world stage was facing uncertainty of a very different nature. How to mark this moment? We came together to sing our favourite hymns, listen to scripture and to pray.

Chapel was opened for private prayer; a new candle stand was created from the umbrella stand that stood dustily in the hall and an Icon Corner was also created on 27.2.22 for those Orthodox Christians in our community.

In all the uncertainty in the world the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd fits, The Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world – Lord, have mercy on us. This Icon is amongst those in Chapel, I noticed one in the Bishop's study.

Only a handful of visiting preachers have managed to join us in our Friday Services, and some years did not have a visit from any until the summer term.

Nursery respond to action songs which they join in: 'The wise man built his house upon the rock'. Pre-Prep, big and small, love the stories and the enthusiasm of these young ones. It is infectious, and I love it!

The restricted numbers in Chapel meant that only the prep was present at the Buchan Easter Service.

It is good to be fully back in Chapel, it's summer and the weather is bright, it's easy to forget the tough times endured.

THE 31ST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S INAUGURATION

On Wednesday the 29th of September, only a few weeks after I joined KWC, a few other L4 and I were asked if we wanted to volunteer to represent the school at the inauguration of the now Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, Sir John Lorimer, who succeeded the amazing Sir Richard Gozney who I have also had the pleasure to meet. The best part of that day was indefinitely when the man himself came around and shook our hands, he had lots of medals including the George cross which is awarded for acts of great bravery. The amazing thing was that we were one of the people that day who saw him before he was inaugurated. I am very happy to say he seems like a very nice man who will be a great asset to our great island, and I am honoured to have met Sir John Lorimer before and after his inauguration, may he have a happy time as Lieutenant Governor. **Lily Mildwaters**



On Wednesday afternoon a small group of us from L4 accompanied Reverend Erica to Parliament Square in Castletown to watch the swearing-in ceremony for the new Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Lorimer.

Thankfully, the sun shone obligingly making it perfect weather for brass bands and flag-waving. Quite a large crowd had gathered round Parliament Square to enjoy the occasion. I noticed that KWC were also represented by a cadet holding the KWC CCF flag.

When Sir John arrived we all waved our flags and, before going in to Castle Rushen for the actual ceremony, he went around chatting to the crowd. When he got to us Sir John asked which classes we were missing. 'Maths and Games', we replied and he told us that it was a shame to miss games but he hadn't been a huge fan of Maths!

In all, it was a great event to attend. **Brodie Millar**

My experience of seeing the Lieutenant Governor at his inauguration was a very exciting and memorable experience. This was held in Castletown Square. We got to see the Lieutenant Governor before and after he was sworn in. We sang the National Anthem and God Save the Queen, which was played by a very good band. There were Isle of Man flags which we waved. There were many important people in attendance including the Bishop and the Chief Minister. We were even lucky enough to speak to him and he was wearing many medals, including the George

Cross which is a medal for bravery. This medal means a lot to me as it was awarded to the Maltese for their bravery during the war. It was all a very enjoyable time. **Zoe Vogel**

WEDDINGS

We were honoured when the following couples chose St Thomas Chapel to celebrate their love for each other, and to share their wedding vows.

Sarah Reeday & Jack Collins - 14th August 2021
 Will Ennett & Annabel Chambers - 6th November 2021
 Di Astill & Mark Williams - 9th April 2022
 James Allen & Sophie Fraser - 21st May 2022
 Sam Black & Jessica Vestal - 18th June 2022
 Ross Angwin & Jenna Heidstrom - 25th June 2022
 Craig Sansbury & Alex Hardman - 2nd July 2022

Once in a while, right in the middle of an ordinary life... Love gives us a fairytale





After much disruption we were pleased to see the school community brought back together for many events this year. We are grateful to have received so much support from the community including financial gifts, sponsorship, gifts of equipment and volunteers offering their time and skills. Thank you to our donors and to everyone who has supported the school over this past year. We look forward to sharing news of our next projects with you in due course.

DOSCH MACLEOD SCIENCE WING OPENING



On Monday 27th June we were delighted to officially open the Dosch MacLeod Science Wing. This was made possible through a generous donation by the MacLeod family, the newly refurbished wing is named in memory of Dosch. Dosch's ambition was to study Medicine at university but he tragically died in a car accident in 2014. The upgraded science facilities are hoped to

enable other students to achieve that goal. The refurbished wing has already had a big impact on school life, providing an excellent range of facilities for students. It was a great pleasure to finally be able to open the Wing in the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, members of the MacLeod family and guests from the College community.



STEAM STUDIO OPENING

Another event delayed due to the pandemic was the opening of The Buchan School's STEAM Studio. Opened officially by OKW Dr John Taylor OBE in October, the studio is the only facility of its kind in the Isle of Man. It provides an important facility for students to develop their STEAM learning, bringing together key aspects of the curriculum.

At the opening, Buchan Head, Mrs Billingsley Evans said; *"This is hugely exciting. All of the equipment arrived and then COVID hit, however here we are today back in school and ready to launch this fantastic facility. The STEAM Studio can be used for every single curriculum area, and it not only gives skills the children*

need in their lessons, but skills that they will need in their future life. The future is exciting. We have already made links with the Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce, with plans to take part in primary engineering and Lego challenges in the future."

We are grateful to all those who have donated and supported the STEAM Studio and are delighted that this is now a key part of learning at The Buchan School.



DONATIONS

We were extremely fortunate to have received donations to support various aspects of school life. At The Buchan School donations have funded laptops for Music, Sports equipment and a projector for IT. Pre-Prep have also received a Buddy Bench, which is designed to help pupils who need extra support from their peers.

At King William's College, the boarders received a delivery of paddle boards at the end of the summer term. These have already proved to be incredibly popular and offer a fantastic outdoor experience for the students. Disco lighting was also purchased for our students to use at various events, including the Epiphany Dinner and Upper fifth Celebration. They have been a great addition and will certainly be a key feature at future student events. Over the summer, vital work was carried out on the College organ, funded by donations, and we look forward to hearing the refurbished organ during the Autumn term.





This year FaB donated £30,000 to provide staging and lighting to support Drama at The Buchan School. This donation has already had a large impact and will be an invaluable resource for future school productions and activities within the School.

FaB have also put on a number of wonderful events for the children. They have enjoyed the book fair, discos and the spectacular Christmas Fair. All of these events were a great success and it was wonderful to see the children having so much fun.

Thank you to all those who have supported us and to our generous donors. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed – your generosity makes it all possible.

Special thanks also go to all those who have given their time to support us. This support is invaluable and we would love more parents to become involved.

To find out more about getting involved with Friends at Buchan please contact Head of External Relations kara.clague@kwc.im.



This year the Friends of KWC organised not one, but two balls. As was the case with many events, the annual May Ball was delayed due to COVID 19 in 2021. However, this meant that the academic year started with great celebration with the Roaring 20's Ball! Guests enjoyed a brilliant evening and embraced the theme with great enthusiasm.

Following the success of the first Christmas Market in December 2020 we were delighted to hold the event again in 2021. Friends once again provided refreshments and were pleased to see the popularity of our Christmas Market grow again this year, and accommodate twice the number of stall holders, compared to the previous year.

A welcome return to normality saw the May Ball punctuating another fantastic Founders Day. This year the theme for our Ball was platinum and it was fantastic to welcome the wider College community together once again. Guests were entertained throughout the evening, having plenty of fun whilst raising funds.

Our thanks go to Sue Nicholson and the Friends Committee for pulling out all the stops for both events. We thank them for their generosity in time and support of the College. Thanks also go to our Catering Team who worked tirelessly to ensure the events ran smoothly.

BARROVIAN



ALUMNI

As life has slowly returned to normal we were pleased to see our alumni community at a number of events held throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who got in touch, it has been fantastic to hear from you. After such a long time being unable to do so, we have enjoyed a number of visits from alumni throughout the year.

The annual Liverpool and Manchester OKW Society Dinner took place in November, followed in the new year by the London OKW and Buchan Society Dinner. We were delighted to see a broad group of alumni join, and look forward to seeing more alumni at both dinners in the future.

For the 2022/2023 year we are looking forward to hosting the 20th Anniversary IB Reunion Dinner in September. This is a milestone event and we are delighted to welcome back to school Philip John as Guest of Honour. In November, the Liverpool and Manchester OKW Society Dinner will be held and we hope to see many of you at this event. The festive period will see the return of the Christmas Market, our Carol Services and of course the General Knowledge Paper. Plans are in place to hold the London OKW and Buchan Society Dinner in March and after a long wait we will resume the Lady Laura Lunch in 2023.

As we explore new ways of supporting our community we are launching the Barrovian Careers Network. This will provide an invaluable network for our alumni and we thank those who have already pledged their support. Whilst the network will operate through the online portal, we also hope to hold a number of events to provide further support.

Thank you to everyone who has connected with us this year. Our alumni community is highly valued and we look forward to seeing more of you next year.



Honours List

SAM ASHWORTH

(2005 - 2009)

Bsc 1st Accounting Finance and Management 1
University of York

ANGELA AUMONIER

(2016 - 2019)

Bsc Hons 2:1 Exercise and Sports Science
Exeter University

JOSEPHINE BELL

(2011 - 2018)

Legal Practice Course – Commendation
BPP Law School

KWAN YEE CHAN

(2016 - 2019)

BA 2:1 Fine Art
Lancaster University

EMMA COURTIE

(2012 - 2019)

LLB Hons 2:1 Law and Criminology
University of Lincoln

PATRICK COPE

(2011 - 2018)

BA Hons 2:1 Geography
Newcastle University

MOLLY GIBSON

(2005 - 2019)

BA Hons 1st Class History
Durham University

ANNA HALL

(2009 - 2016)

BSc 1st Materials Chemistry
University of St Andrews

AIDEN CARL HAWKER

(2011 - 2018)

MA 1st International Relations
University of St Andrews

ISOBEL JAGUS

(2009 - 2014)

Bachelor of Nursing
University of Chester

JAMES ANDREW KOUSSA

(2016 - 2018)

BA Hons 1st Class Honours International Business
Management
Oxford Brookes University

BOGDAN OWORUSZKO

(2018 - 2019)

2:1 LLB Law
University of York

RADHA PATEL

(2008 - 2018)

MEng First Class Honours Mechanical
Engineering
Lancaster University

JAMES RAATGEVER

(2004 - 2019)

BA Hons 1st Class Management
University of Bath

CONOR TAYLOR

(2014 - 2018)

Integrated Masters 2:1 Town and Regional
Planning
University of Liverpool

FFINLO WRIGHT

(2003 - 2018)

MA (Hons) 1:1 Mathematics and Modern History
University of St Andrews

CHARLIE YAU

(2017 - 2019)

BA Hons 1st Marketing and Management
Durham University – St Cuthbert's Society

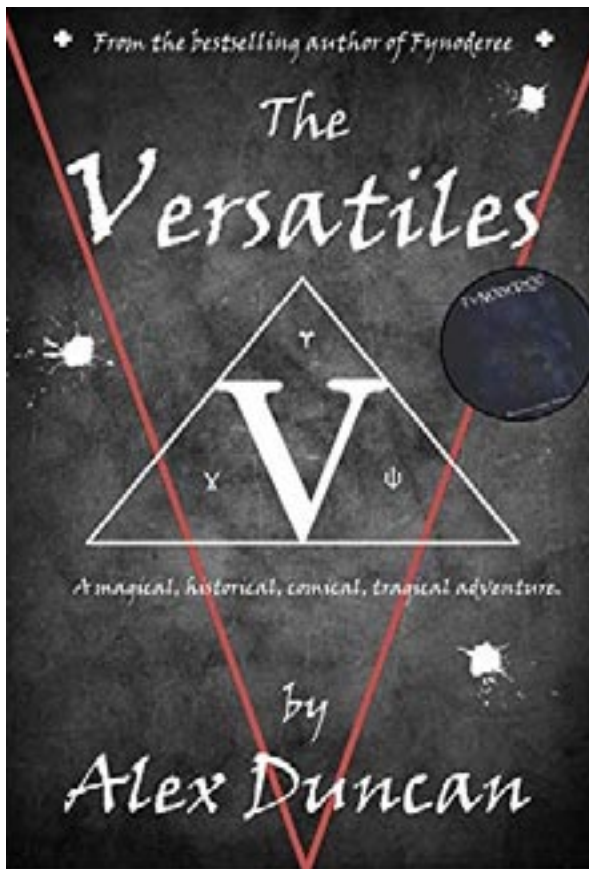
Celebrating the wider College community

ALEX DUNCAN

You can make anything by writing

Mr Duncan is of course known by many as the Head of Drama at the Buchan, however, his artistic life doesn't stop when the school bell tolls the end of the day.

Alex is also a writer with several books published, including the bestseller *Fynodree*. A little over a year ago, his newest novel, *The Versatiles*, was published. It is a classic adventure set at the tail end of the eighteenth century. With secret societies, slavery, sword fights, shoot-outs, masked balls, petty theft, narrow escapes, highwaymen, graveyards, cross-dressing, black magic, fisticuffs and very bad acting, *THE VERSATILES* is a period romp that travels beyond the boundaries of imagination, and then goes one step further!



Alex has also recently revived radio drama at the island's radio station Manx Radio; writing, directing, producing and starring in a number of pulp adventures concerning Hall and Kelly, ghost

hunters extraordinaire. With an all-star cast including many KWC alumni, the Hall and Kelly adventures have been a huge hit both on and off the island.

ANOUK DE VOS

Be brave to stand for what you believe in

Our very own Miss De Vos always fancied joining the police and a few years ago, when she wasn't enjoying teaching anymore, she considered joining full time, but the shift work put her off.

She decided to try it out by applying to be a special constable. To get in, she had to go through a very lengthy application process, pass an assessment day involving role play scenarios, a Maths and English assessment and various organisational tasks, a bleep test and then a gruelling fitness test on Bradda Head.

Initial training was a week long. Lockdown began again that week as Covid was rife so initial training was socially distanced and it included wearing masks. She had a week of intense learning about crimes, laws, rights etc. and a test at the end of the week (She scored 100%). She had practical sessions weekly afterwards via Teams, but due to Covid, she was unable to do the Personal Safety Training (PST) until lockdown was lifted. Miss De Vos was finally sworn in by the Chief Constable Gary Roberts at the beginning of May 2021, and upon receiving her warrant cards, she was able to begin volunteering for duty. She was allocated to the Western Neighbourhood Policing Team (Peel) and has thoroughly enjoyed working with them, although she has actually worked duties in all neighbourhoods now, going where she is most needed.

'In the last thirteen months I have volunteered over 350 hours (although occasionally we have a paid duty) and in that time it has really opened my eyes to some of the unfortunate and difficult situations some people find themselves in, some through no fault of their own or through desperation. I have worked at several events but have also been out on Section and with RPU. I thoroughly enjoy the

variety and also being able to help people whenever I can. Some people have the misconception that the special constabulary don't have the same powers as regular police officers, but this is actually not true, although we can't be on independent patrol until we have passed accreditation, a lengthy process which I am still working on'.

Her teaching job always comes first, and Miss De Vos has fallen in love with teaching again since moving to KWC last September. 'But I also love this voluntary role. I worked 51 hours over the TT fortnight and met lots of amazing people'.

In November Miss De Vos was delighted to receive the Chief Constable's Cup for the Special Constabulary, awarded to the special constable showing the most promise.



DAVID DAWSON & STEVE DAYKIN

All the world's a stage

Thousands of us were left completely blown away by the Douglas Choral Union production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame at the Gaiety Theatre. The director of this stunning show, David Dawson talked to Marc Tyley about his life in theatre both on stage and in the director's chair. Steve Daykin took on the role of choir master, and conductor for the orchestra.

David and Steve are dedicated staff members at KWC. David's passion for Drama and Steve's passion for Music are evident in the successful performances of our own students. Furthermore, David and Steve had key roles in the production team of The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

The reviews streamed in...

'Wow- What an amazing show all round this afternoon! Had goose bumps most of the time! Agree with all the praise posted by others'.

'It was wonderful. I could watch it again'.

'Guys, I can't say enough about this show. I loved it on Wednesday and loved it even more this afternoon. Incredible cast, score, set and costume. Nothing was overlooked. Bravo to everyone involved! Best yet in my opinion'.



LOUISE ASHTON

A big journey begins with small steps



I had been interested in walking the pilgrimage Camino de Santiago for some time, so when this opportunity to walk part of it arose back in the Autumn of 2019, walk planned for October 2020, I was in! Junior Achievement are a charity that visit and help at the two Schools and I have an ingrained ethos that it is always good to give back. In another life I have been a volunteer Coastguard

in Douglas for 10 years and regularly volunteer to marshal local sporting events.

We had to raise £500 for the charity and pay for ourselves to go. However, JA did all the planning and organising. All we had to do was fundraise, put in some serious walk training and turn up!

JA focus on giving young people in education real life skills to help empower them into making informed choices about their future. An eyes-wide-open approach to how the world works and the realities of what jobs in the workplace entail. Being a teacher, this is a concern close to my heart. JA visit schools with volunteer local business people and together they deliver a programme of games, challenges, information and first-hand experience. Our funding helps to make this happen.

After Covid put a stop to everything we finally got away in April 2022. The walk was tough at times, but we managed to cover the distance of 90 miles in just over 4 days. To arrive in Santiago on Easter weekend was very special and a visit to the Cathedral de Santiago de Campostela on Easter Sunday was a must. £1000 raised – mission accomplished, memories made!

MIKE SANSBURY

Goals are attained, not by strength, but by perseverance

Our very own maintenance foreman and joiner, Mike Sansbury, happily works at King William's College during the day and is a committed football coach after hours.

His love for Football started at the tender age of eight when he started playing as a goal keeper at Ballasalla Primary School, later playing for the Castle Rushen High School team, and continued as a senior player after high school. Furthermore, Mike enjoyed playing for Castletown as a Junior, where he won in the U16 League, and also the Cowell Cup (U18s).

In 1997, Mike decided to start coaching football in Castletown. He continues to voluntarily dedicate 10-15 hours a week, and has his Level 1 and Goalkeeping qualifications. At present there are other volunteers who coach with Mike, two coaches for the Senior Division and six coaches for the Junior Division. Mike's passion to uplift the

youth is also evident in his involvement at the Castletown Youth Centre, where he volunteered for 20 years.

Mike continues to inspire by completing three Parish Walks. In 2019 he managed the trek in 22 hours 12 minutes, beat his time in 2021, and continued to improve even more in 2022; completing the ultra event in 19 hours 43 minutes.



Mike came in 34th (what an amazing achievement)! The photo is of Mike with his son, Jake, who also finished the whole Parish Walk. While we are on the topic of The Parish Walk; Denise Jones, our Common Room Secretary, finished the Parish at Peel (32 miles) at a time of 8h 13m. Fantastic!

Clearly, Mike is a motivator to many young people in the Isle of Man including some of the adults. The boys at College who are coached by Mike, speak so highly of him.

'Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure' - Coach Carter

Success is best when it is shared

Every facet of King William's College is valued. The success of our college is due to the commitment, determination and hard work that is portrayed in every department. There are phenomenal leaders who tirelessly contribute to our well-oiled machine.

At King William's College, teachers and students work together with the wider community because success is best when it's shared.



Memorials

We are sad to announce that the following members of our community have passed away. We send our condolences to their families.

**CHRISTOPHER FREDERICK
ROBINS**
(S 1944-49)

PETER LUFT
(J, D 1969 – 1980)

JOHN DEREK COSTAIN
(H 1938 – 1945)

Derek Costain passed away on 22nd March in Weybridge. Derek, who had a distinguished career with British Steel was 95 years old at his passing.

Immensely proud of his Manx heritage, Derek was born in 1926 and grew up in Colby at “Glendale”. The son of William Alfred, who ran the post office shop and bakery and Lillian, the daughter of famous sea-captain John Cubbin. He joined King William’s College in 1938 as a member of Hunt House. Following his A-level exams in the week of D-day he joined the RNVR. After training and commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant he served on HMS Liberty, part of the 10th Minesweeping Flotilla based in Singapore, which cleared the Japanese-laid minefields of the north coast of Borneo in the South China Sea. He later served in home waters on HMS Helmsdale on anti-submarine duties.

After leaving the Navy, he went to Corpus Christi College, Oxford and read PPE from 1948-1951. Following on from this, Derek had a distinguished career with British Steel spanning for 38 years. Described as a strong leader, a perfectionist and someone with an immense capacity for hard work, Derek spent several years in India overseeing the merge of British Steel’s subsidiaries in the sub-continent. He was rewarded with promotion to a director of the organisation as Head of Exports.

Derek is survived by his daughter Tania, son Nigel and grandsons Harry and Jonny, to whom we send our deepest condolences.

IAN STEWART FRASER
(W 1956-1960)

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Professor Ian Stewart Fraser, 79, in Sydney on 28 June 2022.

Ian dedicated his professional career to improving the health of women worldwide by teaching, training, research and advocacy, and to developing and mentoring others, particularly those involved in obstetrics and gynaecology. He was also an authority in the field of Reproductive Medicine.

Ian was born in Carlisle, England to Dr Ellis and Dr Stewart Fraser, and trained in medicine and obstetrics and gynaecology at the Universities of Edinburgh and Oxford, before moving to the University of Sydney in 1975. He was the sixth generation to become a doctor in the Fraser family.

He was awarded his Doctorate of Science from Edinburgh University and was the only gynaecologist in Australia with a Doctorate of Science. He also received an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Sunderland.

Ian held a Personal Chair in Reproductive Medicine at the University of Sydney, and was Visiting Professor at Sunderland University and Conjoint professor (Reproductive Medicine) at the University of New South Wales. He was also Honorary Sub-Specialist in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Ian was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in the 2002 Queen’s Birthday Honours.

Ian worked extensively with organisations devoted to the improvement of women’s health, holding high scientific advisory positions on contraception, abnormal uterine bleeding and endometriosis. He was Chairman of the World Health Organisation Steering Committee on long-acting contraceptives, and a member of the United Nations Population Council’s International Committee for Contraception Research. One of his colleagues noted “women’s health is better, worldwide, because of Ian.”

He was Honorary Secretary of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), and chaired multiple committees that modernised the worldwide study and practice of obstetrics and gynaecology.

Ian devoted great effort to raising the standards of women’s healthcare in Australia and ensuring that the standards of practice of Australia’s

obstetricians and gynaecologists are amongst the highest in the world. He was a founding fellow and vice-president of the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, before he served as Foundation President of the newly created Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG). To mark his presidency, he donated to RANZCOG a set of surgical instruments owned by Joseph Lister.

He also helped Taronga, Adelaide and Melbourne Zoos to raise the standards of healthcare for primates, by advising on and inserting contraceptive devices into orangutans, gorillas and chimpanzees.

He had a strong passion for teaching and nurturing the skills and experience of others. He supervised advanced training in reproductive medicine to gynaecologists across the world, and many of his former students and colleagues have paid tribute to his impact on them personally and their careers. A number commented that Ian saw something in them they didn't see themselves; he encouraged them to pursue new challenges and mentored them as they did.

Ian co-authored over 500 scientific publications in various fields of reproductive medicine, including more than 400 original research papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Ian was a keen birder, combining it with his love of travel. He and Dorothy shared a love of opera and Formula One motor racing.

Ian leaves behind his wife, Dorothy, his daughters, Lindsay, Gael and Rowan, his grandchildren, Dylan, Cristyn, Zenobia, Edwina, Alexander, Ian and Carson, and his great-granddaughter, Arabella.

Rowan Fox

JOHN EDWIN KNEEN (H 1940 – 1947)

John Edwin Kneen was born on January 25th 1929. He was the youngest of three children and grew up on Ballacorkish farm on the Isle of Man. Encouraged to study by his mother, Maud, he secured a scholarship to attend King William's College in 1940 where he remained until July 1947. National Service saw John taken to Greece as an ammunition's examiner for the ordnance corps.

In late 1954, having been granted early release to go to Liverpool University, John qualified as a veterinary surgeon. Thanks to one of his lecturers,

who knew of a vet in Arbroath, John found his way to Scotland. John enjoyed a varied and broad career in Arbroath, serving the community for 43 years.

John was a disciplined individual who liked challenges, though shy he had a quick mind which revelled in sorting problems or inventing solutions. We send our warmest condolences to his family and friends.

BRYAN WILFRED HARDING (H 1949-1956)

Bryan Wilfrid Harding was born on the 23rd day of November 1937 on the Isle of Man, the son of Wilfrid Arthur Hawkins-Harding and Doris Isabel Clague.

The first home that Bryan lived in was 2 York Road, in a guest house called "Albion" which was run by his parents, and right next to Murray's Road School which he attended. In 1949 at the age of 11, Bryan started at King Williams College which he retained a great fondness for during his life, later acting as the Alumni Relations Director for the school. The highlight of Bryan's school career for him was being a part of the Cadet Force where he was part of the RAF section. Bryan had a great love of aviation and was lucky enough to have the opportunity to fly in Tiger Moth aircraft, and notably on navigation exercises around the Island on a number of occasions in a Lancaster Bomber, according to his logbook, flying from Ronaldsway! He was also a good cross country runner and was awarded his second colours at KWC for athletics.

In 1955 Bryan started Teacher training at Chester College and qualified in 1958. Whilst at Chester College Bryan joined the Royal Chester Rowing Club and rowed on the River Dee, a sport he said he really enjoyed. In late 1962 Bryan returned to the Island and took up a position at Ballakermeen Boys School where he was regarded as a "firm but fair" teacher. He taught History and Geography. He was very moved at the kind words one of his pupils David Cretney wrote of him recently in his newspaper column where he noted Bryan's patience in teaching him.

Bryan passed away peacefully, with Judith by his side, on Friday the 15th July 2022. He had been watching the Cricket, a sport he loved, virtually to the end and was pleased that England had beaten India.

We send Judith and all of Bryan's family our warmest condolences.

PATRICK NEAL CROOKALL (J, H 1979 – 1988)

Patrick attended King William's College from 1978 – 1988 and was a highly active member of the school community. He was a member of Junior (Day) and Hunt House, and in his final year he was Head of School, Head of House and Captain of Swimming. Patrick demonstrated great swimming ability during his time at College, winning the Derbyhaven Swim from 85-88 and won many house Inter-House Swimming Competitions. Whilst at College he was also a member of the 1st Rugby and Hockey Teams. He received The Bishop Stanton Jones Prize for Head of School in his final year on Founders' Day. Having completed his A Levels he went on to study Modern Languages at Manchester University which included a year teaching English at a school in Nice.

Outside of school Patrick was an accomplished skier and horse-rider, and as a dedicated member of Douglas Swimming Club, he broke many school age records and represented the Isle of Man at swimming galas off-Island. Patrick diligently kept up his fitness regime throughout his life and only a few years ago competed in several major international Triathlon and Iron Man events under training from US elite Tri coach, Joe Friel, achieving sub-one hour for Sprint, sub-two hours for Olympic distance and sub-five hours for Ironman.

Professionally, after being awarded his BA Honours degree, Patrick took up a training contract with Coopers and Lybrand chartered accountants but the family business, Ramsey Crookall & Co, drew him into stockbroking where he became a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Securities Institute, a Chartered Wealth Manager and the Company's Finance Director.

Patrick was a loving, caring and extremely proud father of his three children Mia, Ollie and Kai they have all inherited his wide-ranging sporting interest and natural ability and he will be remembered and celebrated as a gentle, kind, and thoughtful man by his family and his many colleagues, business associates and friends.

DURSLEY STOTT (H, S 1946 – 1954)

Robert Thomas Dursley Stott OBE (known as Dursley) joined King William's College in 1946. He was a member of Hunt and School House and was an active member of the community. Whilst at

College, Dursley was Head of School, Head of House, Captain of Cricket, Athletics and Rugby. He was awarded 1st Colours for Athletics and had a lifelong love of field sports.

Upon completing his studies at King William's College Dursley went on to study Law at Magdalene College, Cambridge. He went on to set up the family firm and was Chairman and Managing Director of the family firm, R L Stott and Co. For many years Dursley was on the Board of the Steam Packet, Chairman of the Sun Alliance Insurance Group (IOM) and Vice Chairman of the Sefton Group. Dursley also served as Chairman of Governors and was instrumental in merging King William's College and The Buchan School.

In 1958 Dursley competed in the Commonwealth Games in athletics, with the 100 yard and 200 yard runs. He was President of the Commonwealth Games until 2006, having served over 9 Commonwealth Games in his 26 years as an official. His work for the Commonwealth Games and as President of the Red Cross saw Dursley awarded an OBE.

We send our warmest condolences to his family and friends.

GILES MORRISON (R 1992 – 1997)

Giles was born on the Isle of Man and attended King William's College between 1992 – 1997. At school he was incredibly bright and creative and was involved in all aspects of school life, from tennis to arts and sciences. Whilst at College he developed a keen passion for cooking and this is something he carried with him throughout his life.

Following on from school, Giles went on to study Law in Dublin followed by Bar School in London, joining Middle Temple. He joined Kaim Todner, a leading criminal practice. There he accumulated knowledge and experience that he was later able to bring with him to 15 New Bridge Street Chambers, where he was to become known as an extremely capable barrister.

Giles sadly passed away earlier this year. We know he will be sorely missed and send our thoughts to his family and all who knew him.

KWC Remembers

UNVEILING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL (The Barrovian magazine October 1922 - from the "Isle of Man Times")

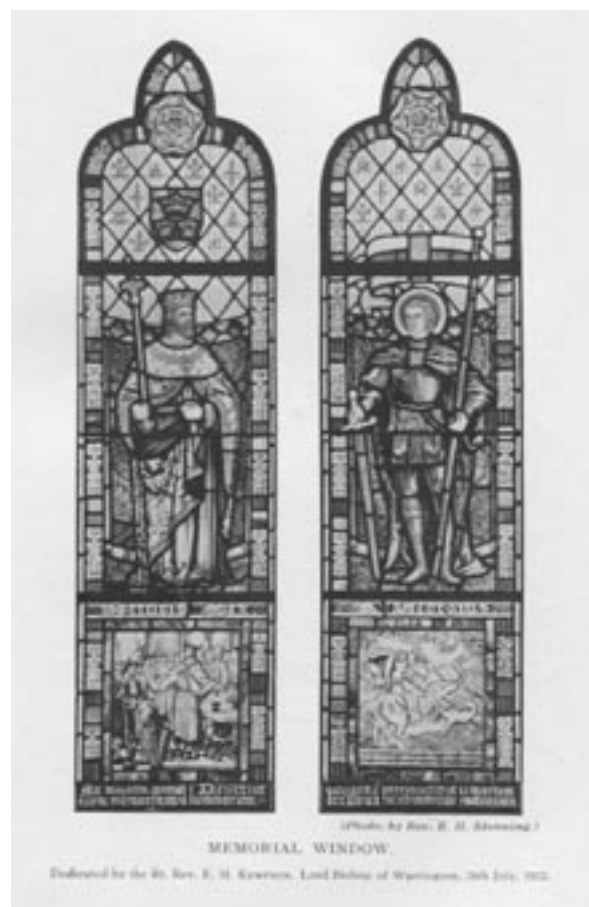
In honour of 119 old pupils of King William's College who laid down their lives for King and country in the Great War, a memorial cross has been erected in the open space just outside the College Chapel, and it was formally unveiled and dedicated on Friday, July 28th, just prior to the school being closed for the summer vacation.



The cross is of Celtic design, incised and panelled, and it bears on its face a bronze replica of the ancient Sword of State of the Isle of Man, which for centuries was carried before the Governor at Tynwald, and which presumably was carried before Bishop Barrow (the founder of the College). The cross of Cornish granite stands on a base of three ascents and upon a pedestal, reaching a height of nineteen feet, ten inches, in all. On the sides of the pedestal, upon four tablets, the names of the fallen youths and men are inscribed in bronze. The designer was Mr Ronald F. Dodd, architect, of

Oxford (late of Castletown, and an O.K.W.), and the work has been executed by Messrs W. H. Axtell and Co., of Oxford.

An additional memorial has been placed in the Chapel, in the form of a stained-glass window, containing allegorical figures of St. George and King Arthur. It bears an appropriate Latin inscription, and has been designed and executed by Mr Gary, of Cambridge.



The ceremony was attended by a very large number of old boys and parents, and the Chapel was completely filled. There, a most impressive service was gone through, the opening sentences being read by the Ven. Archdeacon of Mann, and the lesson by the head of the school, H. C. Easton. The memorial window was dedicated by a former Principal, the Rev. E. H. Kempson, M.A., who is now Bishop of Warrington.

The memorial cross was unveiled by one of the most distinguished men who has ever passed through the College, Sir George Beatson, M.D., K.C.B., and was dedicated by the Bishop of Sodor



Rev. E. H. Kempson, M.A.

and Mann (the Right Rev. James Denton-Thompson, D.D.). Sir George Beatson had a distinguished medical career in Glasgow long before the war, but during the war he displayed not merely great scientific attainments, but great organising ability, and he was head of the Red Cross work throughout Scotland. His services were recognised not only by his own government, but by foreign governments. He came to the College in 1856, when his parents resided in Castletown, and was head of the School in 1866.

In the course of a memorable address, he said:- "Never in the annals of King William's College have its friends and its pupils (past and present) met together on an occasion so unique, so impressive, and so full of emotion, for we are assembled here today to unveil a memorial to no less than 127 Old Boys and Masters who laid down their lives in the Great War in the cause of Freedom of Justice, and of Humanity. To them and to all their fallen comrades a "grateful and admiring nation has paid its tribute by the burial in Westminster Abbey, the Valhalla of our country's illustrious dead, of the body of an " Unknown Warrior." The King and Princes and the highest in



Sir George Beatson, M.D., K.C.B.

the land took part in his obsequies, and he was laid to rest amidst the people's homage and the people's grief.

But it is only right and proper that this college should erect a memorial of its own to those who have added such lustre to the traditions of the school. Gratitude, admiration, and affection all demand it. No doubt such a memorial has a pathos of its own, and tends to make us mourn, so that we may allow ourselves to be carried away by the sadness it embodies, and the tragedy that it represents. But we must not allow our emotions to gain the upper hand, and experience sorrow without hope. Were we to do so, this memorial would be our undoing. We are not to grieve, but to admire and emulate. We cannot, of course, but feel regret that the heroes to whom this memorial has been erected have not lived to receive our plaudits, and wear the honours they had won, but of them it has been truthfully and beautifully said: -

*For you no medals such as others wear,
A Cross of Bronze for those approved brave;
To you is given, above a shallow grave,
A wooden Cross, that marks you resting there.*

***Rest you content; more honourable far
Than all the content.; is the Cross of wood,
The symbol of self-sacrifice that stood
Bearing the God, whose brethren you are.***

It is, then, in every way, appropriate that this memorial should take the form of a cross. There was no doubt a day when round the cross, as a symbol, there hovered nothing but ignominy and shame, for on it the malefactor suffered, and the murderer died; but the rough and reddened wood that stood on Calvary's height changed all that, and the cross is now for us the emblem of all that is noble, self-sacrificing, and good. It speaks to us of what is holiest, best, and bravest in the world. To all of us it is our life's guiding star. It cannot then think otherwise that this cross must always conjure up for us a beatific vision of patriotism and self-sacrifice. To some, no doubt, it will call up the shadowy form of old familiar friends, whose hands they will never again in this world clasp in friendship; but to one and all it must always be an inspiration, for it tells of duty nobly done. No higher praise can be given to anyone than to say of him: "He did his duty."

Why do we cherish Nelson's immortal memory? It is because he personifies to us patriotism and self-sacrifice, and because the motto of his life was "Duty." It was the last word that flew from his signal halliards; it was the last message he gave to the country for which he died. And every year, when in London they lay their laurel wreaths at the foot of his monument, it is to remind the people for what he lived, and for what he gave this life; and it is done in the hope, and in the belief, that the message will always find a responsive echo in the hearts of the youth and manhood of this land.

The recent campaign showed that the confidence was not misplaced, for when the bugles sounded war, and it was seen that the safety of our country and of the Empire was threatened, old and young rallied round the colours. Men came from far and near. There were Canadians, Australians, and New Zealanders; there were dusky warriors from the banks of the Ganges, and the Indians; there were black Sudanese, all proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with our soldiers, to fight with them, and if need be, to die for a Motherland that had done so much for them. At home men flocked from heath and fen, from hill and dale, from offices and from workshops, from mines, from shipyards, from every town and village throughout the land, and not one whit behind them were the beardless

youths, scarce done with school. Eager for the conflict, they left their games, the river, the tennis court, and the cricket field, ready to play the game of life upon a bloodier sod.

While then this memorial will always be an inspiration to one and all, it will fail in its full usefulness if we do not take to heart the lesson that it teaches old and young, but especially the latter. And here I would like to remind the present boys of this school that it is they and the rising generation who will chiefly benefit by the Great War, for it was fought and won that there might be secured for them the blessings of social happiness, the personal and religious liberty; and the hope divine that we now all enjoy.

What then is the lesson we have all to learn from this memorial? It is that to us who are left there has been given the sacred duty to keep secure the Empire, and this land we love, and to do everything we can to make happier and better this country that these boys thought worth dying for. To every one of us there comes across the water from the marshes of Flanders loud and clear the poet's words: -

***To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If you break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' field***

Comforted, then, by the knowledge that out of suffering and death good often comes, strong in the belief that nothing noble ever dies; we may mourn, for no country can have too many men of courage, but we must not hopelessly deplore the loss of lives so full of promise and of hope, for, by their death, these men have shown their real worth — their manly souls. This thought should bring a higher sunshine into many a sorrowing heart, and be to it an abiding comfort.

I hope, too, that in the years to come, on to-day's anniversary, there will always be laid a laurel wreath at the foot of this memorial; for it will serve to remind the pupils of this splendid episode in the history of their school, and it will generate an atmosphere that will foster and develop the best qualities in their nature, while it will keep alive the memory of the men who set a higher store on Duty than on Life, who valued great deeds above length of days, and who have bequeathed to their old College a great and glorious inheritance.

Confident, then, that in the hearts of every-one present here to-day, there is warm sympathy with those who have been bereaved, an increased affection for the old school, and a deep, genuine admiration for these fallen dead, I herewith unveil this Memorial.”

A laurel wreath, bound with the College colours (magenta, black and white) was laid on the cross by the head of the school, and the " Last Post " and " Reveille were sounded by the buglers of the College O.T.C. The O.T.C., which was about 80 strong, and under the command of the Rev. E. H. Stenning, was reviewed by the Governor prior to the commencement of the ceremony.



The War Memorial and Roll of Honour now bear the names of one hundred and thirty-nine O.K.W.s who died on active service in the War during the years 1914-19.

Five hundred and forty-six Old Boys served in the War in all branches of H.M. Forces.

Decorations won by O.K.W.s during the War comprise the following:

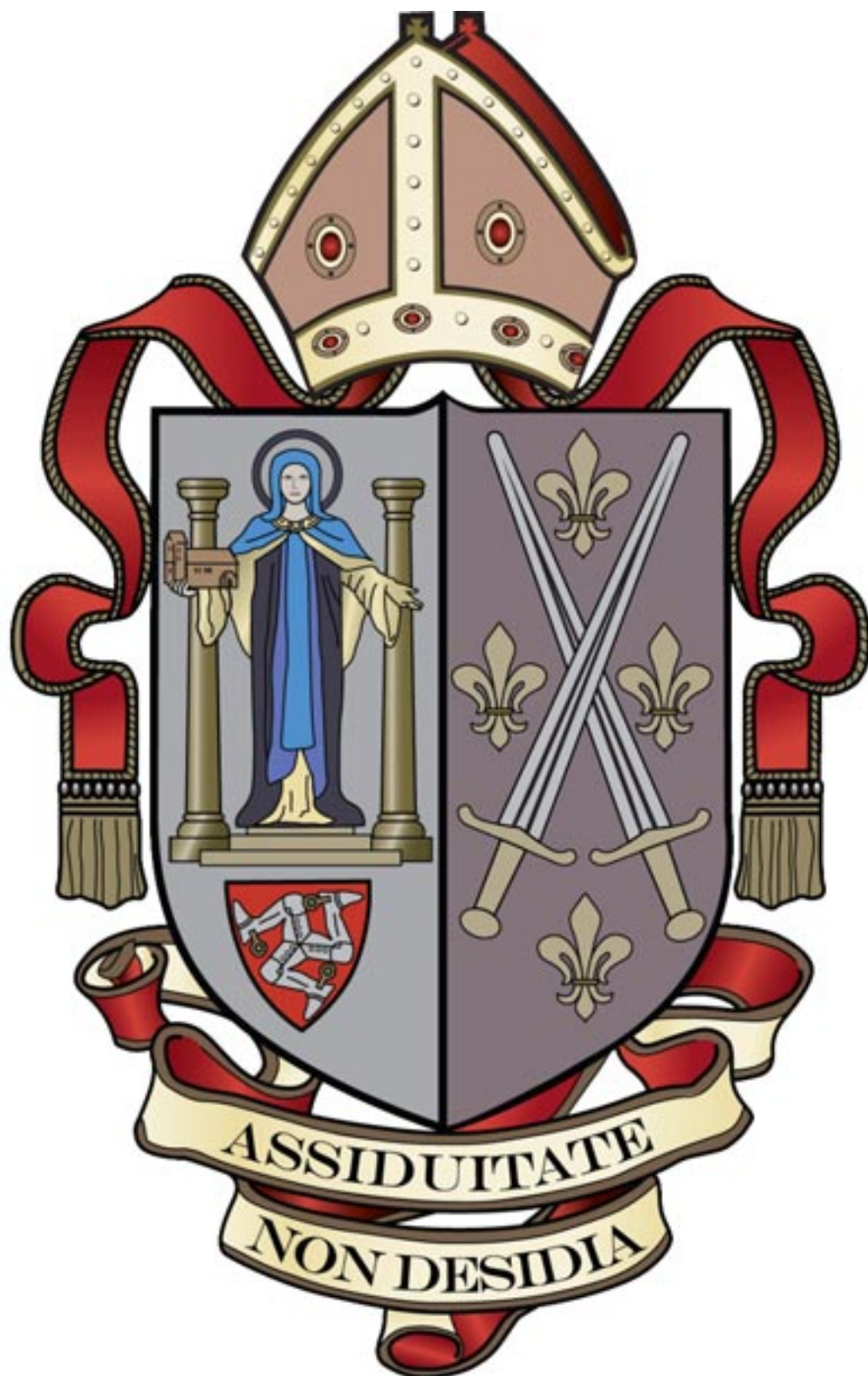
- one Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire
- three Companions of the Order of St. Michael and St. George
- two Commanders of the Order of the Bath
- five Officers of the Order of the British Empire;
- one Member of the Order of the British Empire
- four Companions of the Order of the Indian Empire
- sixteen Companions of the Distinguished Service Order (three with Bars)
- forty Military Crosses (six with Bars)
- one Distinguished Service Cross
- three Distinguished Flying Crosses
- two Distinguished Conduct Medals
- one Meritorious Service Medal
- nine Old Boys were mentioned in Despatches
- two Croix de Guerre (Belgium)
- two Orders of the Crown (Belgium)
- two Crosses of the Legion d'Honneur











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