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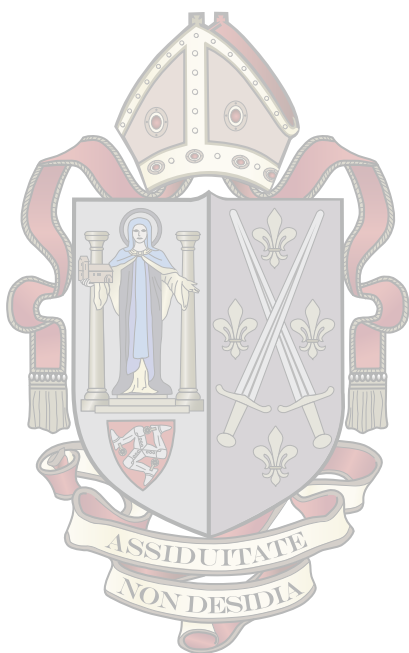




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Letter from the Principal



After 26 years at King William's College, including seven as the Principal, I leave the school at the end of the 2022-23 academic year. It is also the final term for the Upper Sixth and many of them have also been at the school for many years, both here at College and before that at The Buchan. But one of the great joys of a school is that it is always regenerating; as one generation leaves another joins and College looks forward to welcoming a new group of Lower Fours – and a new Principal – when the new academic year starts in September.

Change is an inevitable aspect of life. At College we remain proud of our history and traditions but where change is needed we embrace it.

On a much broader canvas, there was also a change in generation this year with the death of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It was a seminal moment for the nation and we marked it in College with a special service of reflection and the school closed for the day of the funeral. Festivities then followed in May with the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, the first coronation any of us in the school had seen in our lifetimes.

Change is an inevitable aspect of life. At College we remain proud of our history and traditions but where change is needed we embrace it. Our buildings and our location may look timeless, but what we teach and how we teach it are in constant flux, and it is important that we do not shy away from the challenges both of new approaches and new technologies.

Since it was first published in 1880, the Barrovian has always been the chronicle of College life. Much of what follows in this, the 330th edition, would have been familiar even to those who were at College in the 19th century, whilst some aspects of modern school life will be new to those who were here just a few years ago. The College will

keep changing – and that is its strength. I look forward to reading the Barrovian in years to come to see how it continues to develop and how it continues to prosper.





JOSS BUCHANAN

Joss Buchanan was educated at Oakham School, Rutland, where his father was headmaster. He took A levels in economics, history and mathematics and then in 1985, no doubt keen to explore the world beyond school, he opted for a gap year, exchanging England's smallest county for the foothills of the Himalayas. He taught for a year in the junior school of The Lawrence School, Sanawar, an experience which reflected and fostered what would become two seminal interests of his life – a love of worldwide travel and of hill-walking.

On his return Joss took a place at the University of York to read modern history, an imaginative and broad-ranging course which he greatly enjoyed, not least as it gave him an opportunity to explore two areas of history which especially engaged him – mediaeval church architecture, a ready feature of the Yorkshire landscape, and the close of British imperialism. His final university dissertation was on the granting of independence to India.

Joss' first foray into the world of work was at Government Communications Headquarters in Cheltenham, where he was an intelligence analyst. GCHQ did not hold him for long, however, and no doubt missing the challenge of meeting real, enquiring young minds Joss swapped the ICT screens for a PGCE course at Charlotte Mason College, University of Lancaster, and the opportunity to become a secondary school teacher.

Joss taught first at Adams' Grammar School, Newport, where he introduced A level politics, which quickly became one of the school's most

popular and successful Sixth Form courses. He also gained valuable pastoral experience as a resident tutor in the school's junior boarding house.

After four years at Adams' Joss came to the Isle of Man in 1997 to join the Common Room and the history department. A year later he was appointed head of history and politics. Joss relished all his teaching, especially the academic thrust of Sixth Form work, and he took great pleasure in the popularity and success of his department, both in examination results and in the opportunities history and politics gave for sharing ideas, encouraging discerning judgment and stimulating young minds. Joss placed the study of history and politics firmly in the middle of world events and to ensure that what was studied was never stuck in the pages of books he built on his extensive personal experience of foreign travel, especially in Asia and former soviet republics, to organise and lead tours to Europe and across the world, most notably in the United States of America, Russia and China. Perhaps the most remarkable were a trek in the Malaysian rainforest in 2000 and a pioneering tour of North Korea in 2011.

Joss also gave ten years of service as a resident boarding tutor in Colbourne. He very much enjoyed being part of the house community and cherishes his time in Colbourne as among the happiest of his twenty-six years at College.

In 2002 Joss was appointed head of Sixth Form. He led a team of eleven tutors and took academic and pastoral responsibility for all senior students, guiding them through the challenges of the newly introduced IB, together with all the anxieties and aspirations of later teenage years. He was also responsible for all university and Oxbridge applications and took on management of the Sixth Form centre. More than one hundred students each year benefited enormously from Joss' care and guidance during their Sixth Form careers.

In 2007 Joss' responsibilities widened when he became the school's academic deputy head. This entailed the academic administration of the whole school and delivery of the curriculum at all levels, with the nuts and bolts of day-to-day management of staffing and cover, reporting and assessment, baseline testing and departmental budgets. He was

also IB co-ordinator, chair of the school's academic committee, a member of the senior management team and of the governors' education committee.

In 2010 Joss was appointed acting Vice Principal, taking on for a short period the additional responsibilities of pastoral deputy, overseeing the daily routine and staffing and disciplinary issues. Then in 2012 he was appointed Vice Principal. In this role he had full responsibility for all academic matters in the school, taking a lead role in staffing, including recruitment and appraisal, and he led pupil recruitment, especially focusing on overseas students. All these tasks Joss carried out with quiet good humour, a consummate attention to detail, and an approach which never lost sight of the big picture alongside the little details which make for a happy and positive community.

In the summer term of 2016 Joss was appointed acting Principal, taking over management of a very new Senior Management Team, and the following January his appointment as Principal was confirmed. In addition to his outstanding leadership of the day to day running of the school during this time, three challenges stand out as landmarks in the last six years. Right at the start of his tenure Joss launched the school into year-long preparations for a full ISI inspection, a huge undertaking requiring guidance, support and reassurance for staff and students alike. No less demanding were the great changes taking place in ICT, both as a consequence of the pandemic and as preparation for a projected move to online public examinations, and in this respect, too, the school benefited enormously from Joss' quiet, professional leadership.

The most defining challenge of Joss' time as Principal was the pandemic. It forced upon the

school a journey into unknown territory for everyone, and staff, students and parents were indeed fortunate to have Joss at the helm. He guided the school through multiple lockdowns, a major shift to online teaching and pastoral support, implementation of boarding quarantines, together with the urgent challenges of maintaining student numbers, especially among overseas students, and managing the expectations and concerns of the parent body. Throughout the unparalleled and seemingly endless demands of leading the school through this time, Joss never lost sight of what was at the heart of his responsibility to the school – the welfare of its students and staff.

The bookshelves in Joss' study are a window into his interests and enthusiasms. Contemporary and historical political biographies feature widely and there is much evidence of his love of international travel and the challenges and developments of the modern world, social as well as political. There are plenty of clues here as to Joss' direction of travel in retirement. And travel it will be. Although he plans to settle in the Lake District his sights are set on exploring much more of the wider world. First there is a planned attack on the Pennine Way, south to north, and a determination to get to know much more of the British Isles before setting off for the farthest corners of the globe – first a clockwise circumnavigation to take in Singapore, Australasia and the western seaboard of the United States. 'Sometimes journeys begin long before their first step is taken.' Colin Thubron's wise words are certainly true of Joss. He has travelled far over his time at King William's College and the measure of his legacy for the school is in the countless lives of young people he has taken with him, in the classroom and in the world beyond Hango.

Mike Hoy





BERNADETTE DUNN

Bernadette has been our formidable, motivated and successful Director of Sport for 23 years. After joining KWC in the January of 2000 she was soon promoted to the Director of Sport for the following September, this was no mean feat in such a male dominated environment. Bernadette's drive and determination quickly made an impact on the sport provision at KWC, particularly with the girls' sport. The girls were finally given the opportunity to compete off island and Bernadette has organised and led 7 International Hockey Tours, visiting Australia, New Zealand and Canada to name just a few. Sport at College has continued to go from strength to strength under Bernadette's lead, her enthusiasm and dedication was a shining example to her colleagues and her students, inspiring to all who had the privilege of working with her and being taught by her. Bernadette has been a huge support to her students and also to many of her colleagues during her time at KWC and she will be sorely missed as a teacher, tutor, mentor, leader, colleague and friend. Leaving us with her mantra of 'everything we do, is for the good of the students' Bernie will remain in our hearts and we wish her all the best in her new job at QEII – they are very lucky.



ESTHER DRANE

Esther Drane joined King William's College in September 2010 as a Modern Foreign Languages teacher. She joined us from Savio Salesian College in Liverpool, and specialised in teaching French and Spanish, particularly at GCSE level.

In 2011 she took over the role of Head of PSHE, where she overhauled the way in which PSHE was delivered in the school and put in place many of the practices still used to teach such an all-encompassing and diverse subject.

Alongside her academic work, Esther quickly and firmly established herself in the Boarding community, where she began as a Resident House Tutor. After a temporary spell, covering for an extended staff absence, as Head of Girls Boarding she subsequently took up the permanent post of Deputy Head of Boarding. In this position she honed her pastoral skills and was tireless in her duty to the students in her care. It was very clear in which direction her KWC career was headed and in 2016, she took up the position of Deputy Head of Fifth Form.

During her time in the Fifth Form, she was temporarily Head of Fifth Form to cover maternity leave. Shortly afterwards, following a restructuring of the Fifth Form she became Head of Lower Fifth. Throughout her time in the Fifth Form world, Esther has been a driving force for change within the Fifth Form Centre. She has provided tutors and students alike with an outstanding level of support, care and assistance, especially during the Covid lockdowns and in the immediate

aftermath. Esther is, first and foremost, a people person. She is attuned to the needs of her colleagues and students and is always willing to go above and beyond to ensure that they are looked after well.

Over the past ten years, Esther has also held the very unofficial and very self-appointed position of ‘Head of Snow’, keeping the Common Room acutely informed, during the winter months, of prospective snowstorms and managing all speculation regarding school closures due to inclement weather.

Esther was no stranger to the Island when she joined us, as her family were frequent visitors to their holiday home in Laxey, throughout her childhood. In fact, a few years ago Esther took full ownership of the property and, after an extensive renovation, has now made it her permanent home.

Outside her school life, Esther has always been a keen traveler and is extremely passionate about music and art. She is an avid supporter of both here on the Isle of Man and further afield, having travelled far and wide to attend rock gigs and classical music concerts, as well as to visit galleries and exhibitions. She is also a committed wild swimmer and has been since, way before it became the *de rigueur* thing to do. Furthermore, any of us who have been invited to Laxey for food or have been on the receiving end of her ‘curry kits’ will attest that she is also an excellent cook.

For more than a decade, Esther has been the very life and soul of the academic, pastoral and social life of King William’s College and the Common Room is going to be a much quieter place, now that she has decided to move on. However, we wish her all the very best, as she leaves us to take up the post of Head of Modern Foreign Languages at Queen Elizabeth II High School in Peel, Isle of Man.



MARK ALLEGRO

Mark Allegro joined us after a very successful previous career in the advertising industry, marketing toys and cars. He decided to become a teacher and after acquiring his PGCSE, he joined King William’s College as a teacher of Economics. He came to the Isle of Man and brought his family with him, including his three lovely children who made a big impact here at College.

Mark was no stranger to College; as he attended KWC as a day-student from 1970 to 1975. He then got his BA Honors degree in Business Studies at Manchester University in 1981; and if you search carefully, you can find his name on the Honors boards in the Barrovian. It is always interesting when he tells us stories about College in the 70’s and especially how much things have improved in almost all aspects since then.

Mark immediately immersed himself into the fabric of the school. When he started, he was an enthusiastic teacher of boys’ games, always energizing the students to have fun on the sports field.

Later, he initiated the introduction of Business Studies, and started to grow a large dynamic department. Seeing that students were gaining so much from this subject, and the fact that we live on an Island where financial services are so important, he then very successfully introduced Business Management as an IB subject. Over time, Business Management has grown to one of the biggest Group 3 subjects.

Not only did Mark make a tremendous impact on the academic side of school, but he also played a big role in the pastoral side at College, successfully managing Walters House for numerous years. Students will always think back with fondness of their time in Walters under the leadership of Mark. In addition, Mark was a 4th and 5th form tutor during his time at College, guiding his tutees on the way to adulthood. In addition, he regularly supported 6th formers with their personal statements when they applied for university.

Mark has become part of the fabric of College, giving his best for 19 years. He is a much loved and appreciated teacher, and past pupils always talk with much love and fondness about him, when they come and visit. Sadly, time waits for no one, and Mark has decided to retire to spend more time with his family and especially his 3 Grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.



LEE BATCHFORD

Dear Mr Batchford (Mr B/Coach)

I would like to take this opportunity to share a couple of thoughts with you.

The first thought is a fact about bees.

It has been said that honey bees are some of the hardest workers in the insect world. Depending on their role in the hive, they often can spend up to 12 hours a day working, that is nearly from dawn to dusk, every single day. Furthermore, they are incredible social creatures, who will protect the

ones they love and work together for common goals.

Like the busy worker bees, you do not shy away from putting in a shift, often getting stuck in with the task at hand without hesitation nor complaint. Since the day we met, I have come to admire your busyness, always scurrying, hurrying somewhere, to fix this, fit that, or to make. When I find myself on duty again, alone, in Colbourne, long after you and your family have left, I am certain that I will miss this busy, always present, worker bee.

Thank you for being a social creature Mr B and always up for a cuppa and a chat. You value family, not only your personal one, but also your Colbourne family. Always alert, willing to protect, to love and to father the ones in your care. Wanting the best for your house, for this house and for your tutor team, cannot be disputed.

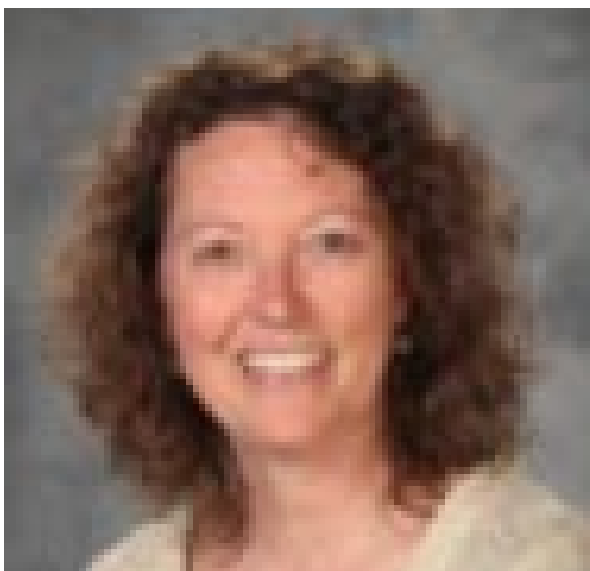
I wish you, Pauline and Alex all the best with your new adventure. I know that you will continue to touch the hearts of many as you teach, and as you connect with your new community and family in Dubai.

I leave you with the following thoughts.

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others. Your legacy is that which you teach.”

“Our paths are sure to meet again, but not yet, not yet!”

Schalk de Wet



DONNA LEARY

Donna joined the Science Department at College in 2014, supporting practical work and practical iGCSE examinations. Her background was in pharmaceutical manufacturing and quality control, in Hampshire. As a long-standing member of the Royal Society of Chemistry, she came to College with a wealth of analytical experience, which has been an asset to the IB's Internal Assessments and Extended Essays. Donna was instrumental in expanding the analytical capabilities of the Science Department, with the purchasing of a UV/VIS spectrophotometer and a gas chromatograph, which in turn, enabled students to produce innovative and accurate analysis for their IB IA/EEs, as well as enhancing sixth form teaching experiences.

The UN sustainable development goals are dear to her heart, and Donna endeavoured to incorporate 'Responsible Consumption' into the Science Department, especially through reduction and re-use of chemicals; particularly with the introduction of micro-scale chemistry, responsible ordering and stringent waste disposal too. In addition, Science Club are working towards reducing climate change by incorporating an outdoor area for developing and encouraging biodiversity, by making and implementing new eco-habitats to grow the diversity of mini beasts populating our grounds.

Being very passionate about laboratory work she has supported, demonstrated and coached classes and individuals, in a wide repertoire of analysis throughout Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Junior Science subjects. Additionally, preparing Fourth, Fifth and Sixth form students for competitions,

such as, The Salter's Chemistry Festival, Top of the Bench and Young Analysts competitions respectively; as well as meticulously planning and preparing the practical elements, Donna has attended on/off-island events with students. Investigating Science Day has always been a favourite day; engaging four/year six potential students in a collection of practical investigations.

Donna expertly navigated the Science Department through its refurbishment, removing obsolete equipment and materials, and packaged the instrumentation, equipment, glassware and chemicals to their temporary storage, whilst ensuring core equipment and chemicals were available during the refurbishment to ensure teaching capabilities would continue. Then, the mammoth task of returning everything into the newly refurbished classrooms, organising where everything went and ensuring all additional health and safety equipment were installed.

Junior Science has been enhanced massively by Donna; teaching students with passion and enthusiasm, she ensured students learnt about the building blocks of science. She actively championed updating parts of the Junior Science scheme of work and updated class assessments to ensure that they were accessible to all students.

Fourth Form Science Club was safe in her hands for numerous years, during which time, Donna expanded College's repertoire of activities; delivering weekly engaging, fun and generally very messy sessions. Encountering only a couple of fire alarms along the way!

Donna always enjoyed supporting students in their lessons; she stepped up during the pandemic to teach several Science classes for a prolonged period, which not only was of enormous help to the Science Department but ensured continuity of learning for our students.

To that end, she is now pursuing a new role as Senior Educational Support Officer at QE2. We wish her all possible successes and happiness in her future endeavours.



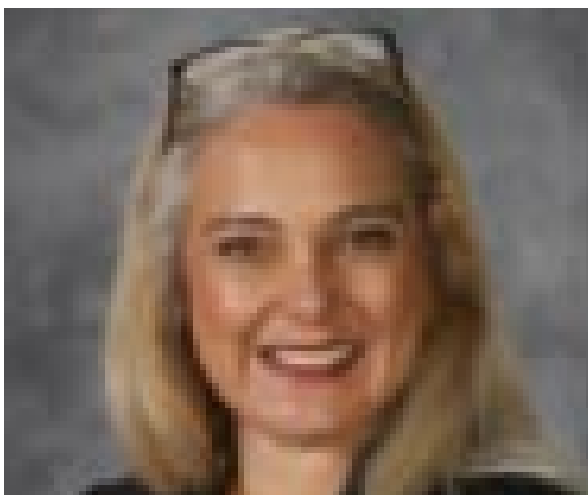
MIKE ROBERTS

Mike hails from Bristol, where he went to a local comprehensive, Whitefield Fishponds School, obtaining three A levels, before going to read English Literature at Cardiff University. In his time at school and university, he enjoyed sport and music, which remain significant interests. A keen (although by his own admission, not particularly good) footballer, he played until his late twenties, when he suffered a torn cruciate, in a pathetic off-the-ball incident which didn't involve anyone else – he just sort of twisted his knee a bit and that was that. Hardly heroic. His musical pursuits lasted longer, as he has played in bands for much of his life, singing and playing guitar (although by his own admission, not particularly well).

After finishing his degree at Cardiff, he worked in a call centre for two years in Bristol, where he learned, among other things, that he didn't want to work in a call centre. During his time there, he wrote a play for a group of thespians which ended up being performed at the Edinburgh Fringe of 1997. Called 'Shelf Life', it was about a young man in a dead-end job who wanted to become a musician. Mike has no idea where that idea came from. The play got one 2/5-star review in The Scotsman and one 3/5-star review in The Stage, so one can only conclude that 'Shelf Life' was a resoundingly average production.

Mike started his PGCE in 1998, then a year later secured his first English teaching job at Brimsham Green, a comprehensive school just outside Bristol. After five happy years, he successfully applied for an English teaching job at Tanglin Trust School in Singapore. This was supposed to be a two-year adventure, but Mike ended up staying for 18. In that time, the senior school trebled in size, three new buildings were erected, the IB was brought in to run alongside A levels (it was a huge sixth form), and Mike's job kept changing, keeping it interesting enough to stay for a very long time. Most of his positions of responsibility were on the academic side, including Head of English and Assistant Head Academic, but his last position at Tanglin was Head of the 400 students in Upper School, which meant he was responsible for all aspects of Upper School life. While at Tanglin, Mike studied for a master's in education from the University of Bath which he completed in 2021.

He loved his time in Singapore and at Tanglin, but all good things come to an end. Mike's wife is Manx, so, until Covid, the family had visited the island annually during summer holidays. After two years of not leaving Singapore because of the pandemic, the first time he got on a plane was to come to King William's College to interview for Deputy Head Academic. Here, Mike was faced with a class full of faces without masks for the first time in two years. He was delighted to accept the post when offered, and his children, who have always seen the Isle of Man as home, were elated. Since joining the College in September 2022, Mike has enjoyed being in a smaller, more intimate school once again and, believe it or not, is enjoying the Manx weather, as it is a nice change from 80% humidity.



DONNE GERRY

Mrs Gerry joined KWC at the start of the Autumn term, teaching IGCSE Biology and IB Environmental Systems and Societies. She brings with her a wealth of experience having taught in the private and public sector in the UK and abroad for the past 27 years. She is passionate about teaching and shares her love of the sciences in a way that engages and piques the interest of our students. Mrs Gerry values pastoral care and is a proactive boarding tutor. She also joined the Learning support team in the Spring term and has been instrumental in helping students to develop their confidence, and to overcome some of their academic challenges.

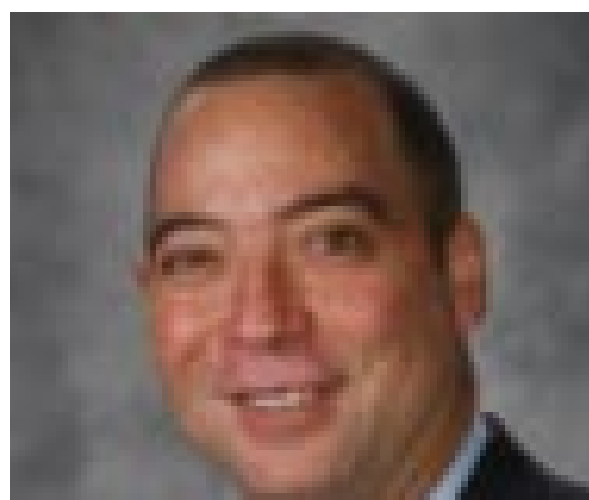


MARK MOSS

Mark joined our Physical Education Department in September 2022, and leads the coaching of the College's 1st XV Rugby team. He is originally from the North-East of England but has had the opportunity to live and work in Canada and South

Korea, where he gained valuable experience and honed his teaching and coaching skills. Mark is a dedicated coach who holds a Level 3 Coaching Award in Rugby Union. He's passionate about the sport and loves to help players improve their skills and develop as people.

When Mark isn't teaching, he loves to spend his free time fishing and enjoys the great outdoors. He's a big Newcastle United fan and takes advantage of the school holidays to attend as many games as he can. Mark is a friendly and approachable person who is passionate about sports and loves to share his knowledge and experience with others.



SCHALK DE WET

Schalk was born in South Africa and grew up in Paarl. He moved to the Isle of Man at the end of August 2022.

His academic interests include Economics, Politics, Business Management and History. Although he loves coaching hockey and still plays a bit as well, he loves all sports; be it playing or supporting. He recently accompanied the KWC students and teachers on their Australia Tour, assisting the rugby boys.

Schalk is also a Boarding Tutor at the boys' boarding house and tries to get involved in all other school events, demonstrating a great deal of professionalism.

In his spare time, he enjoys reading, cooking, keeping fit and spending time with friends and family.

IB Results 2023

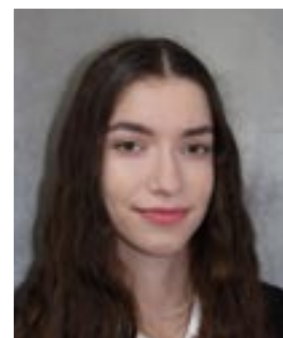
We celebrated significant success following the publication of the International Baccalaureate results. The students achieved an excellent overall average of 32 points in their IB Diploma exams, with nine students achieving a remarkable 40 points or more.

At the very top of the year group, Louise van der Merwe achieved the maximum of 45 points. That is an outstanding achievement and she is one of only 179 students globally to achieve 45 points this year, and one of only 25 in the UK. Louise is the fifth KWC student to have scored full points since the College introduced the IB in 2002. Darcey Bateson and Amy Bloch also both achieved a remarkable 43 points this year. A further six students achieved over 40 points, a fantastic accomplishment that is a testament to the hard work of the students and the dedicated teaching staff.

With such strong results, the students have had significant success with their university applications. Louise van der Merwe and Amy Bloch have both secured places at Oxford. Other destinations this year include York, Bath, King's College London, Newcastle and St Andrews. Some students will also be attending universities further afield in the United States, Europe and the Middle East, with several choosing to take a gap year.

With 57 in the year group, this was our fourth largest cohort since we introduced the IB and we are very pleased with the overall average of 32 points per student. For a non-selective school that is very pleasing and is much in line with our results of recent years. In such a large cohort 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.

This was the first set of public exams this year group had ever sat - their GCSEs in 2021 were cancelled due to the pandemic - and it makes their achievements all the greater. They worked extremely hard, especially in the final lead up to the exams, and their success is very well-deserved.



(I)GCSE Results 2023

The GCSE/IGCSE results were published on 24th August and I am very pleased to report how well the Upper Fifth have done.

The headline figures are:

- 20% of all results are 9/8 or A*
- 37% of all results are 9/8/7 or A*/A
- 87% of all results are 9-4 or A*-C

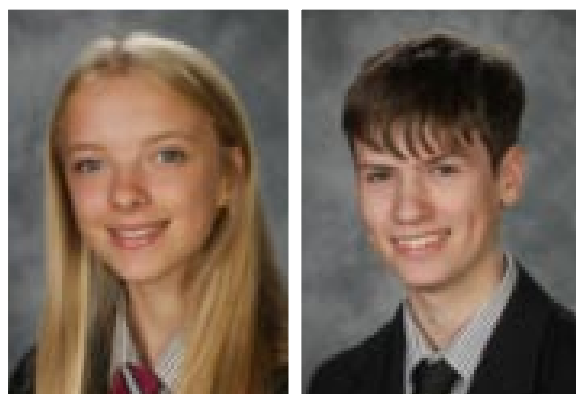
In line with national trends there are fewer top grades this year - grade boundaries have been set higher to get back to the situation pre-Covid – but even so four students, Emily Kirkham, Oliver McGrath-Kermode, Tilly Neel and Daniel Shepherd have achieved a clean sweep of 9/8/7 or A*/A and particular congratulations go to Daniel and Tilly who both achieved 9/8 or A* in 11 subjects.

We also have some very pleasing results lower down in the year group and I would like to

especially congratulate those students who were studying in their second language and those who joined us partway through the courses. Overall, the year group has not had the easiest of journeys through the school - three times they were in lockdown when they were in the Upper Fourth and Lower Fifth - and they deserve enormous credit for having shown such commitment and resilience and I am delighted that their hard work has paid off with such a strong set of results.

Congratulations also go to the Middle Fifth on their GCSE RS results. They too are very pleasing and it suggests that that year group - the largest we have had in the school for many years - is on track for significant success next summer.

I would like to thank my colleagues in the Common Room for all the support they gave the students.



University and Careers 2023

Rosalie Al-Obaid	University in Germany	
Darcey Bateson	University of St Andrews	Art History and English
Florence Barber	University of Bath	Physics
Amy Bloch	University of Oxford	History
Jess Brodie	University of Exeter	Drama
Sammie Callister	University of Nottingham	Architectural Environment Engineering
Chalse Cowin	The University of Manchester	Earth and Planetary Sciences
Alexander Crowe	Edge Hill University	Geography
Ben Dougherty	University of Reading	Business Management
Teddy Dunn	University of Exeter	Exercise and Sport Sciences
Lily Ellison	Bath Spa University	Business Management - Entrepreneurship
Leon Evans	Lancaster University	Business Management
Farrel Ewanena	University of Gloucestershire	Film Production
Hope Gough	University of Nottingham	International Media and Communication
Patricia Henning	University of Frankfurt	Business Management/Administration
Gloria Huang	University of Reading	Architecture
Cameron Jafry	University of Bath	Integrated Mechanical/Electrical Engineering
Nada Kaluderovic	New York University Abu Dhabi	
Emily Kneen	University of Chester	Psychology with a Foundation Year
Emily Kyriacou	University of Surrey	Veterinary Biosciences
Katie Leinwand	University College London	History
Patrick Loader	Employment	
Katharina Lürer Vrije	University of Amsterdam	Creative Technology
Kira Matveenکو	University of York	Film and Television Production
Zlata Matveenکو	University of Leeds	Fashion Design Innovation
Victor Magold	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)	Engineering Technology
Ava Melnick	Virginia Tech (USA)	Pre-Med
Charlie Millward	University of York	Environment, Economics and Ecology
Chaplin Ng	University of Exeter	Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Zachary Novak	University of Salford	Business Management with Entrepreneurship
Ella Page	Leeds Beckett University	Sports Coaching
Toby Poole-Wilson	University of York	History
Joseph Quinn	Employment with PWC	
Ziv Rosenthal	University of Leeds	Geography
Seb Sgouraditis	Royal Birmingham Conservatoire	Vocal Performance
Amy Sutton	Manchester Metropolitan University	Law
Emily Su	Kings College London	Digital Media and Culture
Louise van der Merwe	University of Oxford	Medicine
Marija Vasić	Budapest University of Tech. & Economics	Mathematics
Sara Xu	University of the Arts London	Interaction Design Arts

Former Students

Lily Ansara	University of Western Australia	Environmental Science and Ecology
Ben Peck	University College of Osteopathy	
Scarlett Sadler	Kings College London	Medicine
George Sanders	University of Reading	Archaeology
Oliver Wylie	University of Nottingham	Politics and Economics



THE BUCHAN SCHOOL

Letter from the Head



This year has been as eventful as ever in all areas of the curriculum. Our Buchaneers have been provided with endless opportunities in all subjects, as a result of the dedication and commitment of our amazing staff team.

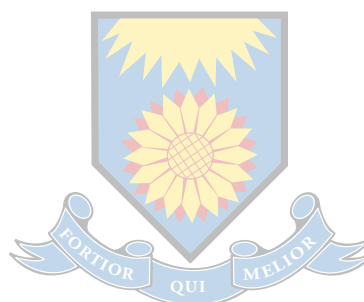
The Barrovian is the perfect platform to share the highlights of this academic year and I am certain that you will enjoy reading the numerous contributions from staff.

The Buchan Nursery is also thriving and we are proud to educate children from 2-11 years, an age where minds are shaped and everything remains possible.

In addition to the academic success of our pupils, wellbeing remains high on our agenda. Anyone who visits the school can see how happy our Buchaneers are and how much they value and enjoy school life.

Our Guest of Honour this year for Prizegiving was Mr Joss Buchanan. He spoke about the importance of generations and the passing of time.

In less than two years we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our amazing establishment and I, like many people, am proud to be a part of it. With each passing year we celebrate the success of our school, with the values and ethos of our founder and a commitment to providing an excellent education for all.



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 extracurricular 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 are also very excited to add Drama tots to our ever growing extracurricular activities where the children will go on a different magical adventure each 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 love going on our Buchan Rangers adventures each week 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.

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

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 and beautiful poems. By far the best memory of the day was watching the children dance along to their favourite 'party freeze' dance.

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

As another academic year draws to a close and the reminiscing begins, it becomes very apparent that time really does move quickly; and thus, how important it is to ensure that life does not pass us by. With this in mind, Pre-Prep aims to provide as much fun, alongside learning, as possible! There are countless events and activities that take place, but it is important to identify the occasions that stand out for the pupils, and not just the teachers! After speaking with the children, here are their 'best bits' from the year 2022-2023.

In P1, Rangers has continued to be an important part of the Early Years curriculum and the children have observed seasonal changes, built fairy houses and even learnt about fire safety in the woods by making hot chocolate over a campfire. At Christmas, Reverend Erica welcomed P1 into the chapel to hear the Christmas Story whilst snuggled up on blankets around the tree, singing carols and placing toy sheep by the altar. P1 have been whisked away into a land of books and stories, and impressed everyone at the local library with their recall of traditional stories and rhymes.

P2 have thoroughly enjoyed their trips this year; having attended the House of Manannan for an Old Toy workshop, the Manx Museum for a

Seaside workshop and a superb performance of Peter and the Wolf run by the Isle of Man Arts Council! P2 have also made the most of the beautiful Buchan grounds and spent time exploring the great outdoors during Buchan Rangers, "I love going on the swing and exploring in the mud!" The wonderful Manx elements have not deterred P2 from appreciating their outdoor sessions!

P3 absolutely loved their sunny trip to the wildlife park! The delight on the children's faces when they held a living python was fabulous! P3 also

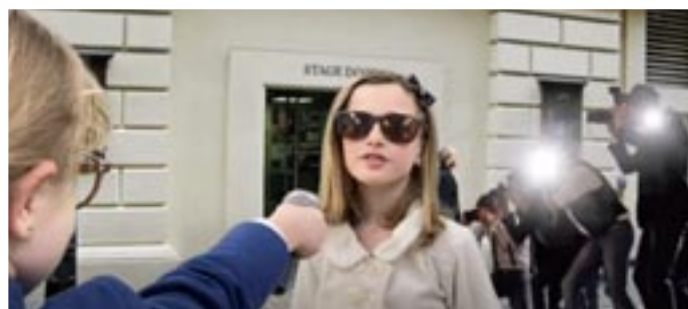
experienced life in Victorian times and participated in a lesson at the Old School House in Castletown. The P3 Expert of the Week sessions were a huge hit, with the children wowing their peers with knowledge on their chosen topic; a fascinating insight into

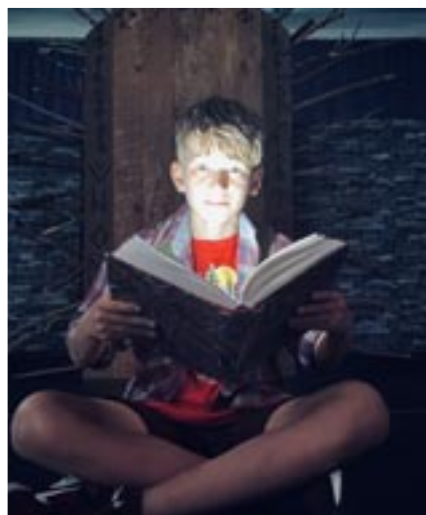
the children's personal interests. Did you know the national flower of Nigeria is the Costus Spectabilis?

As the wise chimneysweep, Bert, from Mary Poppins once said, "Childhood slips like sand through a sieve, and all too soon they've up and grown." We do hope that your Pre-Prep child has enjoyed the journey so far!

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Subjects

ENGLISH

Once again, the academic year has been jammed packed with reading, writing, handwriting, creativity and a double dose of imagination. This year's Interhouse competition was focused on writing and the pupils were given the title 'My Inspiration...' Children selected a person who inspired them and were asked to write about them, giving their reasons. It was an extremely hard job to judge but prizes went to pupils who wrote about composers, sports stars and family members. The judges felt very humbled.

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 to inspire future classes.

It was a delight to welcome back Manx Litfest and a visiting local author had the Form Three cohort inventing and describing monsters and aliens. A scary day for all concerned!

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.

In our English lessons, Form Three looked at the adventures of the space travellers who went on the Apollo missions, using the text, 'Where We Once Stood'. It offered to be a wealth of information to spark our writing from many different perspectives. We came up with our own ideas for future space tourism and the pupils faced the hard task of pitching their ideas, Dragon's Den style to a tough panel!

P3 enjoyed using a book called 'The Bog Baby' and took lessons outside, building nests and creating stories for their own little crochet creatures.

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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

"Vouloir c'est pouvoir" Monique Sélim

Yes indeed, if you put your mind to anything, you can do well! This inspiring quotation appears behind my desk and is a reminder to all pupils that French language learning is possible with self belief and determination.

The French tradition of the "Galette des Rois" was thoroughly anticipated at the start of the year by all Pre-Prep pupils, who sampled an authentic slice of this delicious cake baked by the incredibly talented patisserie chef who is also a parent, Mrs Helen

Crosbie. The children were able to touch, assemble ingredients as well as watch the baking process in our fantastic cookery room. A recipe was shared with the children and many chose to follow through their learning at home, baking their own galette. Enthusiasm for French culture

is always apparent amongst our pupils right throughout the school.

Camembear, the talking teddy bear from Quimper has continued to delight all of the younger children as he has become settled into Buchan school life. Camembear instills a love of learning as he encourages confident greeting and singing. The younger children have learned to identify colours, recognise weather phrases, and pupils in P3 have followed Camembear in his storybook adventures around Paris during the summer term.

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

This year, Form 4 were able to use their acquired skills throughout Prep to collate a variety of projects throughout the year. This approach has been very successful, immersing imagination and creativity into their output. These projects have included shape booklets, a deep dive into poetry with adjective and metaphor, culminating in some innovative monster descriptions and drawings.

Keen cyclists in Form 3 desperately wished to embrace the Tour de France this year. As a result, we have designed jerseys, explored the routes, touched on history and admired the mental and physical strengths of these dedicated competitors.

Facilitating a life long love of languages has continued to be our goal here at The Buchan and we welcome yet another year of keen exploration.

DRAMA

I am never less than amazed by the enthusiasm and drive of the young 'Buchaneers' to do their best within the drama room.

This year has been no exception. Every child, from the preschoolers in the Buchan nursery, all the way up to the Form 4 children, see the Drama room as a place for fun, stories, creativity and invention. It is a room where mistakes are often encouraged as they can lead to better results and where we explore our rich theatrical heritage starting hundreds (and sometimes thousands) of years ago.

Pre-prep always thrives on our interactive story telling and this year has seen P2 and P3 delve into the history of theatre, from the ancient Greeks, through to Comedia dell Arte and leading towards the origins of cinema. The children participated brilliantly in every lesson, always eager to show off their work and support each other. They've been so much fun.

P1 have even been looking at one of Shakespeare's most popular and uproarious plays, A Midsummer Night's Dream! Seeing four and five-year-old

children not only engage with the classical language but belly laugh at the wonderfully absurd plot, and Bottom's never-ending antics has been a joy. With a spell of beautiful Manx weather, we even took our lessons out into the school woods and pony fields and re-enacted the fairy squabbles between Oberon and Titania al fresco. 'Tis but a dream!

Form 1 were bursting with excitement at the prospect of creating their first short films, one of the most popular projects at the Buchan. They were doubly excited knowing that they were going to produce episodes of the ever favourite Buchan News! Over several weeks the children, devised, wrote and rehearsed their parts, they then filmed in front of the green screen for several weeks and learned all about the post production and editing process. The results were truly hysterical and all the

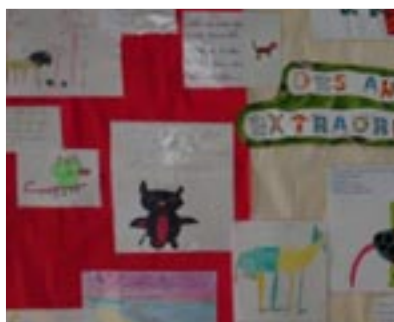
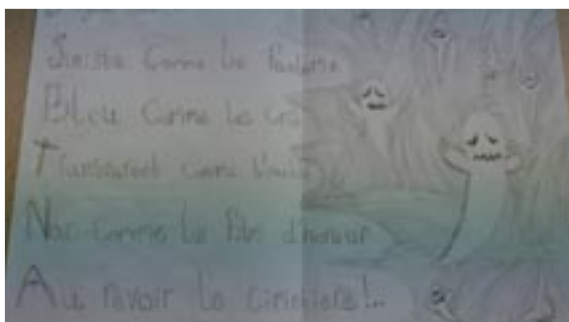
parents present at the grand premiere were so impressed. You can see all these films and more on our school YouTube site.

During the Easter term, Form 2 were given the humbling task of taking charge of the annual Easter service at St. Thomas' Chapel at KWC. Their mission was to create a personal version of the Passion Story, the last days of Jesus Christ. Through the term in their drama lessons,

they gradually devised and wrote the play with the direction of Mr Duncan. Incorporating physical theatre as well as speech, the children emoted a beautiful version of the story, descending from amongst the congregation and performing in and around them. George gave a very powerful portrayal of Jesus, blessing his disciples at the last supper and even appearing magically in the organ loft at the moment of his resurrection. "It was an honour to play the part, as well as being great fun," he said afterwards. Enormous congratulations to all involved for giving us such a memorable Easter Service.

Whilst all this was going on throughout the year, Form 4 were hard at work on their end of year production. Hot on the heels of the particularly special Zero Rising last year, Form 4 had the

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unenviable task on creating another fantastic show. After pleading and begging, they got their wish to create a classic horror! Taking inspiration from early Spielberg and films like *The Goonies* and shows like *Stranger Things*, their play, written especially for them, was entitled *The Wildlings*. A group of children are sent on an outward-bound trip to an old house in the countryside, only to discover that they are being hunted by a mysterious stranger. Playing upon all the horror clichés, the show has been so much fun, balancing silliness and scares in equal measure, the children rehearsed with such commitment and an unflinching desire to create the best show they could. They should all be congratulated on their wonderful efforts. Go *Wildlings*!!

What a monumental year of stories, laughter, scares and applause. Here's to another year of amazing drama at the Buchan. Bravo!

ICT

3D Design & Printing

The Buchan School has recently acquired a 3D printer. Mr Macnair showed me how to use the 3D printing app called Tinkercad. Tinkercad is a 3D design printing software and it is really easy to use because you drag and drop the shapes to create your designs.

Kate, our caretaker, asked anyone if they wanted to make a Buchan stencil, and I said I wanted to. So that was the start of the stencil project. I designed a Buchan stencil and the 3-D printer then printed it. Kate wanted it to be spray-painted onto the back of car seats.

Mr Macnair, Kate and I tested it out on a plank of wood first. Then once I got the hang of it, I spray-painted some wheelbarrows. I was happy with my design.

I love the 3D printing so much that I bought one for home. I've been working on some pretty weird designs like cutlery shaped in the Isle of Man logo. I want to design a fidget spinner in the future because the one that I have designed didn't work.

Harry Nicholas

Harry's enthusiasm is just one success story from this year. Others include: printing Toby's prototype to improve the safety of a boat, based on his experiences with a dog leash getting caught on the gunwales of a boat; printed name badges that children have attached to their school bags; printing coins to be used in the F4 Summer play.

Astro Pi

Form 3 and Form 4 have written code in Python which will be displayed on the International Space Station! The children have been given the chance to take part in this exciting project by the Raspberry Pi Foundations in their Project "Astro Pi".

Pupils were given the choice of 6 images to display, all with the theme of 'flora and fauna'; However, their ICT teacher wanted the project to be more personal and suggested the children designed their own images. Pupils drew images in Excel using an 8x8 template and encoded image with letters to

display as a list within Python. These letter variables were given colours (some custom rgb values too!) and sent to the display as well as sensing colours and displaying those within a loop on the display.

We spend a lot of our time using block-based coding at primary school and this

provided a very worthwhile and engaging project for pupils to tackle, whilst dipping their toes into the world of 'real' coding. The idea that their images would be displayed on the ISS spurred pupils on to debug and improve their programs throughout the project and I am hugely pleased with their outcomes. There were some really unique and creative images along with some familiar designs from the world of gaming (technically, they are still animals!) The children have received a certificate memento of this project telling them when the code ran and where the ISS was when their images were displayed.

Mr Macnair

MUSIC

Music Highlights

As always, it has been a busy year for Music at the Buchan School. The musical calendar began with

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the newly reformed choir performing at the Harvest Festival – singing ‘The Earth Turns.’

P2 were invited to attend an event in October organised by the Isle of Man Arts Council. A woodwind quintet from the Northern College of Music called ‘Solar Winds’ performed for Year 1 children at Queen Elizabeth II High School, Prokofiev’s ‘Peter and the Wolf’, which was narrated by our very own Alexander Duncan!

Pre-Prep’s Cushion Concert featured in November. This involved children from P3 performing in front of parents and friends in the cosy atmosphere of the music room, with everyone sitting on cushions and comfy bean bags. This was a great success and the children were able to play their instruments and sing in a relaxed and informal environment. Prep’s turn was in the gym. The Autumn Serenade featured children from all four forms and included excellent performances on the violin, trumpet, piano and ukulele as well as super singing. Once again, it allowed the children to perform in a slightly more formal environment in front of a welcoming audience. During the course of the whole year, children from Buchan have also been given the opportunity to play their instrument or sing during transit time to and from assembly, again affording the children a chance to perform in a less formal setting.

Rehearsals for Christmas began in October – choir concerts, Nativities and a Carol Service were on the horizon. A small ensemble of children played and sang for the Pensioner’s Lunch at King William’s College. Another group of Prep children performed for the Live at Home Scheme in Douglas. The Pre-Prep Christmas show was called ‘Wriggly Nativity’ and was a delightful feast of singing, acting and dancing led by the amazing Pre-Prep team. The Pre-Prep Choir also featured at the end of the Nativity, singing two contrasting carols – ‘Tell me a Story Shining Star’ and the joyous ‘Shepherd’s Song’ sung with great gusto! Prep was next with their traditional Carol Service at St. Thomas’ Chapel. The first carol was sung by all of Prep and was a jazzy French number called ‘Noel Jazz’. This was followed by the choir - of about 50 children who performed another two lovely carols - ‘On a Starlit Night’ and ‘The Bells Ring Out’.

In the final end of term assembly, the children were given a musical treat! The staff had rehearsed ‘All I want for Christmas’ on the boomwhackers and performed this in front of the children. It went down a storm - so much so that an encore was called for – ‘Feliz Navidad!’

After the rigours of Christmas there was a brief period of rest, during which both choirs started rehearsing for a number of engagements. The Prep choir performed alongside the Cathedral Choristers for Evensong at the beginning of March. This was a great opportunity for the Buchan choir to sing more formal music in the beautiful setting of Peel Cathedral. We joined with the Cathedral Choir to sing the ‘Magnificat’, the ‘Nunc Dimittis’ and ‘Lead me Lord’. Many thanks to Dr. Litman for inviting us to take part.

At the end of March, the Pre-Prep Ensemble took part in the Manx Folk Awards. It was a very enjoyable event and the children were very excited to win first place in the small group class. The test piece was The Manx National Anthem and they followed this with ‘Arrane ny Blich’.

The Easter Service was once again held at the Chapel at King William’s College. The choir performed to their usual high standards, with an exceptional

solo from Lara during ‘Wonderful Grace’. Other pieces included ‘Jubilate’ sung in three parts and the whole of Prep performed ‘Hosanna’. The service, led by Rev. Erica, was very moving and included an inspirational crucifixion scene from Mr Duncan’s Form 2 class.

As soon as we returned from the Easter holidays, it was time for the Manx Music Festival. Prep choir performed first – ‘All I Need to Know’ and ‘This Little Light of Mine’ which were superb – gaining the choir a second place in a very close competition. Pre-Prep also sang their hearts out – ‘I Got a Little Dog’ and ‘A Child’s Prayer’ which gained them first place, once again. Both choirs – of nearly 80 children – worked exceptionally hard, rehearsing during the Spring term and were a real credit to themselves and the Buchan School.

Soon after the Festival, it was time for the Summer Serenade. This was a joint concert featuring children from both Buchan departments. It was an incredible talent show and really demonstrated how

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much more confident and polished the children had become since November. There were some excellent singers from P3 and F2 and super talented pianists and instrumentalists from all year groups. Many thanks to the visiting music teachers who teach and inspire these Buchan music students and to Mr Daykin who accompanied the performers.

On 5th May we held a Coronation Day Celebration. In Music, the children listened to Coronation music and composed their own coronation melodies. During assembly, the whole school sang 'Sing for the King' – a lovely Coronation song written for primary school children.

A small group of pianists took part in a mini concert in May. Castletown Commissioners welcomed the children to Castletown Square and the children performed on the piano to the delight of passers-by. It was a very enjoyable morning and the children were excited to be part of something different. One of the members of the public then played a little something on the piano too!

Prize day soon followed and a little band of performers entertained parents and guests before the start of events. This was a whole school event at which both choirs performed one of their Manx Music Festival pieces. The whole school concluded the morning with a rendition of the Coronation song, 'Sing for the King', followed by the 'Buchan School Song'.

Also, in June, was a visit from a very talented harpist, Georgina, who performed in assembly and led two harp workshops with P2 and P3. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the beautiful harp music and taking part in the workshop.

In the last week of term, the Buchan Prep choir took part in the Sound of Magic concert at the Villa Marina. Singing with over 500 other primary school children was a great experience for the children and something they'll never forget. Their last song – 'Let It Go' nearly raised the roof of the Villa!

Another big event in the last week of term was the Form 4 Leaver's Service, which was led by Rev

Erica. The Form 4 children sang 'Don't Stop Believing' and were accompanied by both of their form tutors – Mr Macnair who played bass guitar and Mr Torpey who played the piano. Mr Duncan was amazing on lead guitar and the rest of Buchan staff played percussion instruments. Form 4 pupils, Tayler and Sophie, played the drums and Sophia and Isla played on the keyboards. It was incredible and the whole school rocked!

Finally, the Buchan school orchestra performed a mini 'flash mob' on the last day. It was a very exciting time for the children who organised most of it themselves. They played 'Ode to Joy' by Beethoven involving voices, trumpet, violins, boom whackers, piano, keyboards and glockenspiels. The children performed during break time and the Prep pupils were taken completely by surprise! Hopefully next year we will have some new members for the school orchestra! It was a super end to what has been a cornucopia of musical offerings this year.

Pre-Prep music making has once again, involved lots of singing and instrumental work this year. Activities have also been based on class topics and events in the school calendar. Music clubs throughout the year have included Staff choir, Prep and Pre-Prep choirs and a

developing Orchestra. There has also been a ukulele club run by Miss Craine from King William's College. 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.

Jenni Garrett

Finally, the Buchan school orchestra performed a mini 'flash mob' on the last day.







Buchan Sport

NETBALL: U11 ISLE OF MAN NETBALL CHAMPIONS!

Our Under 9, 10 & 11's have had a successful netball season competing in the Buchan Festivals, the Southern Schools' tournament and for our U11's, the Isle of Man finals.

The Under 9's have made huge progress, rising through the ranks throughout the year with a final position of 5th in the U11 section of the Southern Schools Tournament. The Under 10's show promise for next year with their aim to get to the IOM finals.

The Under 11's have been unbeaten throughout the year and finished the season off in style, winning all their matches in the finals and being crowned Isle of Man Champions! A brilliant achievement. Well done to all children who participated in these events and represented the school with pride and good sportsmanship.

RUGBY: U.K SUCCESS!

The Under 11 boys continued to make great strides with their development and enjoyed success on Island in the Junior Festivals. It was also great to see the boys return to playing on the mainland for the first time, since the enforced break due to Covid when they played in the Rossall Festival. After winning their three group games by a single try they went on to win the shield by beating Bury Grammar School in a tight and entertaining final. The Under 10 team have made pleasing progress this year and enjoyed success on Island during the Junior Festivals. They have had some titanic games, especially against Ramsey Rugby Club. We have been developing our links with the local clubs on island and it is great to see the number of pupils now playing across the island and supporting local clubs.

FOOTBALL: U11 MILLENNIUM WINNERS!

After winning the Island netball, athletics and cross country earlier in the year, The Buchan Under 11 football team went on to finish their year in style, lifting the prestigious Millennium Football Trophy. After losing their first group game to the tournament favourites, Onchan Primary School,

they went on to win five of the group games by a single goal with Charlie C and captain Taylor K snuffing out the opposition. Whilst the team played well in the group stages they all raised their games in the knock out rounds, passing quicker and showing more desire in the tackle. The final was a tense affair against Onchan, who had gone unbeaten all day. With chances at a premium for both teams, the Buchan supporters were celebrating when Form 3 pupil Barnaby N scored the only goal of the game with two minutes left. Not only did the Buchan lift the trophy but Freddie M was voted player of the tournament.

BUCHAN SPORTS FESTIVALS

This year we started organising our own Sporting Festivals using the fabulous grounds at KWC to host other primary schools from the Island. This enabled us to offer a larger number of children to experience playing competitive sport in a supportive, learning environment. These were a great success with an increasing number of schools coming to each event. Well done to all who participated in these events and represented The Buchan with pride and good spirit!

INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS: RESULTS 2022/23

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

INTER HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Prep Inter House Cross Country event ended the winter running season on a high. Two long-standing school records were broken and over 85% of children achieved a course personal best time. What a superb afternoon of running by all!

INTER HOUSE TRIATHLON / P3 DUATHLON

In the summer term, we enjoyed the 16th Buchan Triathlon where finally the weather was good to us! Close to 100 pupils completed the course to collect their finishers' medal and the very much deserved ice lolly! This is a unique event in primary schools on the Island and as always, it was great to see the pupils desire and resilience when pushed outside their comfort zone.

As an introduction to this multisport event, pupils in P3 participated in the annual Buchan Duathlon. This involves a 400m run, 800m bike ride followed by another 200m run – a huge challenge for 7-year olds! This is a year group with huge sporting potential. It was fantastic to see such determination at this age and their reaction to completing an event that required grit, focus and high levels of stamina.

INTER HOUSE SWIMMING GALA

The May half term finished on a high note with our Inter House Swimming Gala for all children in the Prep Department. There were three new individual records set on the day by Ed P (F4) in the 25m breaststroke, 25m backstroke and 25m front crawl and also two new relay records in for Lagman in the U9 mixed 4 x 25m freestyle, and Magnus in the U11 mixed 4 x 25m freestyle. Just as commendable though were the efforts of all the pupils for their improvement over the year and the number of personal bests that were set.

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. This year we also had seven new school records, Pierre G achieving four – U11 Decathlon, Long Jump & 200m and George A breaking the U9 Decathlon, Javelin and Shot Putt. Magnus House also broke the record in the 4 x 50m relay. 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 and ice pops were certainly much deserved!

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS 2022/23

Under 9

Xènia Munoz-Fite	Cross Country
Olaf House	Mixed 4 x 25m freestyle relay
George Arculus	Athletics Decathlon
George Arculus	Javelin
George Arculus	Shot Putt

Under 11

Freddie McGovern	Cross Country
Freddie McGovern	Fitness
Ed Pearson	25m backstroke
Ed Pearson	25m Breaststroke
Ed Pearson	25m front crawl
Magnus House	Mixed 4 x 25m freestyle relay
Pierre Goosen	Athletics Decathlon
Pierre Goosen	Long Jump
Pierre Goosen	200m
Magnus House	Mixed 4 x 50m relay

BUCHAN SPORTS TEAMS – COMPETITION RESULTS

Isle of Man Schools:

U11 Southern Schools Netball	1st
U11 Isle of Man Indoor Athletics - Boys	1st
U11 Isle of Man Cross Country - Boys	1st
U11 Isle of Man Netball	1st
U11 Isle of Man Millennium Football	1st
U11 Isle of Man Indoor Athletics - Overall	2nd
U11 Isle of Man Cross Country - Overall	3rd

UK Tournaments:

Under 11 Rugby Rossall Sevens	1st
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Venture Centre

QUOTES FROM VARIOUS ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK.

Sophie: In our game of archery, it came down to the last 30 seconds when there were two cans left. I was trying to hit one and everyone else was trying to go for the others, but I couldn't knock it off! At the very end we won, I have no idea how!

Kori: In archery, we played a shooting game with your eyes closed! It sounded unsafe but after you knew what to do, it wasn't too bad. You have a partner who stands behind you and directs you to hit the target by saying, left, right, up, down. Pierre was my partner and we were pretty bad! Toby hit the balloon (lucky!) and Ocy was directing him.

Nika & Eliza: This morning we arrived at the Venture Centre and our first activity was assault course. It was really fun. They had a huge zipline and they had different jobs for the zipline. The jobs were Barrel Man - put the barrel in when the zipliner came in so they can stand on it and take the gear off. Ropies - They grabbed the rope so the zipliner didn't shoot off the other way. Stopper - they held the rope so when the person came down they stop and don't keep going. I didn't like the tires in the tunnels because you had to go in a really tight space and I'm claustrophobic. It was really fun and there were two parts, my favourite was the water part because there was a rope across a river and some people fell in!

Lars: The axe throwing was very fun because we got to throw large weapons at wooden boards, who wouldn't enjoy that?! We played King of the Hill where two people face off against each other and the person who threw the closest axe to the bullseye stays on. If both people's axes didn't stick then it was best of three with the most accurate throw declared the winner.

Amelia: In canoeing we played a game called "The Simpsons". You had to start off as 'Maggie'. In order to get to Lisa, you had to tap on someone's canoe and then play rock paper scissors. If you won, you moved to 'Lisa' and if you lost, you stayed as 'Maggie'. The list went up to Grandpa Simpson. I got past Grandpa Simpson and won, Eli came second and Bernat was third!

We were going around the buoys and Lucas was going around one. The speed boat went past and the waves tipped his canoe and he fell off! At the end of sailing, I jumped out of the boat and Mr Macnair took a photo.

Seb: You have crates, and you have to stack them on top of each other as high as you can, whilst still standing on it. It is very hard because you have to have two people at one crate and stack them up. At the beginning it starts with other people passing the crates to you and you can put it on. But later on, there is a rope that sends crates up to you.

I was with Eli and we got 10 stacks on top of each other without falling, which was the highest in our group! One of the funniest bits is when you fall off because then you are hanging in the sky from the ropes before being guided back down to the ground.

Sophia: I absolutely loved the long zipline on the high ropes course, it was amazing! It is the second biggest zipline on the Island, but it still only took seconds to get to the bottom. The zipline went over a deep river filled with piranhas! (maybe?) Some of the leaves hit me in the face on the way down.

Lucas: In kayaking, we were going around buoys following the instructor and I was facing the wrong way. I tried to do a 180degree turn really fast and then I completely capsized the boat! It was a struggle to flip it because it had lots of water in it and it was really heavy.

Mr Macnair: The residential culminated with a set of team tasks called 'Operation Phoenix'. Within OP, each group was awarded points for successfully completing a task, some of which they had been practising during the week. Each task had an allocated time and set location so the groups had to make decisions together in order to try and get the highest score. Marks were apparently deducted if you weren't with your groups at all times, watch out for sneaky teachers on other teams trying to lure you away!









KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

English

With last year, a year defined by transition, this year has been one very much about returning to normality; normality in both the assessments our students would face and in the many and varied opportunities available to them throughout the year. We were particularly pleased to see these opportunities expand as we welcomed Mr Roberts to the English department.

With external assessments returning to pre-pandemic requirements, our Upper Sixth and Upper Fifth students have faced the challenge of preparing thoroughly for their internal and external exams. And while there have no doubt been many stresses as they traversed this path, there have been a great many celebrations of all that is English to make the journey an enjoyable one.

In September we were delighted to see the return of Manx Litfest celebrations and were particularly excited to welcome Jamie Mollart to College to discuss his work. Sharing his experiences as a published author and reading from his latest novel, 'Kings of a Dead World', he provided some top tips for budding authors and literary analysts alike. Having also maintained a successful career in advertising, Jamie was able to share his fine-tuned appreciation of language in a very different medium, sharing his breadth of experience with a receptive Sixth Form audience.

This would not be the only opportunity to enjoy an insight into the mind of a successful writer, as some Upper Sixth students also enjoyed a rare insight into the work of poet Carol Ann Duffy through an online Book Club. Having studied many of her poems, her insights proved invaluable for those preparing to scrutinise her work.

With the words of a former Poet Laureate ringing in the ears of the Upper Sixth, it was some poets closer to home who caused a buzz around College as we once again celebrated National Poetry Day. Inspiring the whole community, with both old hands and new, this year's theme of the environment truly did get everybody involved. With activities taking place in lessons and in the library, students produced poetry which showed their awe and wonder at the natural world alongside those which sounded the alarm about climate change.

Whether in its power to move us or to propel us into action, the power of writing has been evident in abundance, and this passion for writing was maintained throughout the year, both inside and outside of the classroom. Students of all ages participated in a range of writing competitions, but none inspired such an impressive response as the Young Writers' Integer Competition which, endorsed by the Maths department, inspired a ream of stories, showing how writing reflects all aspects of our lives.

As ever, students in Fourth Form and Lower Fifth turned out in numbers for the annual Reading, Writing and Reciting Competition. With pieces read across a range of genres, the performances delivered the whole spectrum of emotions for the attentive audience. Meanwhile musings on the theme of freedom were similarly varied, with some soaring reflections on the nature of humanity alongside more light-hearted pieces that considered the lack of freedom imposed by homework. With the calibre as high as ever, the following students were victorious:

Junior Reading:	Rebecca Bloch
Junior Writing:	Lily Mildwaters
Junior Reciting:	Jens Cullen
Intermediate Reading:	Finlay Helliwell
Intermediate Writing:	Maximus Masson-Whittaker
Intermediate Reciting:	Ameya Malikireddy

With the ability to communicate effectively at the forefront of much of the English curriculum, extra-curricular debating has remained high on the priority list. While competitions with the island schools proved to be difficult, a whole new Lower Fourth were introduced to the skill during January's activity week, while Inter-House Debating gave all year groups the opportunity to hone these skills in fierce competitions.

While challenging oneself with the issues of the day is no doubt important, we cannot overlook the contribution that the past makes to our lives, and so in English lessons across all year groups we have continued to explore the English canon. Bringing the past and the present together, Sixth Form students were invited to enjoy the National Theatre's innovative reimaging of Shakespeare's classic, 'Othello' from the comfort of King's Court Theatre. This incredible production shone a new light onto familiar characters and brought them to life in a way that felt very fitting to the twenty-first century.

Meanwhile, we continued to explore literature across the ages as World Book Day returned. With it, and by popular demand, the book fair also made a welcome return to College. Celebrating the love of books, classes told stories of their own and shared their favourites while Fourth Form students

created eye-catching bookmarks designed to inspire others. However, it was not all peaceful as, competitive as always, the community embraced the 'Shelfie' Competition, seeking to match staff members to their bookshelves in what is a fiendishly difficult task. This celebration of reading culminated in the summer term's Road to Reading Challenge which encouraged the whole community to discover the many benefits of reading, not least the joy it brings.

Another year draws to a close. And while the year may have been a welcome return to normality, that should not mean that we do not pursue change. Instead, we delight in the many new challenges that have been faced, the new texts that have been read and the new ideas that have been formed. We have probed new works of literature and have imagined whole new worlds and in doing so, have seen the transformative power of the spoken and written word. Therefore, while we hope for another year of normality to come, we also hope that it is anything but for our students as normality brings space to explore and space to push boundaries, enabling them to embrace opportunities and gain new insights into the world and themselves as they do so.





Science

Science fun on Investigating Science day! Lots of happy and enthusiastic year 6's joined us from The Buchan school as well as from many other primary schools over the island. In Biology, they uncovered a mystery of what was causing a town's dogs to get poorly. Through some different tests they carried out, they all worked out the cause. In Physics, the super scientists learned about pendulums and using their new knowledge and skills, adjusted a plasticine pendulum Bob to make 1 entire swing take exactly 1 second. In chemistry, using chromatography, the students discovered just how many colours are in the different coloured M&M's. In The Bragg lecture theatre, all of our visiting scientists were challenged to make the tallest, free standing tower, all having been given the same components. The winning tower was a very impressive 1metre 18cm tall! Thank you to all our scientists for the day!



Design & Technology

Lower Fifth students during their last baking lesson in D&T.

Their task was to decorate 3 cupcakes each and present them beautifully. They had access to many different ingredients and recipes for 3 types of icing, flavourings and also food dyes. They could go wild with their ideas!

They were assessed on aesthetics and presentation, technique and skills.

They really worked so well and some of the creations were outstanding. All of the D&T teachers came to see their work. Well done Lower Fifth bakers! Please keep up the baking.



Mathematics

UKMT MATHEMATICS CHALLENGES

We've had lots of success across all year groups in the UK mathematics challenges this year, and many more students whose names are not listed below received Bronze certificates. In the Senior Challenge, Victor Magold from Upper Sixth achieved a Gold Certificate and Best in School, qualifying him to take part in the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo Challenge. Louise Van Der Merwe, Marija Vasic and Katharina Luer all achieved a Silver Certificate. In the Lower Sixth, Arthur Owenson and Anna Rosenthal were jointly awarded Bronze Certificates and Best in Year. Upper Sixth students Louise Van Der Merwe, Florence Barber and Katharina Luer took part in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, with Louise achieving a Merit.

In the Intermediate Challenge, a Gold Certificate and Best in School was awarded to Upper Fifth student, Luke Sutton, qualifying him to take part in the Pink Kangaroo Challenge, and Best in Year and Silver certificates were awarded to Miller Cai of Middle Fifth and Ameya Malikireddy of Lower Fifth. Silver certificates were awarded to Upper Fifth students Arwen Hoile, Emily Osbourn, Oliver McGrath-Kermode, Zichen Xu, Nathaniel Denton and Emily Kirkham and to Middle Fifth students Elizaveta Khenkina and Oliver Nandha.

Last but not least, in Upper 4 the Junior Challenge saw Brodie Millar achieve Gold and Best in School, with a sensational score of 117 and qualifying him to enter the Junior Mathematical Olympiad, for which he achieved a Merit. Alexander Owenson received a Gold certificate and qualified for the Junior Kangaroo, Amelie Geldart also achieved Gold and a Silver certificate was awarded to Finlay Taggart. There were yet more excellent achievements in Lower Fourth, where Ella Walker received both Gold and Best in Year, also qualifying her for the Junior Kangaroo challenge. Silver certificate winners were Arthur Kyriacou, Eva Moore and Alice Hemensley.

Well done to all who took part!

OTHER COMPETITIONS

Middle Fifth student Emilia Jenkins is a keen mathematician, and over the summer of 2022 she participated in several activities on Parallel, a website run by Simon Singh 'to increase the number and diversity of excellent mathematicians'. Her efforts saw her achieve a Gold summer certificate and a Bronze year-round certificate.

In February, all Fourth and Fifth form students were invited to take part in the 'Mathematical Education on Merseyside' Mathematics Challenge at two levels – Year 8 or below and Year 10 or below. Upper Fourth student Brodie Millar celebrated success and was invited to the winner's presentation in Liverpool. Brodie, along with the other third prize winners and above, had actually answered all the questions correctly! He enjoyed an evening of activities and challenges before the awards presentation. A photo was taken of Brodie with Barry Grantham, Chairman of MEM.

In June, three keen mathematicians, Rory Van Der Merwe, Reuben Thiagarajan and Brodie Millar, were entered into the ISMOTY competition – International Schools Mathematician of The Year. We eagerly await the competition results in the Autumn term.

MATHS PUZZLES & GAMES CLUB

This year saw the launch of maths puzzles and games club, run every Wednesday by a group of eager and keen Sixth Form mathematicians: Rory Van Der Merwe, Lloyd Cheadle-Higgins and Theo Kyriacou. We met at the beginning of the year to discuss the purpose of the club and agreed it should be a place for students to get together to be challenged, get curious, do some maths and solve some puzzles. We then ran a poster competition to advertise the club. It has proven to be a roaring success, with at least 10 students attending every Wednesday lunchtime for most of the year. We ran a competition on Pi Day to see who could memorise the most digits of pi – Ralph Scott won this by memorising pi to a whopping 155 decimal places! We've also had an ongoing competition to solve the Rubik's Cube in the least amount of time. Let's hope the interest continues and grows into the future.



Sport at KWC

With none-of the fixtures on island being competitive I don't know if there is much to say, I thought Bernie was putting together a little bit of a general summary, if we need to pop in a bit more maybe the following:

With the other Manx schools continuing with 'Action Short of Strike Action' there were limited fixtures played on-Island, those that were played were done so as 'friendlies'. That said, the girls across all year groups took full advantage of any competitive opportunities, presenting themselves well, playing with focus and determination. Unfortunately the lack of competitive fixtures showed when the girls travelled to compete in the North West Schools Hockey Competitions. The under 16's improved as the tournament went on, gelling as a team and starting to put some good passages of play together. Stand out performances came from Ava Pearson in goal, Emily Kirkham in defence, Hannah Ashton-Forster and Penny Webster in midfield. The under 14's faced more opposition and were unlucky that the draw meant they were playing back-to-back matches, had this not been the case it is likely that the girls would have seen more positive score-lines against several of their opposition. Again their play improved as the tournament went on and they showed the strong sporting potential there is at this age group. Stand out performances in this age group came from Zoe Bridson, Zara Benham, Sienna Milward and Nicole Astell-Burt.

HOCKEY REPORT

Owing to the recent strikes from our opposing schools, we were delighted to have a normal season this year, allowing us to play on island fixtures every week. For the team this was brilliant news, we were motivated and worked hard towards all fixtures. The first fixture played was against the OKW girls. This match is always a lovely match to play in, with old faces returning to the school grounds, and for us as a team we can see the work that has to be done but also the talent that we are able to work with in the upcoming season. It was a

tight game, but the OKW girls took the win, with a 1-0 victory.

The girls had real dedication to the team this season, which was shown in the early morning training session led by Miss. Lachenicht. It wasn't the easiest thing showing up to school at 6:30 am on a Friday morning, but the girls always put in 100% effort and the improvements that were made during these sessions were shown throughout the season. We would like to thank Miss Lachenicht for all her time.

Our second fixture saw us face Ramsey Grammar, which was our first proper fixture of the season with our new squad. The girls got off to an early lead, with Hope Gough, Hannah Ashton-Forster

and Florence Barber all scoring goals. The girls continued to work hard and press high within the game, allowing them to take a 6-0 win, with Hannah and Hope scoring again, and Upper Fifth student Susie Callister getting a goal. The real stars of the show in this game were the Upper Fifth. With it being their first proper game, they showed skill and determination, allowing them to take the lead on the

pitch. Following on from this, we faced QE2 the week after and managed to take yet another 7-0 win, with again the girls continuing to work hard and improve together as a team.

With spirits high, we travelled across to play Merchant Taylors. College put out a strong first half, with the score lying at one all. After some wise words from Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Shimmin, the girls stepped up their game and secured a 3-1 victory, with goals from Charlie Millward, Hope Gough and Hannah Ashton-Forster. This was a tough trip for the girls as a few usual squad members were unfortunately missing. However, Sofia Telford and Tilly Bird (both Middle Fifth) stepped in and performed outstandingly, with Sofia Telford receiving player of the match.

Once we returned home we welcomed the lovely Megan Falkenberg (South-African exchange student) to our team. Megan fitted in perfectly and we referred to her as our secret weapon!

Looking to the future of KWC hockey, I cannot wait to see what they achieve, and I would like to thank all the girls for their hard work over the past years.

Unfortunately upon her arrival though, the island school fixtures came to a halt. However, this did not stop the College girls from working hard. Thankfully, the boys were able to put together a select squad, which allowed us to still have training games. It was a real help to us as a team and we greatly appreciate the time they gave up.

The final island fixture we played was against our rivals, Castle Rushen. CRHS took an early lead, leaving the college girls frustrated and deflated. Unfortunately we couldn't convert and lost in the end 4-0. Two stand out performances within the game were Sophie Bowers and Emily Kirkham who didn't stop defending the entire game, doing everything they possibly could on the pitch, and not making it easy for CRHS.

Finally, we ended the season competing in the North West Regional hockey semi-finals at Timperly Hockey Club in Altrincham. The girls faced three sides, Austin Fryers, Wilmslow and Merchant Taylor's. Going into these games, we knew it would be a hard day with all three games being played on the same day. Unfortunately, the girls didn't make it through to the next round, and struggled within their final game. Fatigue hit the College girls hard and with injuries arising, the girls had to fight deep to keep going. However, with that being said the girls put up a good fight in all matches and everyone did themselves proud.

Even though the ending wasn't as the team planned out, everyone who played for KWC hockey over the past season can be incredibly proud of themselves. Managing both school work and sport can be challenging at times, particularly for the girls who were sitting the IB and their GCSE's. However, the amount of hard work and effort that went into this team was second to none, and although we didn't win every fixture, the improvements made over the past season were huge.

Finally, this team would not be complete without our leaders, Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Shimmin, who both put in countless hours to help improve our squad, whether it was staying late after school or coming away with us on weekends, it would not be possible without them. Looking to the future of KWC hockey, I cannot wait to see what they achieve, and I would like to thank all the girls for their hard work over the past years. **Ella Page**

NETBALL REPORT

Netball may not be KWC's strongest sport, but the girls never failed to put their all on the court. No matter the score, the KWC girls consistently tried their best and always wanted to do the school proud. The main highlight of the season was the off island trip to Liverpool, where KWC faced three sides, Merchant Taylors, Glenlola and Stockport Grammar.

The Middle Fifth have an extremely strong year for Netball and so we were so pleased to have eight of them join us on this trip, with Sophie Bateson, Summer Sadler, Emilia Steriopulos and Molly Zyburt all taking positions within the First VII. The experience of the Sixth form girls, allowed the newly formed squad to play extremely well together, which was shown within the results.

The First VII, had a convincing win against Merchant Taylors, with a final score of 58-16. This allowed the girls confidence to improve and put us in a good place for our next two games. The next fixture saw the College girls face Stockport Grammar. The girls put in a really good effort, but unfortunately we were going up against a well-established team, who had been playing together for a long period of time. The final score 36-16 to Stockport Grammar. After learning a lot from this game, the girls were in a good place for their final game. With the weather deteriorating fast, it finally seemed like all those wet and windy netball sessions on the school courts had paid off, as the girls won 22-14.

For the Second VII, they also started their trip off with a win, beating Merchant Taylors 20-10. This gave the girls a good starting point and throughout the weekend the girls only improved. After watching the First VII take on Stockport Grammar, they knew what sort of team they were facing. They put up a strong fight but unfortunately Stockport Grammar came out on top, with a final score of 14-5. The final fixture saw the Second team take on Glenlola. After a hard defeat, the girls were determined to come out with a win. With lots of hard work from all the players, they managed to secure the win, with a final score of 15-4 to KWC.

The island fixtures may have not gone in our favour but these girls never gave up. We worked hard as a team and each player can be incredibly

proud of themselves for that. A massive thank you must go to Mrs. Kneen for her consistent support and help towards the team. The team would not be the same without her. Also we would like to thank Mrs. Shimmin and Mrs. Dunn for helping us throughout the season too. I would like to wish KWC Netball all the best for the upcoming season.

Ella Page

ROUNDERS

A number of friendly fixtures took place against QEII, Ramsey Grammar and St Ninians HS across the different age groups. There was a mixture of results but the highlights were always the close games that took place where the players from both schools were totally engaged in the outcome and filled with excitement in the second innings of the game. Thursday evenings training sessions were a lively affair with the lower and upper four being joined by the lower fifth due to Australia Hockey Tour training taking place. The junior players learnt much from their older team mates.

The Junior House Rounders Competition took place in June, in glorious conditions! The girls certainly saved their best 'til last, and we were thoroughly entertained by the fantastic individual skills and team work on display!

The final positions were as follows:

1st place: Dickson
2nd place: Walters
3rd place: Colbourne

ATHLETICS

The sun was shining for our annual Sports Day held at the fantastic NSC stadium. With the girls performing on the track first there were some fantastic performances on display. However, the one to watch was the junior girls relay where the record was broken by Walters who recorded a blistering time of 56:79secs. The practice the girls had put into this event was clear to see with commands and changeovers on point.

Whilst on the field the boys were breaking their own records. Finally, on his last sports day Seb broke the senior boys long jump by breaking a record that had been set in 1965 with a new record jump of 6.67m. In the junior boy's high jump Finlay secured the record with a magnificent jump of 1.60m this was just reward for the dedicated training that he had undertaken through the winter months.

Huge congratulations to all the participants for some this was their first experience of competing at the NSC. All in all, team taking part for your house is the most important factor as every point counts to the overall scores.

The winners of each of the competitions were as follows:

Junior Boys - Walters
Junior Girls - Dickson
Inter Boys - Walters
Inter Girls - Walters
Senior Boys - Walters
Senior Girls - Dickson

GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls inspired by the success of the Lionesses in the Euros saw preparation begin for their matches. Limited fixtures were available against the Island schools however the girls thoroughly enjoyed what was for some their first competitive matches. The lower fifth girls rounded up their short season superbly when they played a full game for the first time showing the progress which they had made this year. Passages of play were completed numerous times and positioning and evidence of understanding off side were clear to see. After an impressive World Cup run for the England team throughout the summer holidays will see the girls excited to get started in the new school year.

RUGBY

1st XV Report - Toby Poole-Wilson

The First XV of 2022 enjoyed a successful season regarding the character, unity and spirit which grew throughout the team as the season progressed, and in fairness was not always shown in the results obtained. The season was also successful thanks to the work of newly appointed First XV coach, Mr. Moss, and his ability to integrate younger players into the team beside many of the more experienced lads, ensuring a good balance of ability and personality throughout the side.

The season began with the usual pre-season training camp in late August, which saw the side first put through their paces for what would be a tough upcoming season. After a week of intense preparation, the side travelled to Stockport to compete against other schools in the Northwest and scored an impressive victory over Sandbach as well as a hard-fought draw with Stockport, giving

plenty of reason for optimism for the next few months. The first game of the season came a few weeks later, initiating the side's Natwest campaign with a home fixture against Wirral Grammar. Having suffered a heavy loss in the same tournament to Wirral the previous year, the boys knew the sort of game they would be in for, yet the first half defensive display was ferocious as Upper Fifth players Ian Larson and George Hotchkiss threw themselves into countless tackles. The home crowd was a big advantage, and the atmosphere was only ignited further with the first try of the game coming from Max Barnes running in an interception from 90 metres to put College 5-0 ahead. Wirral hit back late in the first half to tie the game at 5-5 come half time. Wirral's squad size showed in the second half as KWC began to tire, suffering an eventual 25-5 defeat, yet the scoreline did not reflect the attitude and commitment from College.

A week later the KWC First XV would travel to Liverpool College for the first leg of the Mark Richard Wheeler memorial cup, which is the school's most historic fixture. In Toby Poole-Wilson's absence, Joe Quinn captained the side, but was forced to exit the field after 10 minutes due to injury. Larson would soon follow him off with a deep concussion, leaving College depleted and despite a dominant performance, departed Liverpool with a 5-0 loss, but with the knowledge that they could turn it around in the reverse fixture in November. With various injuries throughout the squad, the Natwest run came to a disappointing end at the hands of Birkenhead, which was followed by a strong performance against St. Edward's in Liverpool, yet again College struggled to translate it to the scoreboard. The St. Edward's game saw a ruthless showing from Adam French in the back row, and his performance as well as an impressive debut from fellow flanker Richie Eyres (Hilton exchange) kept belief high in the College camp.

The First XV came back after the half-term break focused on the home fixture vs Liverpool College, in which they would be 5-0 behind on aggregate. The squad had been replenished, with Larson and Quinn returning to the pack, whilst Ziv Rosenthal and Dan Grobbelaar (Bishop's exchange) looked

strong together as a half-back partnership. In front of a packed King William's College crowd, the First XV took to the field in a bid to secure their first victory of the regular season. KWC edged ahead five minutes in, thanks to the boot of Grobbelaar, before tries were exchanged (Barnes) to make the game 8-5 to KWC. Tries from notorious ball carriers Adam French and Henry Telford saw KWC lead 20-11 at half time, putting them ahead on aggregate also. College too many times this season had failed to capitalize on being the dominant team in fixtures, and perhaps this was what was most satisfying about the second half display, as tries from French, Hotchkiss, Poole-Wilson and Robbie Davies combined with accurate kicking from Grobbelaar, and underrated graft from Pat Loader, assured a 51-18 victory (51-23 aggregate) to win the Wheeler Cup.

The First XV would go on to make it two wins from two in an away fixture vs Scarisbrick Hall a week later. Despite a slow start, conceding a sloppy try early in the game, College's energy in attack and unity in defence gave little opportunity for Scarisbrick to get a foothold in the game, and College would go on to win 33-15, with maiden tries for Tom Gantous and Ziv Rosenthal. By this point the fixtures were becoming increasingly frequent, and with it the KWC squad was being

stretched. This was very much evident in the away fixture vs Lady Manners, as an inexperienced squad with a few debutants took to the field against a well-drilled Manners side. College showed real character and went into half time very much in the game, yet inexperience showed in the second half and despite two Poole-Wilson tries along with some added points from Grobbelaar's boot, KWC came up second best with a 38-17 loss. The final fixture of the season would be at home against King's Rochester, and the First XV were truly fired up for it. The game was a tight one, with nothing separating either side 65 minutes into the overall 70-minute match, as the scoreline was held at 3-3. It was a case of which defence would crumble first, and it can be affirmatively said that the College defence passed the test. Unfortunately, a loose ball from Rochester left the College side sure they would be earning a scrum due to a knock-on, however it became apparent that the referee did not see it that way and allowed Rochester to run in

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a try with only minutes remaining, causing a final defeat for the First XV with a 10-3 scoreline.

Despite a bitterly disappointing end to the season, particularly for the Upper Sixth players who have given so much for the College badge over the years to lose in their final home game, it must be said that every player who contributed to training and playing ought to be proud of how they committed to College rugby this season. It can be a cliché in sport that results did not always reflect performances, yet it was certainly the case this season, as countless players put their bodies on the line time and time again throughout what was a relentless season, and again for that the players should hold their heads high. Individual mentions must go to primarily the award winners, as Adam French was voted players' player of the season by his teammates due to his immense athleticism and sheer bravery in defence, whilst perhaps this bravery was only topped by the 'unsung hero' award recipient, Ian Larson, who's attitude will take him far in the sport and will be an invaluable asset to future King William's College First XVs. The coach's player of the season went to captain Toby Poole-Wilson also. It is always important to look to the future; as previously mentioned the integration of younger players into the side was prominent this year and bodes well for seasons to come. Moreover, older and younger players alike can look forward to the trip to Australia in the summer of 2023, where the aim no doubt will be to secure more victories and ensure the squad is in the best possible condition come September. This season would only have been possible with the hard work of Mr. Moss, who showed himself to be a true role model to all players, with the fact of this being his first year at the school making his work ever more impressive. Elsewhere, thanks must go to College rugby stalwart Mr. Cope, Mr. Jelly, Mr. Brindle and Phil Cringle for all their work this season. A final thanks to all players on their commitment and all should look forward to Australia in the summer.

U13 Rugby - Jamie Harding

Our opening fixture for the season was away against Ramsey Grammar. The team started the match confidently with a few good plays, but we soon dropped our heads after several quick tries by Ramsey. Although our first half performance was below our expectations, the second half was much

better and whilst we created many chances, we were unable to score a try and sadly started the season with a loss.

This year we were fortunate to be taken away on tour to play three teams in England. We played the first match against Stockport Grammar and whilst we started slowly again, we massively improved in the second half. Unfortunately, we lost the first game and worse still we suffered multiple injuries including a concussion. The following day had two games scheduled against Manchester Grammar School and Altrincham Grammar. The team continued to improve and whilst we lost our first game against Manchester Grammar the third and final game against Altrincham Grammar was very close and ended with KWC victorious, with every team member having a spectacular game.

The final two games of the season were again QE2. Both games were heavily contested, but the team played brilliantly and won both games, ending our season on a high.

Although some of the results were not what we wanted, the team learnt a lot and improved significantly over the season.

Thank you to Mr Brindle for all your advice and coaching this season.

U12 Rugby - Artie Kyriacou

Our rugby season started off against Ramsey Grammar School (RGS) where we did not have the best of games. We got beaten by quite a lot despite Dylan scoring just after the second half. After that loss we needed to bounce back and beat QEII. Unfortunately, we could not beat QEII due to a few injuries and a big runner breaking the lines every time. At least we did a bit better than we did in the Ramsey game because we scored 5 tries and only lost by a small margin. When they subbed off the big runner and put the B team on, we were all over them for that 10-minute period but then got caught out by a quick runner in their B team. At the end of the game, we shook hands and then were even more encouraged to beat them next time. Annoyingly, we only played QEII for the rest of the season and the same thing kept happening to us repeatedly. We also had to play some games with a good tackler injured so it was even harder to get QEII's runner to the floor. Overall, I am happy with how we played but have plenty of things to work on and hope that we can get our first win next season.

*The coach's player of the season
went to captain
Toby Poole-Wilson*

U12 A Team: *Artie Kyriacou (C), Adi Malikiredy, Zachary Cox, Dylan Woolnough, Euan Bainborough, Kasper Grounds, William Wang, Theo Kiernan, Jamie Ross-Munro, Jayden Fourie, Marcel Strandskov, Bradley Kennedy, Sol Kerwin, Sean Cannon, Joel Tumblety.*

FOOTBALL

1st XI Football

KWC may not be known for their footballing ability, although we went throughout the whole season without winning a single game, the 1st XI should be proud of themselves as no matter the circumstances, every single game they showed heart and desire to play for the school and for the badge. Some season highlights include Adam French's incredible goal from within his own half, on the half volley lobbing the keeper, moreover Cameron Jafry for putting KWC up 1-0 against arguably one of the best footballing schools St Ninians with a well worked team goal and beautifully threaded through ball by Philip Seitz. Another special mention includes the Upper Fifth boys, Max Barnes, Luca Parker, Joseph Savage and Liav Rosenthal for their tenacious performances and showing heart committing fully to tackles and aerial balls. Like mentioned previously, although not a single game was won the boys should be incredibly proud of themselves of how they represented the school and themselves on the football pitch, a huge congratulations to all. Moreover, a massive thank you to Mr Crabtree the 1st XI coach, for his patience and hard work it is very much appreciated especially giving up after school hours for our benefit. The same goes for Mr Jelly and Mr Brindle whom we all appreciate very much for the hard work and support.

U12 Football - Adi Malikiredy

Our football season started all right with an undeserved 1-0 loss against Bemmahauge due to a very unlucky own goal. I feel like we were the better team and played much better football but struggled to get the ball in the back of the net. In our second game vs QUE11 it was a cold dark freezing afternoon, and it was an awfully close game with both teams playing good football but, in the end, QUE11 came out on top with a 2-0 victory coming from corners. In our third game vs Ramsey grammar high school we did not play as good as we could and did not have our best team forward but fortunately, we got a good result scoring our first goal of the season and we ended up with a 1-1 draw. Our B team played good

football against QUE11 and won but were unfortunate to lose all their other games. Overall, we played some good football and can take that into next season and hopefully get some good results.

U12 A Team: *Adi Malikiredy (C), Artie Kyriacou, Zachary Cox, Dylan Woolnough, Euan Bainborough, Joel Tumblety, Kasper Grounds.*

U12 B Team: *Theo Keirnan, Jamie Ross Munroe, Jake Walker, William Wang, Sol Kerwin, Bradley Kennedy, Vinnie Watterson, Sean Cannan, Jayden Fourie.*

U13 Football - Ben Coole

We started the season off with a fixture against QE2 which was a challenge as we were up against a strong side of footballers but to our surprise, we held our own earning ourselves a respectable 8-6 loss which was well fought by us. Later in the season we had a home fixture against Ramsey Grammar who are the strongest side on the island but again we fought till the end and even though they easily won the match we still gave a decent performance despite the odds. It has been a great season for us, and I have really enjoyed captaining and I am well impressed with our performance as a team I really think we are under dogs when it comes to football, and I see no reason why we can't do just as well next season and hopefully get a few wins under our belt.

CRICKET

KWC vs MCC

On Thursday, 22nd June, the highly anticipated cricket match between KWC and MCC took place under the radiant sun. The weather was absolutely beautiful, adding to the excitement. The day commenced with coaching sessions led by MCC players, who shared their expertise with KWC's junior students, including both boys and girls. This initiative showcased the inclusive nature of the sport, promoting equal opportunities for everyone.

Although KWC ended up on the losing side, the students gained a valuable learning opportunity from MCC members, nurturing the growth and development of cricket. The young players from KWC were able to witness firsthand the level of dedication and skill required to compete at a high level.

Moreover, the coaching sessions organized by MCC proved to be a significant highlight of the day. The junior students were able to learn from

seasoned players, receiving invaluable guidance and advice. This interaction left a lasting impact on the budding cricketers.

Overall, the day was a resounding success. The match not only showcased the talent and spirit of the players but also exemplified the true essence of cricket.

The U15 cricket season has been a huge success, with us winning all of our matches and with everyone making strong contributions. It was great to have the opportunity to play competitive fixtures again as a year group. Our first game was against a strong Castle Rushen U15 side, who we knew would provide a stern test. However the season could not have had a better start than when Jacob Harding dismissed the opposition's opener first ball of the game thanks to a well taken catch by Benedict Crellin. After a good all round bowling display our batsman knocked the total off to win the game by 7 wickets. Towards the back end of the term the squad went on a two day trip to Liverpool, providing us with the chance to develop by playing against unfamiliar sides. On the first day we faced St Mary's College who we beat comfortably thanks to a solid 90 run opening stand between Thomas Ackron and Jacob Harding. On the second day we faced a Wirral Grammar side who gave us a good challenge. After losing a wicket early on we rebuilt nicely, eventually finishing on 145. Wirral made an extremely strong start to their run chase; however, Oliver Poole-Wilson found the breakthrough which resulted in a collapse which meant we won by some 20 runs. The win concluded a great season, and we are looking forward to representing the school next year.

U15 Squad: *Jacob Turner (C), Thomas Ackron, Jackson Bowers, Alexander Brown, Benedict Crellin, Jack Cutts, Henry Dawson, Ciaran Dougherty, Ellis Dunn (WK), Jacob Harding, Oliver Nandha, Oliver Poole-Wilson*

DERBYHAVEN BAY SWIM

The Derbyhaven Bay Swim took place in June, with twenty students from the College, along with two staff members, braving the bracing temperatures of the sea!

Students swim half a mile across the bay,

attempting to beat the current record times. The Swim is an annual tradition, which has been taking place at the College for more than 120 years – this year's swim was the 123rd event! The conditions were favourable and it was all systems go with no hesitation. Swimmers were excited and apprehensive in the briefing in the garden before the start. All competitors that started completed the race a significant achievement in itself. The positions didn't change much throughout the race and the top three were as follows;

This year's winners and their times are as follows:

Riccardo (Lower Fifth - Year 9) - 12 mins 33 secs
Alex (Middle Fifth - Year 10) - 13 mins 17 secs
Tilly (Middle Fifth - Year 10) - 13 mins 51 secs

Winner Riccardo, who joined us for Summer School, had the fastest qualifying time prior to beginning the race.

A huge thank you to everyone who came down to watch the swim, the staff who helped to organise the event and of course, our fantastic competitors!

ISLAND GAMES

Martin (Lower Fifth) and Seb (Upper Sixth), competed in the Island Games in July. Martin who started gymnastics when he was two, competed in the Open Age Gymnastics category with four other boys from the island. This was Martin's first international competition. Seb competed in the Athletics category. We are very proud of these two boys.

ISLE OF MAN'S BOYS' HOCKEY

Two Upper Fifth students, Leonard and Joseph, travelled with the U16 IOM boys' hockey team to Nottingham where they played in the finals of the England Junior Hockey Tier 2 Championships, against Hampden in Arden. It was a particularly fitting finale to a hockey filled year for Leonard, one of our boarders, who had thrown himself enthusiastically into the hockey community on the island playing both at club and national level. He travelled home to Hamburg after the finals and he will be greatly missed by his local team and the entire KWC community.

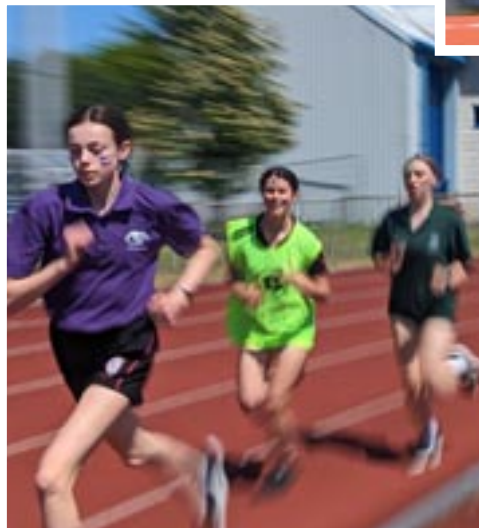
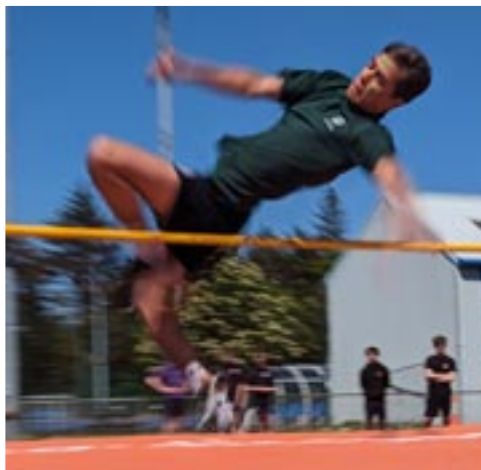
The U15 cricket season has been a huge success, with us winning all of our matches and with everyone making strong contributions.







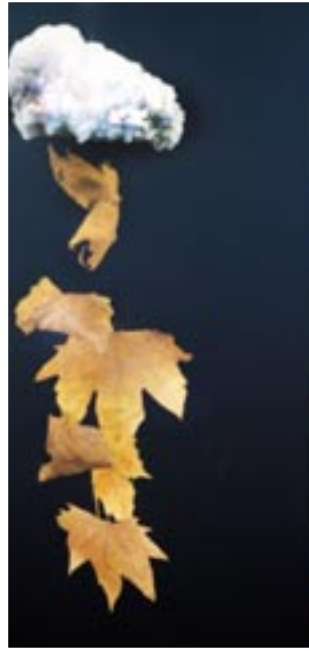




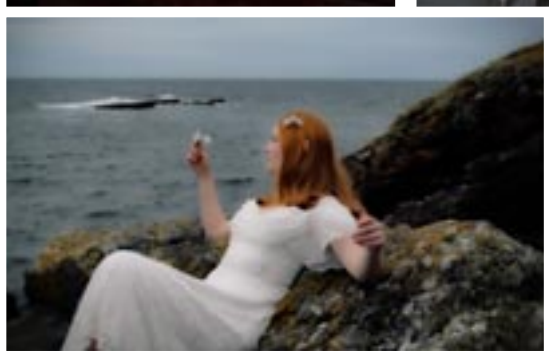




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AUTUMN TERM

It has been another action-packed year in the Music department which began with our first Live Lounge of the year back in the Autumn term. It was the perfect way to start a year with contributions from several pupils including Celize Vorster, Mikhaella Harris, Amy Farrand, Sophie Von Der Schulenburg, Farrell Ewanena, Emily Kneen and Timur Minkin. Alyth Braithwaite gave an atmospheric performance on the harp, whilst Finlay put in an outstanding performance on the trumpet too. The event concluded with a piano duet performed by Alexander Owenson and his father.

No sooner had the dust settled on the Live Lounge, it was time for the Music Award Holder's Concert. The audience were treated to some fine performances, this time from Madeleine Arculus, Alexander Owenson, Aristeia Owenson, Celize Vorster, Sebastien Sgouraditis, Eve Steriopulos and Louise Van Der Merwe. It was a fine evening of music-making, enjoyed by all present.

Away from college, several of our students were involved in the Young Musician, hosted by The Ramsey Music Society. This annual event encourages young musicians from across the island to take centre stage and perform a programme of advanced repertoire. This year the college was well represented, with performances from Elizabeth Penn, Dominic Sgouraditis, Alexander Owenson, Sebastien Sgouraditis and Jess Quigley. Their skilful performances were enjoyed by a knowledgeable audience, in the present of His Excellence, Sir John Lormier.

The evening of Wednesday 16th November, saw the Autumn Concert take place in the Barrovian Hall. As has come to be expected, there was something for all musical tastes, and the students most certainly did not disappoint with their first-class performances.

On November 20th, Ramsey Grammar School hosted a PEP Band event and many of our brass players from The Buchan and KWC were delighted to attend. The event was organised by our visiting brass teacher, Mr John Wood and pupils received coaching throughout the day and have a performance of pieces they had been rehearsing at the end of the event. It was a fantastic opportunity

for brass and percussion students to come together and perform a range of up-beat music. Lower Fifth pupil Finlay Helliwell, reflected on the day.

"Following the wonderful success of our Autumn Live Lounge, a further Live Lounge, this time with a Christmas theme was held on the 29th November, bringing Christmas cheer to everyone. This lunchtime event drew a big crowd, and included a number of taster day pupils who were keen to find where all the fantastic music was coming from. Everybody enjoyed a variety of songs from 'Frosty the Snowman' to 'Baby it's Cold Outside!' Our performers included Evie Steriopulos, Liam Savage, Connor Storey, Alexander Owenson, and Finlay Helliwell. We also had duets with Alyth Braithwaite & Celize Vorster, Mikhaella Harris & Aimee Farrand and finally, Arwen Hoile and our very own Mr Daykin".

As Christmas drew ever closer, it wasn't long until we were out facing the elements of the Manx winter, this time to participate in the Castletown Lights Switch on ceremony. This important community event attracted a large crowd who we were delighted to entertain with several Christmas favourites.

Soon after this event, we were pleased to, once again, be invited back to support the invaluable work of Save the Children, Isle of Man, at the annual Festival of Trees. Nestled between an array of creatively decorated trees, the choir assembled to get the event off to a lively and festive start, with all involved enjoying the fantastic hospitality and the opportunity to support this important event in the charities calendar.

As ever, the culmination of the choir's year was the annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Held in the Chapel of St Thomas at KWC, this is always a special event and this year was no exception. The two services attracted a congregation of well over 500 island residents, many of whom this marks the beginning of their Christmas celebrations. The choir filled the chapel with a truly magnificent sound with a carefully chosen balance of traditional favourites, new pieces, and congregational carols. The descants could be heard ringing out long after the service had ended.

SPRING TERM

As we embarked on a new calendar year, many of our singing students participated in the Young Singer of Mann competition, held at the Erin Arts Centre. The event was sponsored by The Isle of Man Arts Council and The Malcolm Dickinson Charitable Trust, with prizes supplied by Mannin Music Shop. On the Saturday, the audience were treated to an array of songs in the age 7-12 category, with the senior age class taking place on the Sunday afternoon. Each competitor was tasked with choosing two contrasting songs to perform and our singers did themselves proud. A special mention to Alice Hemensley for gaining a commendation in the age 7-12 class and to Millie Craddock and Jess Quigley who were awarded places in the Junior and Senior classes, respectively. Further, thanks to our singing teachers Mrs. Wilson, Mr Moore, and Mrs Tickle for assisting with all the necessary preparations and to Mrs Kelly for accompanying our pupils for the competition.

February saw a fantastic evening of entertainment and delicious cuisine combine to mark the Taste of Culture event. Our students performed and presented songs, dances, poetry, and instrumental music from across the globe.

HOUSE MUSIC

House Music is, without a doubt, one of the most hotly contested events of the musical calendar, and this year was no exception. The King's Court Theatre was packed to the brim and representatives from Dickson, Colbourne and Walters readied themselves to take to the stage and to secure victory! The audience were certainly not disappointed, and each performance was full of the perfect mix of mastery and entertainment. After fierce competition, the adjudicator, Mr Peter Shimmin, reached his final verdict and the following results were announced:

Intermediate Vocal Solo - **Rebecca Bloch, Dickson**

Senior Vocal Solo - **Isabelle Cutts, Walters**

Intermediate Instrumental Solo - **Marlena Gutschow, Colbourne**

Senior Instrumental Solo - **Amy Bloch, Dickson**

Ensemble - **Colbourne**

Choir - **Walters**

Conductor – **Farrell Ewanena, Colbourne**

Overall winners - **COLBOURNE**

ALADDIN

Aladdin was a roaring success on the opening evening on the 8th of March. The young, yet talented cast made every effort to impress for their opening night. Each and everyone involved should be congratulated on their achievements and commitment. Due to inclement weather, our second performance had to be postponed to the 16th of March. This meant that our Jasmine - Rebecca Bloch, who wasn't available for that evening had to be replaced. Alice Hemensley did an amazing job of stepping into the role at the last minute.

SPRING CONCERT

On Thursday 23rd March, we hosted the annual Spring Concert in the Barrovian Hall. This event brings together a wide range of talent from across the College, from Fourth Form to Sixth Form. For our Upper Sixth students, this was their last formal concert of their time at KWC and was, as ever, a truly remarkable evening.

As tradition dictates at the end of the Spring concert, those pupils leaving us at the end of the year were presented with a yellow rose representing friendship and as a mark of our appreciation for all they have done during their time with us. They have come to know and appreciate the joy of performance and the sense of camaraderie found within an ensemble.

The Spring Term also makes way for the Manx Music Speech and Dance Festival, affectionately known to all as 'The Guild.' As in previous years, both The Buchan and KWC were well represented in a wide variety of categories, and we applaud all who participated in this truly magnificent event.

The following results offer a flavour of what our pupils achieved this year:

Vocal Solo (Y411 to under 26 years)	
Jess Quigley	2nd place
Organ (beginners)	
Alexander Owenson	1st place
Piano Duet (up to Yr 8)	
Alexander Owenson	1st place
Vocal Quartet (SATB)	
Consort	2nd place

String Class (grade 3-4)

Aristea Owenson 2nd place

String Class (grade 5 and above)

Alexander Owenson 1st place

Instrumental Solo (grade 6 and above)

Arwen Hoile 2nd place

Instrumental Solo (grades 4-5)

Ameya Malikireddy 1st place

There were further successes for KWC pupils in a variety of drama and public speaking classes and for our Buchan musicians, including the choirs in classes for younger years.

CORONATION

The Coronation of King Charles III provided the perfect opportunity for the chapel choir to mark and celebrate such a historic event. The choir, along with invited guests from the wider island community, including His Excellency and Lady Lorimer assembled in the chapel for a truly memorable evening of recording. The anthem, entitled 'The Mountains Shall Bring Peace' was written by singer and composer Joanna Forbes L'Estrange and commissioned as part of a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) project 'Sing for the King' and the chapel choir had the only license on the island to record this work. The recording was mixed and mastered by Gyp Buggane from Ballagroove Recording Studios, to whom we extend our thanks, and to Mr Corrie for his sensitive organ accompaniment.

SUMMER TERM

Our final concert of the year was another informal Live Lounge. Their informal nature makes them an ideal performance opportunity for anybody to take part, including staff! The select gathering were treated to performances by Ella Walker, Jake Walker, Alexander Owenson, Madeleine Arculus, Aristea Owenson, Connor Storey, Finlay Helliwell, Daisy Maddocks, Norah Ellis and Ameya Malikireddy. It was the perfect opportunity to bring to a close another incredibly busy year in the music department.

In addition to the many concerts that have taken place this year, our musicians have also been busy preparing for practical exams as part of their individual music lessons with our Visiting Music Teachers. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved, from those who have started taking the first steps in achieving Grade 1, to those who have completed their exam journey with Grade 8. Our pupils have had continued success with exams from several different boards including The

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Trinity College, London and Rock and Pop Exams. We extend our warmest congratulations to them all.

There have also been notable successes away from College for our musicians too.

Sebastien Sgouraditis has attended courses with the National Youth Training Choir of Great Britain alongside performing with them as part of a Christmas Festival held in the Royal Albert Hall. We wish him every success as he embarks on his music studies at Birmingham Conservatoire next year as well as securing a place as a member of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain.

Jess Quigley has also been flying the flag for KWC music this year as she accepted a place into the Glyndebourne Youth Academy. Jess was chosen as one of only twenty-five singers to participate in this prestigious opportunity. Jess said: "During the audition process we spent time working on our stance, positioning and alignment whilst singing, before performing our prepared programme to the selection panel. I am really pleased to be given this opportunity and can't wait to take part in the rehearsals and workshops."

We also extend our warmest congratulations to Amy Bloch and Louise Van Der Merwe, both of whom are exceptional musicians who have also accepted offers to History and Medicine respectively. As grade 8 musicians, both are further evidence of how music has a tremendously positive impact, not only on well-being but also on academic success. We wish them the best of luck.

Lower Fifth student, Finlay has secured a place at the largest specialist music school in the UK. Finlay has been at college for the past eighteen months, and during that time has entertained audiences at various concerts whilst working incredibly hard to develop his musical abilities. Finlay is currently taught by our brass teacher Mr John Wood and is a member of College Orchestra, Rushen Silver Band and Manx Youth Orchestra. He is an incredibly gifted trumpeter and has secured a place at Chetham's School of Music for September. We wish him well as he embarks on this fantastic opportunity.

Our thanks to our team of Visiting Music Teachers who work tirelessly to nurture and develop our young musicians. We are indebted to them for all they do to enrich the life of the department.







Music Article - By Steve Daykin, Director of Music

“Why it’s more important than ever that we continue to invest in music education”

The words of Steve Daykin, Director of Music at King William’s College, will be endorsed by those who work in music education up and down the country, let alone by musicians themselves. If further proof was required of the positive impact music can have both academically and socially, the Castletown-based school is a prime example, as it nurtures the next generation of musicians. Two of its International Baccalaureate students, Amy Bloch and Louise van der Merwe, are a case in point.



Both in the Upper Sixth at KWC, they have recently received offers from Oxford University – Amy to read History and Louise to read Medicine – and the opportunities are seemingly endless. Amy and Louise are both active members of the College’s flourishing music faculty, singing in the King William’s College Chapel Choir and immersing themselves in musicmaking; Louise is also a flautist and violinist, and Amy is a grade eight pianist.

Steve believes that their high achievement and involvement in the musical life of the College demonstrate the wider benefits, nature and value of music education. Mr Daykin explained:

“Naturally, everyone in the Music department is delighted and incredibly proud of what Amy and Louise are achieving and continue to achieve but, of course, it is also much more than that. Their successes highlight the positive effect of music on academic achievement, and the wider mental and therapeutic value of music education.

Research has long shown that music positively impacts academic performance, assists in developing social skills, and provides an outlet for creativity that is crucial to a young person’s development. There are few activities which activate as many areas of your brain as music does, whether that is learning an instrument or being part of a choir or ensemble, irrespective of style or genre.

It has been noted before, but is worth repeating, that there are numerous ways in which music can help teach important qualities – teamwork, creative thinking, discipline – and it can even relieve stress. It also integrates many different subject areas and creates so many opportunities.

It has a significant positive impact on mental well-being, and the strong correlation between music and happiness is regularly demonstrated in scientific research.

Any one of those reasons shows why the investment in music education is invaluable and, in whatever way Amy and Louise decide to continue their education, they would be the first to acknowledge the pivotal role which music has played in their progress so far”.

The Island has an enviable tradition of school music leading to, and offering, wider opportunities for children and young people, and we are very fortunate that there are so many ways for our young people to make music, be it as beginners or as part of more advanced ensembles island-wide. It is therefore more important than ever that we continue to make music a priority within the education system, and ensure that it can be accessed and experienced by all.

With an increasing body of research highlighting the power of music to change lives, the UK Government published its National Plan for Music

Education last year, which emphasises the importance of partnerships between schools and creative organisations within the music sector. Indeed, the Welsh government announced a plan to give free access to instrumental tuition to every child in primary education for the next three years.

The more research done into music, the more advantages we discover in so many areas of our lives,' Steve added. 'It is vital that young people from all walks of life have the opportunity to access music-making and even the chance to build a career using it. Properly funded, resourced, and supported music provision in our schools and within the community brings immeasurable benefits to children, whatever they may go on to do in later life. It is in our national interest to develop and maintain a musically literate society.

KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE STUDENT SECURES PLACE AT PRESTIGIOUS MUSIC SCHOOL

A student from King William's College has secured a place at the largest specialist music school in the UK

Finlay Helliwell, a Lower Fifth (Year Nine) student, has secured a place at the prestigious Chetham's School of Music in Manchester.

Finlay has distinct musical talent and has been playing piano for the last six years. He quickly picked up the trumpet too and has been playing it for the last five years. He also plays in the College Orchestra, Rushen Silver Band and the Manx Youth Orchestra.

Finlay currently plays the trumpet at Grade 6 level and is taught by the College's brass teacher, Mr John Wood. Mr Wood also teaches a student at another island high school who has secured a place at Chetham's School of Music too.

Chetham's School of Music is the only specialist music school in the north of England and over the

last 50 years, has established itself as a central part of music education in the UK. It boasts a state-of-the-art concert hall and offers pupils the opportunity to perform alongside leading orchestras including Manchester Camerata and Northern Chamber Orchestra.

"Music is one of our greatest national assets and it plays a crucial role in our culture, so it's more important than ever that we continue to invest in music education at every level."

Speaking about his incredible achievement, Finlay said, "I never thought I'd get the opportunity to study at such a prestigious music school, and I'm really excited about what's to come."

Steve Daykin, Director of Music at the College, said, "Naturally, we are immensely proud of what Finlay has achieved. Securing a place at the UK's largest specialist music school is an incredible achievement and is testament not only to the excellent music provision here at KWC, but also to his hard work, dedication and the expert guidance of his trumpet teacher, Mr John Wood. We wish him the very best with all of the exciting opportunities he is set to embark on and the flourishing musical career that beckons."



House Drama

The corridors of KWC (King Williams College) have often been likened to those of Hogwarts, and never more so than in the Autumn term as Dickson, Walters and Colbourne prepared for a spellbinding battle in this year's House Drama Festival. The competition saw wizards and muggles alike dust off their books of spells and perfect their potions in an effort to enchant the audience and claim the Goblet of Fire (or the Tatton Shield as it's traditionally known as at KWC).

With this year's theme of magic, it took little more than an 'Abracadabra!' for the Sixth Form directors to assemble a cast of eager conjurors and sorcerers to take on the challenge, and so Sophie Bowers and Anna Rosenthal (Dickson), Ishana Bhatia and Rory Van Der Merwe (Walters) and Ian Wan and Rosa Eselböck (Colbourne) pulled out all the stops from their magic bags in an effort to claim their precious prize.

KWC alumnus Evie Killip took on the unenviable role of adjudicator, bringing with her a wealth of experience as both an actor and writer. More importantly, her appearances in the British institution that is 'Doctor Who' meant that she was well equipped with a sonic screwdriver to assist with the Houses' forays through time and space in the battle between good and evil.

The evening of wonders began with Dickson who, in 'The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon', provided

a magical whirlwind of Grimm tales. Leaving a trail of breadcrumbs, narrators Samuel Callister and Rebecca Bloch guided the audience through the Dark Forest where the brothers' characters converged to create a fast-paced ride through some of their most loved tales. Facing the agents of darkness, including the Devil (played by Ned Crellin), Rapunzel (Alicia Kiernan) and friends were firmly of the belief that there is no place like home as they endeavoured to escape the clutches of the evil enchantresses and wicked witches who stood in their way. However, the magic wore off too soon as a catering disaster left an Unnamed Actor to provide a last-minute replacement and take on numerous roles. It was a frenetic performance by Celize Vorster as she deftly switched costumes and personas to singlehandedly ensure a happy ever after.

Next up it was 'Walters' Time' which, written by Rory Van Der Merwe, was a tale of time travel and wizardry to rival the imagination of J K Rowling or Russell T Davies. Following in the footsteps of the great magicians Colbourne, Dickson and Walters, who forged a weapon so great that it could fight any evil, the cast pursued the masked and dastardly Time Bender, played by Henry Telford, who sought to unite the pearls in an effort to become invincible. However, playing Dumbledore to the Time Bender's Voldemort, Tommy Harwood, as the dogged schoolmaster, was determined to stop this evil force, ably assisted by students Ciaran



Dougherty, Tommy Foster and Zoe Vogel. While the ominous chimes of the clock striking twelve rang around KCT to signal the appearance of the Time Bender, they were interrupted by a rendition of the 'Cha Cha Slide' to provide some light relief. In an epic final battle between good and evil, the winning ways of master Wizard Walters saved the day in what the directors hoped would be a good omen for the remainder of the evening.

The final performance saw Colbourne's cast travelling TARDIS-like through time in their play 'Murder in Time'. Opening with the grizzly murder of the Dean of Queen William's University, the scene is further complicated by the arrival of a bloodied Ancient Roman, leaving the Inspector (played by Harriet Wraith) and her team (Jan Timo Buttgereit and Emelie Freiin von Stein) no choice but to interrogate a range of suspects spanning the centuries. However, there was no Police Box or DeLorean here and instead they were brought face to face with their witnesses through the magic of a flushing toilet. Pursuing their villain through time, the team are witness to some of history's greats in the form of Da Vinci and Shakespeare who, despite their genius, prove to be of little help to the investigation. Instead, it is the Porter (played by Luca Parker) who thwarts the villain's efforts to alter the timeline and brings the unlikely villain, the Assistant Dean (Brandon Smith), to justice.

Following an evening of witchcraft and wizardry, there was to be no Houdini-like escape for our adjudicator who was forced to conjure a winner after three very competitive acts. Each House had only one wish, but with each House craving victory, whose wish would our genie grant?



On this occasion, it was to be Walters' night as they stupefied their opposition to summon the Tatton Shield for Best Play. Wielding the trophy Excalibur-like, directors Ishana and Rory reign supreme in King's Court Theatre while a whole cast of illusionists and timelords marched down the yellow brick road before retreating back into the wardrobe until next year.

Prizes:

Kane Cup for best individual acting performance - **Samuel Callister (Dickson)**

Freda Jeavons Cup for best acting performance - **Celize Vorster (Dickson)**

Dorothy Lowey Cup for "Wow" factor - **Rory Van Der Merwe (Walters)**

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

Bowring Plate for Technical Excellence - **Colbourne**

Tatton Shield for best play - **Walters**







Drama

MIDDLE 5, LIVERPOOL DRAMA TRIP, MAY 2023

On the trip to Liverpool, we began by going to multiple different museums, starting with the World Museum and then the National Museum. We looked around these museums in search of stimuli for our group devised pieces, which is an area of coursework we'll soon be working on for our GCSE.

At the National Museum we saw the Return of the Gods Exhibition, which was all about the Greek gods, this was extremely interesting and helpful for possible stimuli. Personally, it was a highlight.

In the evening we saw the Ocean at the end of the Lane (play by Joel Horwood based on the novel by Neil Gaiman). This was such an amazing experience and I think we all really enjoyed it; even though it had its scary moments. The play inspired us with its physicality and the techniques used with props and set. We also thought some of the characters were really well done, and we could tell what some of the possible inspirations from other plays and characters could have been.

On the second day we explored some more museums in Liverpool; The Tate Liverpool, Museum of Liverpool and the Walker Art Gallery. These were interesting as the first two allowed us to investigate the lives of people who had previously lived in Liverpool and ways in which this is displayed in modern days.

In conclusion, it was a very fun and productive trip, we really enjoyed ourselves. We discovered a lot of useful inspiration for our GCSE's.

Emilia Jenkins

PRIVATE DRAMA AND GUILD RESULTS

Monologue (Yrs. 7 & 8)

1st Freya Burley
2nd Zoe Vogel

Reading from the Bible (Yrs. 7 & 8)

1st Freya Burley
2nd Sean Cannan

Spoken Word (Yrs. 7 & 8)

3rd Alice Hemensley

Public Speaking (Yrs. 7 & 8)

1st Sol Kerwin
2nd Alexander Owenson
3rd Tommy Foster

Public Speaking (Yrs. 7 - 13)

2nd Ameya Malikireddy

Duologue (Yrs. 7 & 8)

1st Millie Craddock & Alice Hemensley
3rd Theo Kiernan & Sean Cannan

News Reading (Yrs. 7 - 13)

1st Alexander Owenson
2nd Sean Cannan
3rd Flynt Owens

Solo or Group Mime up to Year 8

1st Baboushka (Jamie Ross-Munro, Theo Kiernan, Kasper Grounds & Sean Cannan)
2nd Sox (Sol Kerwin & Zachary Cox)

Reading at Sight (Yrs. 7 - 9)

2nd Alexander Owenson

Reading at Sight (Yrs. 10 - 13)

2nd Arthur Owenson



Stenning

Lower Four (Year 7) students headed to Port Erin for a day out to celebrate the end of exams and their hard work over the year.

The day started with a short shower, but soon brightened up to the warm sunny weather we have become accustomed to. Students walked up Bradda Head and enjoyed the superb views from the top of Milner's Tower. They had a nature spotting guide to see how many wildflowers, insects and animals they could find on the way. They also had the opportunity to do some kayaking and paddle-boarding with 7th Wave.

Time was spent on the beach playing games, digging holes in the sand and eating ice cream. Their behaviour was exemplary and a super day was had by all. Many thanks to the many staff who helped organise the trip.

Upper Four (Year Eight) students had the chance to go to Port Erin.

Fortunately, there was no rain this time, but a fairly strong wind meant that the water sports session comprised of team games with the kayaks close to the shore, so that no one got blown out into the Irish Sea!

Much was learned by the students about different types of jellyfish around our coasts. The strength of the wind could really be felt by those heading up Milner's Tower but it was worth the climb to the top!

The weather made this a perfect day for a visit to the beach. Many thanks to the many staff who helped organise the trip.

FOURTH FORM TRIATHLON

In May, Fourth Form students completed a sponsored triathlon, raising a fantastic total of £1,546! This year's chosen charity to receive the money raised was Isle Listen. Their staff were invited into School to receive the cheque from students.



Sixth Form Events

EPIPHANY DINNER

The Epiphany Dinner is an event that is supposed to teach 6th Form students how to conduct themselves at a proper dinner. It is a rather formal event, we are encouraged to dress up, following a formal dress code. As it is a formal event, we are encouraged to have polite conversations and proper table manners, which is monitored by the teachers sitting at the respective tables.

The evening started with the reception in the teachers' Common Room after which we were all invited to go sit at our tables. There were several round tables with each sitting 8 to 10 people. To avoid confusion about where to sit and with whom to sit, there was a seating plan, tables had about eight students and two teachers. Throughout the evening our kitchen staff provided delicious food, of which my personal favourite was dessert. This year we were fortunate enough to have a proper Epiphany Dinner, last year it had to be combined with the Christmas Ball, due to Covid. So, it was not only the first Epiphany Dinner for the Lower 6, but it was also the first proper Epiphany Dinner for the Upper 6. The evening was truly amazing, and I'm certain that many people will cherish it forever.



WARM SPACES

Like many places throughout the Island, College opened its doors during the autumn and winter months to people in need of a warm, safe space; good food and great company. The uptake for the warm space increased as the weeks went by and we saw a variety of faces during the programme. It

was especially lovely that some of our visitors became regulars. The nine volunteers thoroughly enjoyed meeting the older generation and giving back to the community. We met people from all backgrounds and were fascinated to hear the stories of their lives. We are so glad to have been able to interact with local residents and learn more about them and the island's history. **Jess Quiggley**

CAINS LAW FIRM

Cains Law Firm visited King William's College in March to speak to our Lower and Upper Sixth students about a career in law and the opportunities at Cains. Litigation Director Robert Colquitt, Senior Associate Tara Cubbon-Wood and Associate Holly McGarrigle were delighted to be able to speak to the next generation of budding lawyers!



THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

In February, a group of Upper Sixth students presented their IB TOK 'Exhibitions' to the Lower Sixth. It was fascinating to hear how they had interpreted a range of IB TOK questions, including:

- What challenges are raised by the dissemination and/or communication of knowledge?
- Does some knowledge belong only to particular communities of knowers?
- How can we distinguish between knowledge, belief, and opinion?

- Why do we seek knowledge?
- Is bias inevitable in the production of knowledge?
- Should some knowledge not be sought on ethical grounds?

What role does imagination play in producing knowledge about the world?

Thank you to Charlie, Seb, Louise, Amy, Zlata, Sammie and Nađa for their fascinating presentations.

LAW ESSAY COMPETITION



Lower Sixth (Year 12) student, Elene, came a very close second place in the Annual Law Essay competition, run by Simcocks, for all Sixth Formers on the Isle of Man.

Elene's essay explored the impact of Covid-19 on the rule of law and human rights. She looked at the Venice Commission Report and discussed the impact in various countries, including the US, Zimbabwe and the Czech Republic.

Well done, Elene!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

On Tuesday 16th May, the entire Lower Sixth took part in Model United Nation Security Council. The Council focused on the ongoing dispute in the South China Sea. All 15 members of the security council were in attendance along with invited delegates from Vietnam and the Philippines. Mr

Howell Evans and Miss Clark were very impressed with the students; especially the quality of their opening statements. The negotiations regarding the veto of powers of China were particularly impassioned. Perhaps due to the additional clause to limit China's veto powers, the resolution was not passed with France, Russia and China using their veto power.



SAILING

Upper Sixth (Year 13) student, Teddy, is a member of the Royal Yachting Association and has been selected for the 2023 420 Youth Summer Team.

Teddy has been selected for the team based on his performance and commitment to a programme of training and competitions. He has established his status as a British Youth Sailing sailor and will be representing Great Britain at major international events throughout the summer.



Boarding

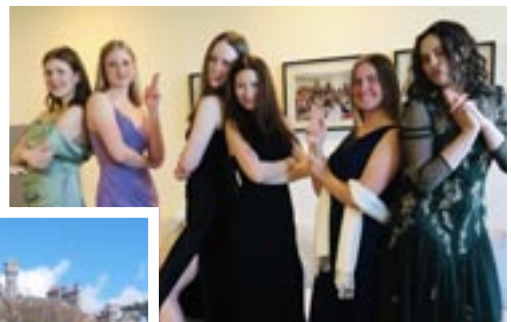
Another brilliant Boarding year complete with a real treat of activities, events, fun and family moments throughout. With 19+ nationalities in our household, where we pride ourselves in our internationalism and we have celebrated with themed suppers, for Oktoberfest, Mexico, Chinese New Year, and for fun with our Halloween Spooktacular, obligatory Christmas jumper – secret Santa special supper, indoor street parties to mark the coronation of King Charles III, Founders Day breakfast and BBQ's galore, the highlight being to celebrate our incredible, 32 Upper Sixth students. We aim to foster the cosmopolitan spirit in our boarding students and encourage them to learn more about each other – to bond over their similarities and rejoice in their differences.

Keeping busy is our key to happiness, and each week we have enjoyed the great outdoors and many a fun activity, including two trips to Liverpool,

Laser Mayhem, Horse Riding, Escape Rooms, Paddle boarding, Ape Mann high ropes, 'Sillylympics'... you name it, we've done it! And in the words of one of our boarders, enjoying each other's company is what makes us the happiest!

We've said hello, and see you soon, to exchange students from South Africa, Summer Boarding Experience students from Italy, France and Germany, and bid a fond farewell to Mr Batchford and family. Each and every one of our boarding family, whether they have been with us for a night, a few weeks, or through the whole of their time at King William's College, are forever now a part of our history, and immortalised here in our year in pictures.





Oktoberfest

In celebration of Oktoberfest, one of the world's largest beer celebrations and Germany's biggest cultural festival, King William's College held a themed dinner.

More than 6 million people attend the biggest 'Volkfest' in the world every year. As a school that prides itself in its internationalism, King William's College organised multiple events in order to mark this important tradition for the German people. The students from the German courses researched the festival's history and customs and created posters which we hung around the school.

However, the best part was the dinner! Our wonderful kitchen staff, with the help of our German students who shared recipes, prepared a wonderful meal full of traditional German cuisines – Schnitzel, Currywurst, Frikadelle – and much more! Students from the Isle of Man and around the world sang and danced in unison to the sound of German songs, maybe not understanding the language, but enjoying each other's company. And that's what makes us the happiest! We as a school aim to foster the cosmopolitan spirit in our students and encourage them to learn more about each other – to bond over their similarities and rejoice in their differences! We hope that this humble recreation of the Oktoberfest atmosphere in the halls of our school brought us at least a step nearer to reaching that goal!



Inter-House Debating

The summer term saw students from all Houses competing in a series of challenging debates as the Inter-House Debating Competition returned.

In the Intermediate Competition, Dickson and Colbourne were the first to take the stand, considering the pros and cons of Artificial Intelligence and whether it should be embraced. Drawing on some of the most recent developments, it was a tough competition with a particularly spirited performance from Colbourne's Caroline, who single-handedly represented her House. However, the teamwork of Dickson prevailed giving them a strong start in the competition. Riding high from their victory, Dickson returned in Week 2, this time taking on Walters to oppose the motion "This House believes that cultural treasures should be returned to their areas of origin". With a wealth of examples considered, and the historical and financial implications explored in depth, both Houses provided convincing arguments, before a well-prepared Walters team claimed the win. That meant that the competition would be decided in the final debate. Would Walters make it two out of two or would Colbourne take it to points difference? Facing an issue that was close to their hearts, the students explored the motion "it has never been harder to be a child or a teenager than it is today". With impassioned arguments there was a clear back and forth as each team provided valid and interesting points, but in the end, it was the Opposition of Walters who claimed not only this victory but the overall Intermediate title.

Meanwhile the Senior Debaters also engaged in fierce competition, as in Week 1 Colbourne and Walters scrutinised World Athletics' decision to ban transgender women from female sport. Sensitively exploring how competitors are classified across a wide range of sports and standing up to probing questions from the gathered audience, a polished Walters team were declared the winners. This was followed by Dickson versus Colbourne in a fierce battle over whether the monarchy should be abolished, with the ironic twist that Colbourne's international team was fighting to maintain the institution. Despite the recent grandeur of the coronation, there was no room for sentimentality as Dickson were victorious, narrowly beating Colbourne by one point. This result took the

Senior competition down to the wire, with the final debate between Walters and Dickson the ultimate decider. Debating the motion “This House would remove the restrictions on human genome editing”, the biological and ethical considerations were given equal weighting as each side fought to claim the title. It was yet another close competition with each side challenging and rebutting one another’s points, all the while being spurred on by the equally competitive audience. With two stellar performances it was difficult to call. However ultimately Dickson scored 189 points to Walters’ 188, making them the overall winners for this year’s Senior Competition.

Many congratulations go to the teams from Walters and Dickson who claimed the overall titles, but more importantly to all those who participated and helped to produce a series of entertaining and informative debates. With students ranging from Lower Sixth to Lower Fourth competing, it is clear that the future of debating at College is in safe hands and so we look forward to many more opportunities to grapple with a diverse range of issues.



Dr Scholl Library

Chess has had a resurgence this year and it has been gratifying to see so many pupils playing at lunch and break. Victor Magold U6 must be commended for his enthusiastic efforts in coaching pupils to improve their tactics and Arthur Owensen (L6) organised a successful competition as part of his CAS portfolio. The strategic and analytical skills plus sportsmanship that chess requires can only have a positive and beneficial effect on pupils.

World Book Day this year was a great success with a Book Fair that resulted in a good commission to purchase books for the library. We also had a bake sale which raised an amazing £689.97 for Book Aid International. Thank you to Hannah Howland and others for all the cakes. Pupils also enjoyed the challenge of writing a story in six words and the 4th form produced a colourful array of bookmarks to promote reading. The ever popular 'Shelfie' competition where pupils had to match teachers to their bookshelves proved to be more difficult than it looked.

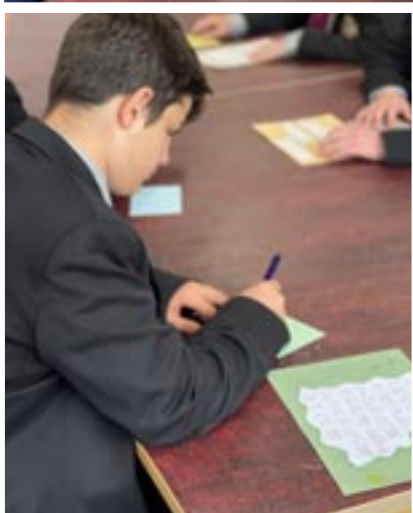
The theme for National Poetry Day was the 'Environment'. Pupils were invited to compose a

poem on a card and pin it on the mannequins wearing recycled KWC uniforms kindly loaned by the D and T dept. In a similar vein we also celebrated Earth Day with a display of books and journals on environmental issues. Pupils wrote pledges to make one change in their lives to help save the environment.

When the Archbishop of York visited College in March, he was shown the library and was particularly interested in the 'Wall of words' pointing out that there was no Manx word. This has since been rectified and after many suggestions "aboo" is now included.

Mindful of the digital age's impact on reading, it is heartening to observe the 4th form establish regular reading habits weekly in the library and at home using reading journals. Reading often stalls after the first three years of secondary school so we can be hopeful that these pupils will continue with their reading.

The challenge of generative AI and the spread of disinformation in education and the workplace is of concern to us all. Taking a pragmatic approach, we need to show students how to develop a more critical information, media and digital literacy understanding, thereby ensuring academic integrity.



A Taste of Culture

A Taste of Culture was held in February, in aid of the charity Speranta Terrei. Students performed different songs, dances, poetry and instrumental music from around the world, followed by delicious food in The Barrovian Hall, showcasing the variety of different cultures we have at College! Thank you to all students and their families, it was a wonderful evening!



Thomas Cranmer

Congratulations to Lower Sixth student, Bethany, who won The National Thomas Cranmer Prayer Reading competition. The judges were looking for clarity and projection; fluency and rhythm; natural, intelligent communication of meaning and secure, accurate, memorisation and timing.

The Cranmer Awards are an annual competition run by the Prayer Book Society to introduce young people to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Entrants from across the country read or recite a passage of their choice, 3-5 minutes in duration, from the Book of Common Prayer. Local heats are held around the country, and the winners of the heats go through to the National Final where competitors must recite their chosen passage by heart.

Bethany did us proud.



Voyage à Paris - 20th-24th February 2023

After the brief flight, 6-hour layover in St Pancras station, Eurostar journey, schlep around Gare du Nord to find our bus and a night in our hostel, we emerged on the Tuesday morning to watch the serene sun rise in the crystal blue sky above the Eiffel Tower. Waking across the Pont de l'Alma, our group fell silent, confronted by the beauty of this sight, the russet iron structure of the Tower set against the sky's blues mingling with the pink sunlight. It finally hit us, after months of waiting, we were finally in Paris.

On our first day we took the train out of Paris to Versailles, where we visited the Palais de Versailles, home of Louis XIV and the ornate Hall of Mirrors. We were fascinated by the architecture, especially the gold gates which glinted at us in the morning sun, as though it welcomed us.

After exploring the Palace, its courtyard, and gardens with their beautiful fountains, we took the

design is. We found it hard to believe this feat of architectural capability was initially designed to be only temporary. We passed by the memorial of Princess Diana, the Flame of Liberty, situated just above the site of the crash. After a short regroup at the hostel, we went out for dinner, which we had as a picnic at the top of the Bateaux-Mouches; giving us a gorgeous view of Paris lit up at night from the river.

Our second day commenced with a morning spent in the Musée d'Orsay, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Although left to explore however we wished, almost all of our group visited the renowned Impressionists Collection, viewing first-hand the works of Masters like Monet, Renoir, Degas, Rousseau, Manet, Toulouse-Lautrec, Gauguin and Van Gogh which were, of course, stunning.



train back. We walked from the station along the bank of the Seine next to the Musée du Louvre, in the now sweltering heat, browsing the paintings of the Eiffel Tower by street artists and other souvenir tents set up along the river. We walked to Les Halles, a shopping centre where we had lunch and did some shopping.

The afternoon of our first day was spent walking from Les Halles, skirting around La Cathédrale Notre Dame seeing its reconstructions, however unfortunate it was not to be able to go inside, we were able to enter Catacombs. We were shocked on entering the Catacombs to see the treatment of the bones and their aesthetic arrangement; it left us pensive and slightly unnerved.

Returning to the hostel, we walked beneath the Eiffel Tower and observed how truly intricate its

We then took the metro to Place des Vosges so Madame Heckel could show us the house of Victor Hugo. We spent a few hours exploring this area, splitting into groups for lunch in a restaurant where we ordered in French, the waitress complimented our French (thanks to Miss Heckel's French lessons). Others sampled the famous "Paris Hot Chocolate" and can vouch that it's worth its reputation, or sought out a bakery to buy macarons, which were delicious. We rambled back along the Romantic, cobbled back streets to the Place de Vosges where we regrouped and made our way to the Arc de Triomphe.

Inside the Arc de Triomphe, it was interesting to read about the detail of the sculptures featured on the façade of the Arc and their meanings. Walking up the 284 steps to the top, we felt so powerful to see the whole of Paris laid out before us, with all

12 avenues of the Place de l'Etoile spread out and forging their way through the city below us. The weather was less pleasant on this day; a light mist hung in the air, so we could just see the entirety of Paris before the suburbs were swallowed up by the grey cloud.

We ended the day by walking down the Champs-Élysées seeing the flagships of major brands like Dior and Louis Vuitton, covered with the installation art sculpture of artist Yayoi Kusama which was amazing. Some of us split off to do some shopping or get some food, while the rest found a little bar on a street just off the Champs-Élysées and after meeting back up we went for dinner at La Luge, where Miss treated us to crêpes!

We started our final day with a long walk through the city, winding our way through main streets and side streets alike, even passing through one of the few remaining Passages Couvertes and finding the

smile, but equally enjoyed seeing sculptures such as the Slaves of Michelangelo, Venus de Milo, Cupid and Psyche and the Winged Victory of Samothrace.

On leaving the Louvre, we took the metro to le Quartier Pigalle where we walked through the main street and passed the renowned Moulin Rouge, up to Le Sacré-Cœur. We were enthralled by the singing of the nuns inside the Cathedral during Mass, and lit candles in prayer in the Chapel of Notre Dame sur Mer.

We finished the evening with a lovely meal in Le Relais Gascon where some students tried les escargots and loved them, astonishingly, after which we attended the show of a bilingual comedian. Paul Taylor, who has long been a favourite comedian of some students of our class, even made us a special mention because of our coming from the Isle of Man. He was shocked to



quaintest little book shop tucked away inside!! We eventually arrived at our destination: Les Galeries Lafayette, where we bought some clothes, make up and patisseries, the éclairs were to die for. The main attraction was the ethereal stained-glass dome of the Galerie, truly worth the walk to see.

On the way to our next destination, we took a pit stop in the prettiest Starbucks, with the most ornate interior décor imaginable. Fuelled by our coffees we took the metro to the Louvre, where we had lunch in the Carrousel du Louvre. After this, we entered the Louvre Gallery via the Denon wing, viewing artworks from different cultures, notably the Ancient Egypt and Oriental Collections, alongside paintings by Masters such as Titian, da Vinci and Michelangelo. We all loved having the opportunity to see the Mona Lisa and her haunting

find out the name of the nationality of the Isle of Man being 'Manx'.

In summary, there wasn't a second of this trip that wasn't memorable, hilarious, or enjoyable. As a group of students, our friendships strengthened with each other and Madame Heckel and Mr Riekert too. We loved touring this beautiful city, its architecture, its culture, tasting its food, speaking its language and we're already noticing the benefits the trip had on our French!!

I think I speak for everyone when I say how grateful I am to have had this opportunity and to have experienced such an excellent trip with such wonderful people.

Darcey Bateson

History Trip to Berlin - 14th October 2022

On Friday the 14th October 2022, a group of enthusiastic history students disembarked Ronaldsway Airport only to reach the beautiful German city, Berlin. That evening the students and teachers went in search of the Brandenburg Gate glowing in the evening light, before going to sleep ready for the next five days ahead, seeing sites, eating some traditional food and of course shopping! The next morning everyone got dressed, had a delicious breakfast, and then went for a walk through the Tiergarten where we saw the memorial of the Murdered Jews of Europe this was a very

The next day, early in the morning we went for a tour at the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, this was a very sad experience as seeing a place where so many Jews were murdered and kept locked up was such an emotional experience. We had a very educational guided tour here which really helped us to get the full experience. In the afternoon we visited the Berlin Wall Memorial which runs along both sides of Bernauer Strasse, it is an outdoor exhibition illustrating the history of the Berlin Wall. This area also includes the official monument dedicated to the memory of the divided



emotional thing to see as seeing all the names written down was a really different experience to reading facts about the Holocaust in a textbook. Followed by a trip to the DDR museum which was a hands-on museum based on the every day lives of people living in Eastern Germany. In the museum you could answer a phone in the Soviet era room, rev the engine of a Trabant as well as making an online picture of what people typically wore. Later on in the day we took the train up to see Checkpoint Charlie which was the third checkpoint opened by the Allies in and around Berlin. The Checkpoint booth was removed on 22 June 1990 about half a year after the wall opened in November 1989. We all took a photo by the Checkpoint and bought a souvenir to remember the experience.

city and the victims of communist tyranny. This is also where the Window of Remembrance stands. The Chapel of Reconciliation and the excavated foundations of a former apartment building, whose façade formed part of the border wall until the early 1980s, are also in this section. Then we went to The East Side Gallery which was an amazing 1.3km of the Berlin Wall decorated with more than a hundred paintings on the East side of the wall! After this we saw the Topography of Terror exhibition which is located on the site where between 1933 and 1945 the principal instruments of Nazi persecution and terror were located: the headquarters of the Gestapo, the high command and security service of the SS, and from 1939 the Reich Security Main Office. This was a

very interesting place to visit as there were so many pictures of what was going on in this time. Finally, we went to see the Reichstag Dome home of the German Parliament, it was an extremely beautiful building with graffiti remaining on some of the walls, left behind by Soviet Soldiers when they captured the Reichstag in 1945. Whilst in the building we went into the meeting room which held a giant eagle nicknamed the “Fat Chicken!” We went to see another meeting room where we got to use the special microphones, the German delegates use. One of the boys even knocked on

today, the remains of the large buildings erected at that time bear witness to the staging of these propaganda shows. This was a remarkable building, where the remains showed the sheer size of the building, and we learnt about Hitler’s plans for the building. Later we saw the Nuremburg Trials memorial, which holds the historic Courtroom 600 where leaders of the Nazi regime had to answer for their crimes before the International Military Tribunal between November 20, 1945, and October 1, 1946.



the Presidents door, unfortunately there was no answer. Later in the evening we climbed up the glass dome all the way up to the top where there was a beautiful sunset waiting and a German flag waving high.

The next day we saw the Wannsee Conference House, which is where on January 20, 1942, fifteen high-ranking representatives of the SS, the NSDAP and various Reich ministries discussed cooperation in the planned deportation and murder of European Jews in today's memorial and educational center.

In Nuremburg we went to Reichsparteitagsgelände where from 1933 to 1938, the National Socialists held their Nazi Party Rallies in Nuremberg. Even

The next day we visited Munich for the day, where we went to the beautiful gardens of Englischer Garten followed by a trip to the Viktualienmarkt where we had a traditional lunch in the market. It was delicious!

Once we had returned to Nuremburg, we went to the Kaiserburg, the beautiful traditional part of Nuremburg where we saw the Imperial Castle!

Amélie Harding

Andorra Ski Trip – February 2023

In the February half term, the school went on a Ski trip to Andorra in Encamp specifically. This trip was especially good because it accommodated all levels of skiers, from advanced to beginner skiers like me. Each day we had around 6 hours of ski lessons which really helped to develop our skills and also an enjoyable experience.

Each day we would walk from the hotel with our ski boots and helmets up to the gondola where we would take a 20-minute journey up to the top of the mountain, we would then meet our ski instructors and begin our lessons for the day, we were provided a hot lunch on the mountain and the end of the day we would complete the same journey in reverse.

The ski lessons themselves were comprehensive and fun as well as challenging. They were definitely worth it and very effective; in my group we were all

not the best to start with, however we massively improved after being taught the basics and becoming more confident.

During our trip we got to experience an Andorran festival which was certainly a highlight. In our down time we explored Encamp which was a very beautiful and friendly town, with very tasty crepes!

Throughout the week we had some evening activities such as bowling and going out for pizza, these were nice ways to wind down and spend time with people from the other ski groups.

Overall the trip was an amazing experience and very productive!

Emelia Jenkins



Australia – July 2023

This year's Australia Rugby and Hockey Sports Tour kicked off in Melbourne. To begin with, the boys visited Queen Victoria Markets and the world-famous MCG to watch the Hawthorn vs Carlton Aussie Rules match. The girls also began their tour with some sightseeing, spotting whales, dolphins and even a shark when they travelled to the Gold Coast via Byron Bay. They also enjoyed a team trip to Sky Point Tower.

The girls played their first set of fixtures in similar weather conditions to home. Their hosts were Brisbane Panthers and the 1st XI competed well, however were defeated 3-1. Player of the match was Issie C. The 2nd XI, a newly formed team for tour, improved throughout the match, however suffered a heavy loss. Player of the match was Summer S.

The boys' first match was against Victorian State Barbarians U18 XV and Wyndham City Rhinos Rugby Union Football Club. The 1st XV started the tour with a 23-14 win against the Barbarians XV. The game was an evenly contested affair, but the familiar combinations between the KWC boys helped get them over the line. They also had support from alumna Christine Quirk (nee Quayle), originally from Baldrine, now living in Melbourne. The U15's performed magnificently against the hugely talented Wyndham City Rhinos team. The boys were 13-8 down at the break, with a first ever try from Christian Beyer. In the second half, the size and physicality of the opposition took its toll (38-8), but our boys should be immensely proud of the heart and courage that were on display throughout. It was a fantastic experience for the boys to play under lights in front of a huge crowd.

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recuperate ahead of their next fixtures. Next both the boys and girls had a full itinerary with a visit to Yeppoon Lagoon, followed by a lunch date at Capricorn Caves. The tour of the caves was made even more incredible when Jess gave a resounding solo of Ellan Vannin to her team mates.

Later that afternoon, the girls took on Rockhampton Hockey Club. A very warm Australian welcome was given and the 2nd XI match was played first, although defeated, great progress was made by individuals and collectively as a team. Captain Amy led her team by example and was rewarded with Technical Player of the Match, alongside Lola who received Players' Player. The 1st XI improved their fluidity and put together some promising attacking patterns of play, the Rockies proved more clinical with their chances in front of goal and took the win. Players of the match were Hannah and Iona.

A traditional after match reception (BBQ) was greatly received by the girls, who took the opportunity to socialize with the opposition and swap socials.

Getting into the Australian way of life with another 6.30am start, the girls enjoyed another superb breakfast before departing on another long journey with Henry (their awesome coach driver) up North to their Airlie Beach destination. Arriving late afternoon, the girls had a few hours in Airlie Centre, visiting the lagoon for a swim and visiting a few of the shops to buy trinkets. Sunday was 'funday' as the girls took a boat cruise out to Whitsunday Island and set up camp at Whitehaven beach. Taking in the beautiful scenery and wildlife, lots of fun was had on the whitest sand and in the turquoise sea.

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spectators at Victoria Park. Conceding first, they rallied to take a 21-5 lead. Unfortunately, the Capricornia side seized momentum after a missed penalty kick to run out 41-28 winners. This was a great learning curve for all involved and a fantastic lesson about Australian grit and perseverance. The U18 side performed magnificently in their 12-a-side match. Some fast and precise handling enabled them to record a favourable 48-0 winning scoreline. They were the talk of the town and Mr Jelly even made an appearance on Central Queensland radio!

On Sunday, the boys enjoyed a trip to the CBUS stadium, to watch Gold Coast Titans vs Dolphins in the NRL. The game went down to the wire and was decided in extra time by a kick. At least half of the group returned to Brisbane happy!

The girls arrived at their third set of fixtures which were against Mentone Girls School and Southern United Club. The 2nd XI again improved their performance and were narrowly defeated agonisingly in the last minutes of the match 2-1. Sophie B was the goal scorer. The 1st XI played Southern United Club and performed brilliantly as a team, taking a convincing win with seven different goal scorers. The boys' third fixtures were against Helensvale Hogs Rugby Club. The U15's ran them close, losing 29-24. The 1st XV lost their first game on tour, conceding a number of unanswered tries against more powerful opponents. The tour then moved onto New South Wales, where they experienced rural Australia and the country town of Armidale. The Armidale School/Armidale Blues hosted two fantastically contested fixtures (both 14-7 defeats). The boys then headed to Sydney to watch the Wallabies vs Argentina at Parramatta Stadium and meet up with the girls.

The girls enjoyed a visit to the Australian Institute of Sport where an hour was spent in the interactive room, playing many different sports activities, followed by an insightful tour of the facilities by one of the resident junior elite athletes. The girls then played their fixtures against Canberra Girls

and Daramalan College. Playing shortened matches, both teams played both of the hosts. One win, two draws and a loss were followed by a warm reception of pizza in the Club House, where the opponents swapped stories.

The girls had an action-packed final weekend in Australia. After arriving in Sydney from Canberra, they took a ferry over to Manly for the afternoon, enjoying the sights of the harbour on route. Lunch, shopping and swimming in the glorious winter sun were taken in by all. They made a whistle stop at the hostel to drop their bags, before carrying on to the Parramatta Stadium to meet up with the boys

to watch Australia take on Argentina. The next day, everyone enjoyed thrilling jet boat rides in Sydney Harbour. After being hurtled around, the girls had time to explore around the Opera House before getting back on the road, this time to support the U15 boys in their final fixture.

The girls' final fixtures were played against representatives from North West Sydney HA. The 1st XI, although defeated and disappointed with a loss, displayed some of their best

hockey yet and all of the girls should be proud of the improvements they have made to both individual and team play. The same can be said for the 2nd XI, who also saved their best 'til last. Players of the matches were Sophie & Sofia. With the hockey fixtures complete, the tour finished on a high with the day being spent at Bondi Beach surfing and the end of tour meal in the evening. Their final day was spent on Bondi Beach, with all the girls enjoying surfing lessons in fantastic conditions. Lots of success was found and much fun was had. The afternoon was spent on the beach and in the sea. The final evening was a celebration of the tour, which was held in a local tapas restaurant. A beautiful spread of food was laid on and the girls enjoyed their final evening in Australia.

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COLLEGE LIFE - TRIPS



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This year the DofE annual report at KWC is a pretty straight forward one to summarise in one word... fantastic!

The season allowed all our groups to go out exploring the Isle of Man and we also took our Silver and Gold groups to the Lake District for their Qualifying Expeditions once more, like in Pre-Covid times. I have to confess that I was pretty excited myself and a bit worried about travelling again off island with a large group of participants and staff, even if it was just across to the Big Island, but it was all worthy! The participants had a great time, the weather was really kind for April in the UK and I was seriously proud of them all!

In March at one break time, I tried to take a picture

THE BRONZE EXPERIENCE ...

My Bronze Physical, Volunteering, and skill experience by Ameya Malikireddy (L5)

One of the requirements for the DofE Bronze award is volunteering. This meant helping somewhere without getting paid, offering for free. Volunteering was a fantastic way for me to help with something different to what I usually do. I helped with the U4 and L4's after-school practice, which was hockey. I had fun teaching everyone as when I participated in this, I got to teach 6th formers how to play, right from the basics. It was also quite nice as I got a referee's point of view while playing, which really broadened my hockey playing skills. I enjoyed coaching and I am ready to



of all the pupils involved in the DofE Award in College at that point and as the photo here shows, it wasn't easy! DofEers come in all sizes, with many different interests, with many particularities and with many talents, of course! Hopefully, that picture will be a nice reminder to all of them of the big group they are part of #WeAreDofE.

As always, it has been an honour to facilitate the completion of the Award for our pupils at College and I am sure that you will enjoy reading about their experiences this year.

do it all again for Silver DofE with a different goal.

Another requirement for Bronze DofE is skills. This meant setting a target at the end of your 3 or 6 months and by the end reaching that target. For my skills I decided to work towards my Grade 4 flute. I had weekly flute lessons as well as practice at home. Preparing was very long and took a while sometimes, but in the end, I had finally completed it. A good thing about the skills aspect of DofE is that it is a way to start something new if you haven't already got something going on as you can find your hidden talent. Overall, it was an incredibly fun thing to do, and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

The final requirement for Bronze DofE is completing the physical section. This means doing some sort of physical activity. This can be anything from running to swimming, but I decided to play badminton. As I was already in a club and in the IOM team, I did not have to try out anything new. I set a goal for myself so that by the end of my 3 months of physical activity I should have improved my footwork. I played badminton 3 times a week, 1 time for IOM squad training, 1 time with my club and once with my family. I really enjoyed it.

Overall, the whole DofE experience was incredibly rewarding and definitely fun and I have learnt so many new skills. I recommend participating in it next year as it is an incredibly fun award, and you will have a wonderful time.

soon realise the feeling of independence is great. You decide beforehand what food will be suitable with an estimation of how much you'll need, what clothes you need, what equipment is helpful, and all this will be packed straight into your rucksack (have faith it all fits). Yet it truly is a challenge as you do not know exactly what you personally need and how heavy a bag you can haul around with you.

It can be quite a struggle to keep yourself walking when your legs are aching and all you want to do is sit down. It also comes to your understanding that most of your group cannot walk for more than five minutes without saying, "Can we please take a break?" and although you also want this break, you know the chances of you standing up again for the



My Bronze Expedition Experience by Daisy Maddocks (L5)

One of the requirements for the DofE bronze award is a 2-day and 1-night expedition, where you journey the island with just a map, compass, and a group of friends. As boring and pointless as this may sound, it helps develop skills that you may one day need. You set off with an aim or task you need to complete, in my group's case it was 'How many people can we win a rock, paper, scissors against?' So off we went with our backpacks full and the hope that we wouldn't get lost.

At first, you may regret thinking that hiking, camping, and being stuck with the same people for two whole days was a promising idea, but you will

next 15 minutes are slim. You finally get your rest when arriving at the campsite, you set up your tent, lay down and try not to dread the following day.

All in all, the memories you make with your friends and the happiness with yourself for completing the expedition are what you take home with you. It really is a worthwhile accomplishment, and it is a qualification that helps you in the future.

THE SILVER EXPERIENCE ...

My Silver Experience... by Jacob Turner (M5)

In April, we were lucky enough to travel to the Lake District to complete the expedition section of our Silver award. This section required us to complete at least seven hours of planned activity for three days but with an aim. My group came up with an aim that would allow us to visit many of the different famous lakes and because of this we saw many beautiful sights over the course of the three days. Our journey began near Ambleside and over the three days we walked over 50km to finish in Conistone.

I would be lying if I said that the expedition was easy as we had to be completely self-sufficient. However, this difficulty only added to our sense of achievement - we had to stick together as a team which grew friendships throughout the group.

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award also requires us to complete six months of volunteering, skills and physical section with one being carried out for nine months. Volunteering encourages us to give back to our community, and I will do this by helping coach younger age groups at my cricket club. As for the skills section I will be developing my guitar playing skills. Currently I am working towards my Grade 6 award. Finally, there is the physical and I will be continuing to play cricket. I did not need to give this section much thought with cricket being my favourite sport!

Personally, this year's silver Duke of Edinburgh award has been really enjoyable and I have also learnt a number of new skills as a result of taking part in it. I am really excited for the Gold award! I wish my fellow entrants the best of luck with completing their activities and thereby gaining their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

THE GOLD EXPERIENCE ...

My Bronze to Gold Experience by Kian Aneca-Human

My DofE experience started with the bronze award when I had just turned 14 in Lower 5, year nine. I hated every bit of it, the weather was bad, I didn't like walking, I was under packed, in fact I vowed to myself "that was that, and I am never doing that

again". Well, this year I did it again however, I jumped straight into my gold award and I regret nothing.

To be 100% honest with you, initially I only decided to do gold when I learned it can be counted as a CAS activity. I was also advised by my peers on how good it would be as the date grew nearer. I started to seriously second guess myself and wondered if I had made the right choice. Bailing out the last second crossed my mind for a brief moment but I didn't want to let down my group. Also, my tutor happens to be the manager for DofE in our school so I was not even going to think about bringing up that subject.

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Looking back on the experience now, I can confidently say I was working myself up for nothing. DofE gold was nothing how I remembered DofE bronze. My

biggest advice to surviving any DofE expedition is to properly pack your bag and make sure you have enough socks. I can't stress that enough. Wet socks are the definition of a miserable walking experience. Also make sure you tighten the waist strap on your rucksack as tight as you can tighten it around your waist! A mistake I made on bronze and not to be repeated on gold.

My gold DofE was not what I expected, and that was a very pleasant surprise. I would even count it as one of my highlights of my L6 school year. Having a group that got along definitely helped a lot. As much as it pains me to admit it, I really enjoyed the expedition part. The walking was not bad once you got into it, and we got to see all over the Isle of Man and the Lake District. There was nothing more rewarding than the feeling of accomplishment once you made it to the campsite at the end of the day. Trust me, when you are done walking and have settled into a camp for the night anything tastes good, hot or cold. Also seeing your location change on the map while walking was encouraging because you move a lot faster than you think. You become closer friends with the people in your group, and if you think walking is bad, it could be so much worse. Sooner than you know it, you finished your practice and your expedition, and it is time to go home. When I look back upon my expedition, I sometimes miss it and if there was an option for DofE platinum, I would take it. If you are thinking about DofE, or have been given the option, just do it.







Combined Cadet Force

July saw cadets and staff take part in our largest on-island Summer Camp to date! Lots of adventurous activities including climbing and abseiling (from walls to trees to a 150ft cliff!) gorge walking, obstacle courses, shooting and archery. This July we are heading to Merseyside for an off-island summer camp in Altcar with the Army.

The Royal Navy Section have been busy sailing and kayaking this year. Congratulations to SLt Lewis on his commission. We took possession of our own Field Gun this year. Lots of fun was had at our Biennial as this was the main activity. There was a scaled-down version of the Royal Tournament, but a great team event!

The RAF Section have been busy under Pilot Officer Craine, growing numbers and getting cadets through several of their blue badge awards. Flying has just started at RAF Woodvale with eight lucky cadets taking to the skies in May! This will now become a regular trip for cadets.

The Army Section are always busy with growing numbers. Under the watchful eye of our Contingent Commander Major Kirkham with fellow staff, 2Lt Macnair and WO1 Naylor. We welcome our newest instructor, Sgt Mylchreest to the team.

Our Remembrance services in November were well attended. We were lucky enough to have His Excellency, The Lt Governor on parade with us in Castletown.

A warm welcome to Lady Lorimer MBE. We welcome her to the ranks of our CCF, as she takes up the role of Honorary Colonel.

2024 is going to be an exciting year for our College CCF; with lots of activities, a new syllabus which ties in with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and lots of off-island expeditions.

We welcome all new U4 students to give CCF a try on Wednesdays at 1630hrs. We would also like to wish all our CCF leavers for 2023 the very, very best.

CSgt Stuart Headon (SSI)

In Arduis Fidelis

Nec Aspera Terrent





Chapel of St Thomas

A Thought and a Prayer is sent to the community each morning of term. This has become a discipline for the Chaplain that she was not expecting, yet there are many who are grateful to be able to begin the day with a prayer. So, I continue.

This has been a year full of change.

The year began with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. 'The Day Thou Gavest', our school hymn, has never been sung with such passion. The world stopped and we were to hear our hymn again at her funeral! I was grateful for the Chapel where so many could gather. How to carry a grieving community is not something that is taught in college. It is in turning to resources that you have used for remembering and spending time prayerfully in preparation. From the moment we heard that she had passed there were gatherings and prayers. How incredibly quiet Chapel was as we gathered to hear scriptures, which were her favourite, sing hymns and to pray for our Queen and ourselves. The stillness was tangible in Buchan Prep and Pre-prep too. I learned something significant there. The Platinum Jubilee celebrations, only a couple of months before, were still in our memories. The children had seen the little sketch of Paddington Bear having tea with the Queen. They may not have had many memories of the Queen, but Paddington Bear helped their sadness.

There was a Memorial Service held for Patrick Crookall. Three pews from the Cathedral were bought in Patrick's memory, two were placed in the Chancel and one in the Hallway. Soon after, we were gifted 8 more pews by Joanna Crookall, his sister, for which we are very grateful, and we hold the whole family in prayer. Four have already been installed, by Mike Sansbury in Stenning, and the rest will go on the balcony. They have enhanced the Chapel greatly.

Our School Remembrance was on Friday 11.11.22, and it was decided by the Principal that we reorder the day and have the service in the morning. Sadly, this meant that the Piper who had been asked to lead the afternoon parade was unavailable.

Many of the community joined the students and gathered outside Chapel to pay their respects that morning, with the CCF the last to arrive at the memorial. The wind was blowing hard, making it difficult to stand to attention for the two minutes

silence at the War Memorial. There was no 11 o'clock cannon from the Castle because of ferocious weather conditions. So, the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Finlay Halliwell. The community entered Chapel as the names of the fallen were read. It is impossible to imagine the sacrifice of the men, who lived through wars and tyranny and gave their lives that we might be free. Contingent Commander Major Bruce Kirkham gave a very moving address on John 15:12-17 KJV – Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

It is with great pleasure that I can report that a new sound system has been installed. There are now portable radio mics, a headset, as well as two static mics on the pulpit and the lectern. Chapel Wardens now know how to use the iPad which controls the mics so they help the Chaplain, and others leading the services. The loop system is welcome for those who need it – and now everyone can hear, Alleluia! I am very grateful for all the assistance of everyone involved in its creation and installation with particular thanks to Steve Daykin for all his help in this.

During the spring there was a complete reordering of the vestry - which has created a useful space rather than a place where paraphernalia is left. At the same time a cupboard was made below the stairs in Stenning for housekeeping artefacts. It has been named - The Narnia Cupboard!

Lucy Joynes, Arne Gödden and Joseph Quinn were confirmed by the Bishop on the 10th February, a great occasion to celebrate their faith.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, visited our school. He has the Diocese as well as our Chapel and Chaplaincy in his care. His visitation to the





Island was to include a service in Chapel. Great excitement.

Katie and Tomas gave the Archbishop a tour of the school, stopping off at the Art Block to meet Mr Kelly who is working on the art for the Chapel, and the Library to meet Mrs Murphy and to see her 'Word Wall'.

The Archbishop's visit coincided with the weekend in Lent which included Mothering Sunday, a day when we remember our Mothers as well as our home churches. The Celtic Evening Prayer was one chosen by the Chapel Wardens and adapted to include material from the Mothers' Union. Katie Leinwand, Head of School, and Mr Buchanan read the lessons. The Choir sang John Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth'. The congregational hymns were Tell out my soul, Love Divine and The Day Thou Gavest. His lively preaching energised all present, it was an honour to have him with us. We all joined in giving a Celtic blessing to him as a way of thanks, he in turn blessed us. Tea was served in the Principal's Study, with those recently confirmed among those who gathered. He has promised to return, and hopefully for the installation of the art. That is my prayer.

This year was my privilege to lead the Valedictory Service and open with prayer for Founders Day. We have a School hymn, 'We have The Charge', but when I arrived I discovered there was no prayer. I wrote the College Collect not long after my arrival.

Assemblies in Prep, Pre-Prep and Nursery are amongst those things I treasure; teaching the Nursery a new song 'Garnered Approval of the Sunflowers'! Two 'Star Award' stickers were given to the most enthusiastic singer who chose a matching pair while everyone else had one. 'What about Reverend Erica?' Miss asked. The winner

chose a matching sticker for my teaching of the new song. The evidence is on Tapestry! Sunflowers will be P1s in September. The Song is a simple and important one, repetitious to help them remember:

*Jesus loves all the children, all the children of the world,
Red and yellow, black and white they are precious in his sight.*

Jesus loves all the children of the world.

God does not have grandchildren, we are all his children and we are to care for one another.

It was time to bid farewell to Mr Buchanan. He took his opportunity to say his goodbyes after the final Whole School Assembly. He reminisced of the seats he had occupied, and the plaques he had seen placed in memory of colleagues who died too young. Mr Buchanan stood before the Chaplain and received a special blessing for his future. We sang his favourite hymn "I heard the voice of Jesus say, come unto me and rest." May he have a peaceful retirement.

Leavers' Service at Buchan is emotional. They bring a memento to place on the table, and explain why they chose it. Their special blessing reaches out from themselves to those gathered in the hall. They are then ready for their next step.

The summers weddings are beginning as I write, four in all. The first took place on 1st July. OKW Conor Boal married his beloved Meaghann. The bride was beautiful in an embroidered ivory gown. In the congregation there was a large contingent of 2016 leavers. Their favourite hymns were sung with gusto. The day was perfect if a little windy. The Chapel was beautifully festooned with white flowers in celebration. (sadly, no photo taken). A wonderful wedding. Unnumbered blessings! Unnumbered blessings!



Clubs

GEOLOGY CLUB

On a sunny Friday afternoon, Miss Beswick and her Geology Club students embarked on a trip to explore the rock types of the surrounding coast. We started by traveling to an area of the coast where rocks, not originating from the island, had been deposited to allow for an extension of the runway. We observed these rocks and based on the patterns and crystals they had, decided they were igneous in origin. We then drove to Scarlett where we viewed a former volcano and the difference in rock that surrounded it, after smashing this rock with a hammer, we could better observe the pattern within it. The surrounding rock, we believed to be Castletown limestone, was tested with hydrochloric acid. The acid reacts with the calcium carbonate which is a component of limestone. We found our observations to be correct and the rock was indeed, limestone. We discussed how this limestone was formed in warm tropical seas ~350 million years ago; when marine creatures died, they fell to the bottom of the ocean, their shells were compacted together to form limestone, this is why limestone can often be rich in fossils. After a short ice cream break, we headed to Pool Vaish to see a different composition of the limestone which had been transformed from its original state, after it was heated due to the volcanic activity in the area ~65 million years ago. This rock was more difficult to smash and it did not react as strongly when hydrochloric acid was applied, as the calcium had been replaced with magnesium. Overall, it was great to be able to see geology in the real world, definitely a highlight of the school year.

Finlay Helliwell



Jean Steel's Rhetoric Competition

The spirit of rhetorical debate came alive in this lively display of convincing speeches, all to sway the audience's opinion to the view of the speaker. Numerous themes were explored- including Bella Kelsey's deep dive into the morals of disgraced music artists, and Ernst's Hoffmann's outlook as to how this island can become more climate neutral. The audience of students and teachers took part in a truly inciteful evening, and everyone had the opportunity to collect the views of pupils across all year groups. Even if some topics were related, the intricate and varying opinions of the speakers still caused a lively and informative set of discussions. It was a great honour to be judged by His Honour Deemster Andrew Corlett, First Deemster and Clerk of The Rolls, who provided constructive criticism to all of the night's speakers. Overall, Jean Steele's Rhetoric Competition was truly one to remember for inquisitive minds across the school and Bella was the worthy winner.



Summer School

The KWC Summer Boarding Experience welcomed 10 students from France, Italy and Germany for 3 weeks of ESOL lessons, activities and a lesson immersion week. They enjoyed cultural visits to the Manx Museum, Castle Rushen, the House of Mannanan and the Laxey Wheel, experienced the TT Grandstand, paddle boarding, Lazer Mayhem, Go Ape, pottery painting and a day trip to Liverpool with the wider boarding community. They were keen to not only shadow Middle Fifth lessons but to take part in them, and rated them highly. Making the most of the sunny weather, much time outside lessons was spent at the beach. They thoroughly enjoyed the welcome they received in boarding, took part in the many activities boarding offered after school, and made many new friends in their short time with us. Riccardo Carotenuto, one of our Italian summer schoolers, made history by becoming the first SBE student to win the Derbyhaven swim. An amazing time was had by all and we might see some of them back at College in the future.



Linguistics Olympiad

The Linguistics Olympiad is a competition in which the students are required to work out how to translate passages from unfamiliar languages, like the ancient Aztec language (Nahuatl) based on the clues given in the text. The translation can be from the given language to English or from English to the given language. There are two rounds to this challenge. The first is the in-school round, which was held in March, and allows students to qualify for the Isle of Man team to go to the International Olympiad. The languages contained in the paper are always extremely rare languages, at most spoken by a few thousand people, but usually under 100 or even extinct languages, to avoid any advantages and increase the difficulty. This year, an extra challenge was added. You had to explain how you got to the answer. This year, two people did especially well on this paper. In 1st place was Bethany McGreevy with an astounding 100% as such receiving the Gold Award. In 2nd place Florence Barber achieved 98% and with such an amazing result also receiving the Gold Award. As such, both were selected for the Isle of Man team for the 20th Annual International Linguistics Olympiad, which was hosted in Bansko (Bulgaria) from the 21st to 29th of July.

Bethany McGreevy - I was privileged to represent the Isle of Man at the International Linguistics Olympiad in the beautiful ski resort of Bansko, Bulgaria. This year we were only able to raise enough money for one team of four, having to pre-empt the costs of next year's IOL in Brazil, but half of our team were from KWC, with Flo Barber taking the place as Team Leader in our Team competition. The competition consisted of three optional Friendship Days, and a week of incredible cultural activities, exploration, learning from each other, and hard work on linguistics problems! We completed a six hour individual paper and four hour team paper on a variety of code-breaking puzzles using real rare languages as material. To help us prepare, we were fortunate enough to travel early and attend a bootcamp with the Swedish team, making amazing lifelong friends right from the start. I'm so incredibly grateful for the Lingomann charity for taking us, and can't wait to try to compete again next year!

Choral Course

In the Summer I attended a Rodolfus Choral Course at Selwyn College, Cambridge with around 80 16–21-year-olds attending. This was run by Ralph Allwood and was at the beginning of August. In this time the Choral Course had lots of opportunities on offer, for example, conducting sessions, consort workshops, masterclasses, and opportunities to sing for various directors of music and composers, for example Daniel Hyde, Christopher Gray, John Rutter and more. These opportunities allowed us to be surrounded by likeminded young people and we learnt lots of fun and challenging music. As a consort we regularly rehearsed and this meant we went through lots of music that was of a fun genre and with less liturgical influence. Our Consort leader was Lucy Walker an up-and-coming composer and she even composed us a piece on the course! We had discussions regarding post school plans and careers. We had two singing lessons with a teacher throughout the course and I found this invaluable as it improved my confidence in pieces that I was recently learning and hadn't performed in public. This was furthered by the solo concerts where we were invited to sing solos to get support! At the end of the course, we had a formal concert and an informal concert where a group of friends and I sang an arrangement of "Stacy's Mom" which we learnt very last minute, but was testament to our friendship. The course offered lots of

opportunities that are invaluable, and after the course we all went to watch a BBC Prom later in the summer.

Jess Quigley



Exchange Programme

This summer, I got to experience the KWC exchange programme with Hilton College, which is located in Hilton, KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. I had a great time enjoying the boarding experience and meeting and making new friends. As part of my experience, I went shark diving, visited a game reserve and saw the big five as well as going ziplining in the Drakensberg mountains. I was also fortunate enough to listen to the Drakensberg boys school choir perform. More importantly, I got to experience the culture and traditions of a South African school. As a keen rugby player, I enjoyed the South African schoolboy rugby experience. This was such a fantastic experience that I will never forget, and I'm looking forward to welcoming the return exchange students from Hilton and Bishop's College to KWC this term. the summer.

Ian Larson





We have been incredibly grateful this year to have received so much support from our community, including financial gifts, sponsorship, memorabilia for the archives, gifts of equipment and volunteers offering their time and skills. A large number of individual benefactors and families have supported us, as well as local businesses and of course, FaB and Friends. Numerous gifts in kind and of service have also been received, which we gratefully acknowledge. We would like to say a huge thank you to our donors and to everyone who has supported the school this year. To donate, please email: alumni@kwc.im.

BARROVIAN CAREERS' NETWORK

We are always eager to find the best ways in which we can support our community and we are delighted to announce the launch of the Barrovian Careers' Network - a powerful online career platform which connects alumni and students, creating a mentoring network for sharing practical advice, skills development, networking tools, career-related events, career exploration and general guidance. Career development is a lifelong process, which is why we are dedicated to supporting and assisting students and alumni throughout their working life. We hope our platform will not just benefit younger alumni who are entering the world of work, but also alumni who are looking for advancement advice or a change in career. This is an invaluable network for our alumni and we thank those who have already signed up. Whilst the network operates primarily through the online portal, we also hope to hold a number of events once the network is established, to provide further support to our community. To register, please visit:

www.kwc.im/community/barroviancareersnetwork

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Buchan School has installed a brand-new defibrillator, which has been supplied by Craig's Heart Strong Foundation and generously funded by a parent. Charlotte Holtby kindly provided the funds for the new defibrillator due to Charlotte's close ties with heart issues. Her son Freddie was diagnosed with a Bicuspid Aortic Valve when he was just eight weeks old and is under the care of Alder Hey. Her other son Luca was diagnosed with Patent Foramen Ovale (a small hole in his heart) when he was 14 years old. Charlotte said "What Craig's Heart Strong Foundation does is amazing. Providing The Buchan School with a defibrillator was not only a blessing and a privilege, but also it gives peace of mind to everyone that it is there; saving lives matters."

Janet Billingsley, Head of The Buchan School, understands how important it is to have such medical provisions available. She said: *"The Buchan School is extremely proud of our medical provision and we are grateful to Ms Holtby for her generous donation and Craig's Heart Strong Foundation for providing this new defibrillator to our school."*

Former Head of Buchan Choir 2022-23 and winner of the Buchan Masked Performer competition, Alicia Kiernan, left Buchan and her family gave a donation to the Music Department. The money was used to purchase one of four laptops. The children in Prep use these laptops to compose and experiment with various online music programmes, such as Learning Music with Ableton and Chrome Music Lab.

Jenni Garrett, Head of Music, said: *"This donation has made an enormous difference to the Music Department, allowing the children to access these online programmes, which help to enhance the provision of Music at The Buchan School. The children engage very well with the laptops and have enjoyed using the various music exploration sites."*

With another very generous donation, KWC boarders voted to obtain four brand new paddleboards, in order to enjoy the Irish Sea on our doorstep. Susie Parry, Head of Boarding, said: *"Our boarders spent a summer term getting to grips with this new way to exercise, exploring our immediate coastline during the summer evenings. The paddleboards have brought joy, a sense of adventure and real team work (those paddleboards don't pump or clean themselves). It is such a*

pleasure to hear the laughter, see the smiles, and allow the boarders out on the paddleboards as often as possible, wind and tides permitting of course!"

Thanks to other donations, The Buchan School were also able to renew their sports equipment for pupils to enjoy during PE lessons and extracurricular sports clubs. A Buddy Bench was also placed in the Pre-Prep playground, thanks to generous parents who provided a donation to fund the purchase of the bench. The idea of a Buddy Bench is to provide a place for the children to sit if they need a friend or someone to talk to. Other generous donations have included restorative work on the Chapel organ and grand piano and a brand-new sound system for the Chapel.

We look forward to sharing news of our next projects with you in due course.



BARROVIAN



ALUMNI

We have been pleased to see our alumni community at a number of events held throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who has got in touch, it has been wonderful to hear from you and invite you back to visit the College and attend events.

The 20th Anniversary IB Reunion Dinner was a milestone event that took place in March and we were delighted to welcome back to school Philip John as Guest of Honour. At this year's Founders' Day and Prize Giving, we also welcomed back alumnus Pierre Novellie as Guest of Honour. Pierre was a student at the College from 2002 to 2009 and is a Cambridge graduate who has forged a successful international career as a comedian, with extensive appearances on television, radio and the stage. Pierre addressed our departing students, congratulating them on maintaining their studies throughout Covid and offering his words of advice.

The 139th London OKW and Buchan Society Dinner was also held in March and was a fantastic event, which celebrated Principal Joss Buchanan's service to King William's College as he prepares to step down from the role. Keith Lewis is stepping down as Liverpool and Manchester Honorary Secretary and the role will now be taken over by Nick Ellis. Robert Chadwick will also be the new Treasurer for the Society.

For the 2023/2024 year, we are looking forward to hosting more events for our alumni community. The festive period will see the return of the Christmas Market – which was a resounding success last year – as well as our Carol Services and of course, the General Knowledge Paper.

THE BARROVIAN ALUMNI INTERNSHIP

The Barrovian Alumni Internship offers a unique opportunity for young alumni to gain valuable skills and work experience during a three-month work placement with Strix, in their Hong Kong office. This year's chosen intern is Thomas Penn. Since arriving in Hong Kong, he has been seeing the sights, as well as getting started on his exciting internship. Pictured is Thomas at Victoria Peak, which he cycled up, and with his new work colleagues on his first day of the internship. Thomas said: "I have been in Hong Kong for just over a week and I only have positive things to say, not only in regards to Strix's hospitality, but also Hong Kong as a city itself. It is abundant in lovely restaurants and activities."

DONATIONS

Alumnus and Squadron Leader Kenneth Hughes died in 2020. His widow, Evelyn, visited College in April from Canada, and donated her husband's flight logs, flying helmet and other memorabilia. Evelyn feels that by donating these items to the College, they are 'coming home' as her late husband enjoyed his time here immensely. The artefacts will be proudly displayed at College and Evelyn hopes that they will serve as inspiration to others.

Evelyn has also generously donated her late husband's medals to the College, delivered by the official Canadian delegation attending Tynwald Day. They officially handed over Squadron Leader Hughes' medals at Legislative Buildings in Douglas. The medals were accepted by the Chief Minister on behalf of the College.

A warm thank you to everyone who has connected with us this year. We truly value our alumni community and we look forward to seeing more of you next year.





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FRIENDS AT BUCHAN

Friends at Buchan (FaB) has had another good year, with thanks to the support of our parents, the commitment of the committee and the enthusiasm of the children. This year FaB were delighted to fund the installation of a 3D printer at the Buchan. Using the 3D printer, children can design builds using specialist software, print and refine them.

Alan Macnair, Head of ICT, said: "FaB were looking for a project to support and stepped in and made it possible. The printer is a great opportunity for the children to learn more about digital design within the ICT curriculum and gives a real purpose to 3D design – it encourages problem solving, creativity, hands on learning and increases engagement."

FaB have also hosted a variety of fantastic events over the last year, which have been enjoyed by both the children and their parents. This has included an



Easter Treasure Hunt, a Beach Clean-Up, the Summer Fair and a Wellness Walk and Talk. All events were very well-received with fantastic turn outs.

FaB would like to thank all the generous donors who have provided support throughout the year by donating raffle and auction prizes, as well as sponsoring events. A special thanks is also to be extended to Julia Pratton, who has been the FaB Chair this year. We look forward to welcoming new committee members.



This year's Summer Ball, organised by the Friends of KWC, raised over £30,000. The Friends would like to give an enormous thanks to the sponsors, those who generously donated raffle prizes, the staff at King William's College, the Friends' volunteers, and of course, all those who attended and made it such a special and unforgettable evening.

The phenomenal sum of money raised will be invested back into the School, directly benefiting our community. Over the years, the Friends have been able to fund purchases, such as a stage and lighting, a lift for King's Court Theatre, a mini bus and much more.

A special thanks is extended to Sue Nicholson, for chairing Friends and helping to run many Balls over the years. Sue joined the Friends' committee in 2015, when her daughter was in Upper Fifth, having already been Chair for the Friends at Buchan (FAB) committee. Over the past eight years, Sue has helped with events such as the Christmas Fair, organising coffee mornings for new parents, and serving refreshments at sport events.

Sue said: “It has been an amazing experience raising funds for the school and promoting KWC, I’ve loved seeing first hand the impact that our support has had on the School. The annual highlight has always been the May Ball, although this wasn’t without its logistical challenges, especially when Covid struck and we had to cancel the Ball with only eight weeks notice! It is always fun to choose the theme and decorations for our new and old alumni and guests.

“I would like to thank everyone I’ve worked with and who has helped support Friends over the years – there are far too many to mention! I leave Friends in an excellent place and wish the best of luck to the fabulous new committee. À bientôt, not goodbye!”

As Sue steps down, the Friends welcome Nealum Crookall and Darlene Treutler, who will now become joint Chair of Friends. Plans are already underway for events in 2023/24.



Honours List

SAM CLUCAS

(2009-2018)

BA (Hons) 1st Class - Business Management
Durham University

JESSICA CLUCAS

(2009- 2020)

BA (Hons) 1st - Class Psychology and Linguistics
Oxford University, St Hugh's College

Angus Wheeler

(2010-2020)

LLB 1st Class - Law
University of Exeter

Bogdan Oworuszko

(2018-2019)

LLB 2:1 - Law
University of York

Charlie Yau

(2017-2019)

BA - Marketing and Management
Durham University

James Raatgever

(2004-2019)

BSc 1st Class - Business Management
University of Bath

Eleanor Cannell

(2006-2020)

1st Class (Hons) - Bioveterinary Science
University of Liverpool

Vela Kaludjerovic

(2017-2019)

Biomedical Sciences
Utrecht University

Joshua Duncan

(2017-2019)

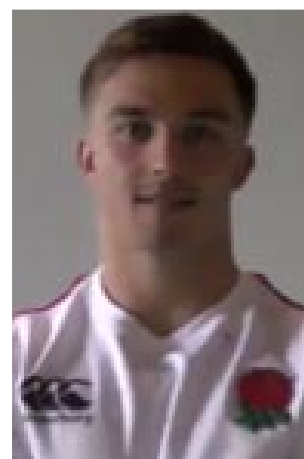
BSc 2:1 - International Business
University of Leeds

Celebrating the wider College community

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Looking back over their formative years it has been a real rollercoaster. It is never easy having your dad looking over your shoulder, although I have always tried to let them get on with enjoying life both here at King William's College and at the Buchan. Obviously, as coach, I have watched and sometimes helped a little in their sporting development or simply been a taxi driver to the multitude of training sessions. It would be remiss of me not to add all of the support of my wife, Suzanne, who sometimes has reined me in, providing a more rounded view!

Spencer started playing rugby at the Saturday morning Buchan rugby club at the age of 6, that I



started some 16 years ago with the help of other Buchan dads. This was after Spencer and his mates were deemed too young to join in at one of the local rugby clubs. This rejuvenated the rugby at the Buchan after a few years of none. Amongst Spencer's peers were Bevan Rodd (Sale Sharks/England) and Nathan Pope (Captain of Loughborough University BUCs Super League side). Spencer was always going to be a scrum half and spent countless hours practising his passing with anyone that would join him. He went on to benefit from the excellent coaching from Neil Macgregor (Buchan), Mike Hebden (KWC) and Steve Jelly (KWC) eventually cementing his place at 9 in the College 1st XV. Subsequently, through the Scottish Exiles programme, he represented a Scotland XV at U16 level. He then went on to Leeds Beckett University to play in their BUCs

Super League 1st XV and from there Cheshire, Northern Counties Under 20s and onto tour successfully to Romania with England Counties Under 20s.

Having successfully completing his degree in Sports and Exercise Science, he is currently benefiting from a scholarship to undertake a Masters Degree in Strength and Conditioning at Beckett, whilst also playing BUCs Super League rugby.

Jonty followed his brother's example at age 6, relishing the Buchan Saturday morning sessions, very often benefiting from playing with and against the age group above. He certainly became a very versatile player, playing in every position in the

team at some point, but his preferred position until age 13 was hooker! At College he soon cemented his place in his age group team but this time he decided that he wanted to have more of an influence on the pitch by getting his hands on the ball at scrum half. Much practise later (this time not only with me but his brother) he went onto representing Cheshire, Northern Counties and then England Counties at U18 level. During that period, he also represented a Scotland U16 side.

That led to him starting a Law degree at Durham University where he is continuing his rugby; with appearances for the BUCs Super League XV where he was spotted by the Scotland U20s selectors, and after numerous selection camps he made his debut for the Scotland U20s against Wales. It seems a long time since they both went on tour to Australia as mascots to the KWC 1st XV in 2007!

MANX YOUTH SAILING 2022

Following the disruption caused by Covid, the Manx Youth Sailing Squad, comprising KWC's Will Osbourn, Ivan Nicholls, Robert Fenna, Thomas Watterson and Jimmy Cope, have finally had the opportunity to get off the Island for some much-needed competition.

This season the sailing squad have all been sailing in RS Teras which are single-handed dinghies, training and racing in Port St Mary with regattas at other clubs on the Island.

For all of the boys, it was the first time racing off-island and their first event was the RS Tera World Championships, held at Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Club from 30th July to 5th August, which was built to host the Olympics in 2012.

With a fleet of over 120 boats, it was by far the biggest sailing event they'd ever experienced, given a good turnout in Port St Mary is about 15 boats!

It was a challenging week with some extremely gusty conditions and long days on the water. Having been briefed by their coaches, KWC's Teddy Dunn and Peter Cope, that "there is never much wind in Weymouth", they had to draw on their experience of unpredictable Manx waters that certainly helped them!

Delayed starts just ensured that the Manx boys were able to fuel up on bacon baps. The RS Games were extremely well-organised with Olympic race officers, on-site sailing chandlery and boat repairs, live race coverage and onshore social events post-racing. As their first big sailing event, it was declared a raging success with the boys thinking all sailing events should be like this one.

It is safe to say that their week in Portland was an extremely steep learning curve and heading back to

the Isle of Man, there was lots for them to work on ahead of their next trip away.

October saw the mighty Manx Teras on the move again, this time to the inland venue of Draycote Water for the RS End of Season Championships.

Again, a new experience for the Manx lads sailing on a reservoir and dealing with the unpredictability of the wind. Tricky sailing conditions on day 1 again favoured the Manx boats, who are not unfamiliar with strong winds and choppy conditions.

Late in the afternoon a squall came through bringing with it extreme gusts which saw large swathes of the fleet capsizing; however, all 5 Manx boats stayed upright. Testament to their ability to deal with tricky conditions. However, tales of this squall will go down in the annals of Tera sailing and by the end of the weekend there was talk of them surviving near hurricane like conditions...

All of the boys sailed brilliantly at Draycote with their positions much higher up the scoreboard than in Weymouth. Following lots of sailing, and taking advice from anyone who offered it to them, it was lovely to see how quickly the boys were improving.

The winter months loom and once it is no longer feasible to sail out of Port St Mary, the boats will head to Injebreck Reservoir to hone their skills ahead of the 2023 season. With the Tera World Championships to be held in Italy next summer, thoughts have already turned to the possibility of transporting boats across Europe.

With enormous thanks to everyone who has helped and supported the Manx Youth Squad this season. The boys have had an absolute blast!

For further information on sailing at Port St Mary please contact Chris Hill on training@iomyc.com or look at iomyc.com



Success is best when it is shared

Once again, everyone at King William's College and The Buchan tirelessly contributed to our team. There were a few changes in various departments during the past academic year, and we welcomed all the new staff members.

'There's a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you'll only do it when it's convenient. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses; only results.' – Kenneth Blanchard

Blanchard could not have said it better. The positive results in our College is a direct correlation to our committed, determined and hard-working staff members.

We pride ourselves with the teachers and students who work together with the wider community to share our successes.



Memorials

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

LES ASHTON (1964 - 1991)



Leslie Ashton was a talented player of most games, particularly Rugby Football, Hockey, Tennis and Golf. He was also a good athlete who represented his school (Falmouth Grammar School) and his teacher-training college. It was,

however, at Rugby Football that he excelled. A fast, mobile and aggressive openside flanker, he played for his school, captained his college XV and went on to play for Falmouth and Saracens.

Forced to leave school a year early, Les spent some years in commerce both before and after his National Service and began to train as an Accountant. He then decided on teaching as a career, obtaining a teaching certificate at Borough Road College, Middlesex and a Diploma in Mathematics at St. Luke's College, Exeter. After seven years at St. Albans Grammar School teaching Mathematics, Les came to King William's College in May 1964 (at the age of 33) where his knowledge of Rugby was immediately put to good use when he joined Dick Boyns on Bigside, taking over as master of Rugby, and running the first XV from 1967 to 1977. He brought to this task great knowledge of the game and incisive judgement both of tactics, of situations and of players. Not surprisingly the first XV prospered under his guidance and had ten highly successful seasons, in particular at the National Schools Sevens Competition at Rosslyn Park.

The same accurate and incisive mind was evident in the class-room where he taught Mathematics, mainly Applied and Additional in the Senior School, becoming Head of Department in February 1983 after the sad and untimely death of

Bob Garland (Barrovian 290). Never one to "suffer fools gladly", Les was nevertheless clear and concise in his instruction and encouraging to all those, including those barred from any Mathematical insight, who made a reasonable effort. He handled good Mathematical brains also with equal skill and during the last eight years eleven candidates offering Maths as one of their subjects were successful in gaining entry to Oxford or Cambridge and many more to other Universities. Les acted as a House Tutor in School House to ease a shortage of resident bachelors in 1966 and 7, ran the Shooting from 66 to 74 and took on the increasingly arduous task of organising both the internal and external examinations; the latter including the G.C.E. A-level (using several examination boards) and the dreaded and dreadfully complicated G.C.S.E. All these tasks he performed with the greatest precision and efficiency. Also, most useful to College were his administration of travel arrangements both for teams and individuals during this period; his grasp of financial matters, perhaps owing something to his early training as an Accountant, was always sound. This was of great use not only to his colleagues during his period as Chairman of the Common Room but also to College as a whole.

His children, Mark, Louise and Sarah, all had successful careers at College, achieving A-levels and progressing to Higher Education. The Ashton family is well respected and loved at King William's College, and we are grateful that we had the opportunity to have them as part of the College family.

It is with great sadness when Les passed away on 12th November 2022 and we offer our sincere condolences to his wife, Anne, his three children and the rest of his family.

PETER BATESON-CROOK (J, C 1954 - 1961)

Peter died on June 21, 2022 in London. He attended College from 1954 and left in December 1961. He was in Junior House and Colbourne House. After leaving College, he worked for William Cory Shipping Agents in London, and British Airways. Latterly, he had been a Marshal at Westminster Abbey from 1990. He was appointed Chief Marshal in 1996.

JOHN DAVID QUALTROUGH CANNAN (J, C 1946 - 1953)

David passed away on July 31, 2022 at his home in Ballaugh. David had a long and distinguished political career on the Island and was 85 years old. He was born at The Vicarage in Kirk Michael on August 24, 1936 to Canon Charles Alfred and Eleanor May Cannan, and he attended King William's College between 1946 and 1953.

Following on from College and National Service at Woolwich Barracks in London, David joined international firm Harrison and Crossfield, and was to enjoy a decade long career in the tea and rubber industry in Ceylon and Malaysia. He returned to the UK in 1968 and settled in Berkshire, where he purchased business interests. It was here that his interest in local politics began – first being elected as a Parish Councillor, before later becoming a member of the Berkshire County Council. In 1979, he came back to the Isle of Man with his wife, Pat, and four children, and settled in Ramsey. His children, Alfred, Bernard, Winifred and John all subsequently attended King William's College.

In 1982, David was elected to the House of Keys. He was returned in five subsequent elections over 29 years. Although he spent the majority of his parliamentary career as a backbencher, David became the Island's first Treasury Minister in 1986 when the Manx government was reconstituted from a board structure to its present-day system of departments, holding the position for three years. He was also elected Speaker from 2000 to 2001.

David was a keen gardener and beekeeper, and after his retirement in 2011, he enjoyed travelling with Pat, particularly to her homeland of New Zealand. David was a great follower and lover of sport, and latterly he would often be found on the touchline at the College watching his grandson, William, play for the 1st XV.

David is survived by his wife, Pat, his four children and eight grandchildren.

MARGARET MANSFIELD

Mrs Mansfield had been an advocate for The Buchan School for many years and taught Latin to the children for both timetabled lessons and as an after-school activity. Her expertise and love for

this subject shone through and hundreds of pupils benefitted from her knowledge and teaching. Margaret also introduced Classical Civilisations, the study of the culture, history, language and literature of ancient Greece and Rome.

Margaret was a key Governor for numerous Isle of Man schools and was a representative on many committees.

Margaret was a friend and ambassador of the school and attended many events. She was also a huge support and friend to me for the previous 20 years, whilst I have worked at The Buchan School.

Margaret loved the school and was a proud owner of a Buchan bear...presented to her by the children.

She will be missed by many; however, her legacy lives on through the knowledge that she has shared, time spent and pupils that she taught.

DURSLEY STOTT, MBE, OBE (H, S 1946 - 1954)



Dursley Stott, who died aged 87 on 6th August 2022, was an outstanding figure in the Isle of Man's public life in the second half of the twentieth century well into the twenty-first century, covering many aspects of Island life. He played a

leading role in the business community, principally in the finance and investment sector along with hotels and tourism, whilst also diverting his considerable energies into sport, education, charity and public life.

In his early years Dursley Stott distinguished himself as an athlete and represented the Isle of Man in the Island's first team to compete in the Commonwealth Games in Cardiff in 1958. He ran in the 100 yards and 200 yards events, putting in a reportedly strong performance. He remained a key supporter of the Commonwealth Games Association which he served as President and Honorary President and worked for assiduously as

an official and fundraiser over nine Commonwealth Games.

Robert Thomas Dursley Stott was born on 13th February 1935 into a well known Isle of Man business family. His father, Robert Stott, was an enterprising stockbroker and principal of the family stockbroking firm, R.L. Stott and Co. His mother, Win, was of Manx descent and his two siblings, Bryan and Sylvia, went on to lead noteworthy lives. After primary education at the Collegiate School in Douglas Dursley went on to become a boarder in School House at King William's College where he was one of the outstanding pupils of his generation. He coupled academic achievement with athletic prowess, representing the school in rugby and cricket and winning many caps over several years. He went on to Magdalene College, Cambridge and graduated MA.

Whilst still a teenager at King William's the 6 foot 2 inch Dursley Stott cut a striking figure in his immaculate uniform as Drum Major marching at the head of the Bugles and Drums of the colourful military band of the King William's College Combined Cadet Force. As was usual for young people in the nineteen fifties Dursley interspersed his further education and professional training with a compulsory two year spell in the Armed Forces. Dursley spent his National Service with the Loyal (North Lancashire) Regiment as a junior officer, adding the further veneer of social expertise and polish of the Officers Mess to that of the Cambridge graduate and Member of the London Stock Exchange.

When Dursley came back to the Isle of Man in 1959 and joined R.L. Stott & Co as a Partner and later Managing Director he effortlessly became one of the Isle of Man's Finance Sector's natural leaders. He was a major promoter of change and innovation, bringing much new business to the Isle of Man and was widely respected as the founder of the local unit trust industry. His many non-executive directorships included representation on the boards of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd and the Sefton Hotel Ltd along with several other hotels and investment businesses to which he always made an energetic contribution and to which he showed matchless loyalty and integrity. These qualities also contributed to his recognition as a fair and conscientious Justice of the Peace and a valued President for many years of the Red

Cross. In recognition of these and his other many achievements he was made OBE.

King William's College was the beneficiary of Dursley Stott's considerable expertise when he became Chairman of the Board of Governors and presided over the school's evolution from a traditional boys' public school, predominantly boarding to a broader educational offering for girls and boys from the age of three to eighteen, consisting of a majority of day pupils from the Island and boarders from the international community. This involved the long overdue merger of King William's College with the Buchan School in 1991 which could only be achieved by Act of Tynwald and the involvement of senior officers of the Crown, and professional advisors. This complex and detailed exercise was overseen ably by Dursley as Chairman of the emergent Board of Governors and it set these two historic and distinguished educational institutions on to a firm trajectory as one school on two sites. This ensured the successful provision of independent education as an available choice for parents in the Isle of Man well into the twenty first century, providing the Island with a highly valued asset.

Dursley Stott was a gentleman of great charm and distinction. Throughout his life he was assisted ably by his accomplished wife Margot and their two equally distinctive children, Mandy and Paul, all of whom survive him. He is greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Sam Alder
(J, C 1954 - 1963)

DUNCAN GIBB
(H, W 1948 - 1954)

DAVID HAROLD WEBB
(J, C 1954 - 1960)

KWC Remembers

FROM THE BARROVIAN MAGAZINE JULY 1922 – JULY 1923

SUMMER TERM 1922

Early in the term the school was given a holiday to watch the Motorcycle Races, an innovation which was much appreciated. The praepositors were enrolled as Special Constables for the day, and appear to have enjoyed it as much as, possibly more than the rest of the school.

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Owing to the congestion of other events and the bad weather at the end of term, it was decided not to hold the Half-mile in the sea. [The Derby Haven Bay Swim]

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The Old Boys' match on July 31st was enlivened by an outbreak of fire underneath the Cricket Pavilion. The flames were, however, soon extinguished by the valiant efforts of the Fire Brigade.

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The Principal begs to acknowledge with thanks an anonymous gift of £10 for the Chapel. After providing the Umbrella stand which was the condition stipulated by the donor, the balance will be used to defray the cost of a new Altar Cloth which is much needed.

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JUNIOR HOUSE LETTER

The summer term is generally the best and this has been no exception although we didn't get our sea bathing, worse luck! because the weather was cold and wet and there were germs about, so we had to be satisfied with remembering the year before. Luckily, we did not catch many germs and had a clean bill of health especially from half-term. The term has had many things to talk about, especially June 1st. We couldn't believe our ears when Pa

[Rev. Stenning] told us the Principal said we might go to see the T.T. Races. And then it was like a dream to find ourselves in a special train and on our way to Ballacraigne. It was one of the finest days we have ever had. We were so excited and shall always remember the day, the speed of the machines, our picnic lunch, the special train for College only and everything else.

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CRICKET



CHARACTERS OF THE XI

A.T. CUTTER

The soundest all-round cricketer we have produced for many years. As a bat, combines a patient defence with a punishing attack. At cover-point has a wonderful return from almost any position and must rank as first class in any company, As Captain, set a fine example of keenness to his team.

J.G. BROWN

Bore the brunt of the bowling with conspicuous success. Has discarded the cross bat in favour of the straight variety, thereby slowing down his rate of scoring but lengthening his batting life and wisely sowing the seed of future achievement. A fine fielder.

F.J. TURNBULL

Shared with Brown the opening attack. Keeps a good length and was rarely collared. A slow starter, but one of the soundest bats in the team.

R.G. GIBSON

A greatly improved bat. Played some attractive

innings but was too frequently dismissed cheaply. Last year the promise, this year the improvement, next year the runs. Brought off many good things at point.

F. FURNIVAL

A fine out-fielder saving many runs and bringing off many brilliant catches. Overall failed as a bat, though he was one of the few in the team who dealt faithfully with the loose off ball.

J.N. BATES

Never stayed long enough at the wickets to do himself justice. Fielded well at third man, but his high slow returns from the long field were very unworkmanlike.

H. MOORE

A useful, patient first-wicket bat with a sturdy defence and yet no scoring strokes in front of the wicket. In all departments keenness personified.

C.A. MANNING

A very useful change bowler. As a bat has not come on much. Good fielder.

R.T. FOULDS

A much-improved bat. Has the straight defence and is beginning to put some power into his strokes. Keen in the field with a safe pair of hands.

E.H. ALLEN

Has come on rapidly as a bat having plenty of strokes and plenty of confidence. Has bowled with success and is a good fielder. A very promising cricketer.

A.G. WHITE

A very successful wicket keeper. Stood well up and was rarely at fault. Went in last and was rarely not out.

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KWC OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS

ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT
By COLONEL J.V. CAMPBELL, VC,
DSO, CMG, ADC to HIS MAJESTY

DRILL

Drill, handling of Arms, Marching. Very Good
Company and Platoon Drill under Officers and

N.C.O.s very well carried out. Movements precise. Words of command clear and well delivered. The Band played and marched well.

MANOEUVRE

Elementary exercise in attack set and successfully carried out. Extensions good and quickly done. Fire orders and field signals correctly given and acted upon. Cadets worked well and showed great keenness.

DISCIPLINE

Good on parade and on the march.

TURN OUT

Very good, clothing in good order. Equipment well cleaned. Cadets smartly turned out.

SIGNALLING

Good.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

In good condition

BUILDINGS &c.

Miniature Range could be improved by lighting.

GENERAL REMARKS

The Inspecting Officer was thoroughly satisfied with the Inspection of the Contingent. The Corps is well run and trained. The Cadets show the right spirit, and their work throughout is good. The N.C.O.s are particularly smart and handle their commands properly. Words of Command strong, delivery good.

A most creditable parade.



AUTUMN TERM 1922

Half-holidays were given in honour of C.C. Garbett's C.M.G. ... and in honour of G. Ralph Hall Caine's return to Parliament.



**OKW Colin Campbell Garbett, KCIE, CMG,
Political Secretary India and Iraq**



**CSI OKW Gordon Ralph Hall Caine, CBE
elected Conservative MP for East Dorset in
1922**

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The General Knowledge Paper elicited a leader in the Daily Mail which arrived at the following conclusion:- "It is doubtful whether a General Knowledge Paper of such perplexity serves any

particular purpose beyond showing how easy it is to get through life without knowing many of the things we ought to know."

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CINDERELLA (From the Isle of Man Times)

Half Term was celebrated at King William's College on Saturday and Monday, November 4th and 6th, by the performance in the Gymnasium, of the Barrowized version of our old friend "Cinderella" before an enthusiastic and crowded audience. On Saturday, admission was confined to the school, and to parents and friends, by invitation, and the performance was graced by the presence of the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Fry. On Monday there was an open house, and Castletown availed themselves to the full of the College hospitality. An exact count was taken, which showed that there were 581 people in the audience.

To say that everyone present enjoyed the performance would be to understate the truth. The combination of wit and skill, exquisitely drawn out by male and female characters alike, charmed the audiences, and drew repeated rounds of applause.

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The Memorial Statue to Field-Marshal Sir George White, the defender of Ladysmith, was unveiled on December 19th, in Portland Place by Lord Derby, the Secretary of State for War.



**OKW Sir George Stuart White, VC, GCB, OM,
GCSI, GCMG, GCIE, GCVO**



Field Marshal Sir George White Statue,
London

SPRING TERM 1923

A feature of the term was the extraordinarily clean bill of health throughout the school, and we hope the summer term will take a lesson in this respect. It is now a very long time since the O.T.C. were able to attend Camp. And we trust that this undesirable record will be successfully broken this year.

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FOOTBALL REVIEW

We have just missed having a successful season; we lost against Birkenhead and H.M.S. Conway by the odd goal. And against H.M.S. Conway by the odd try. Apart from these reverses, the XV has had a continuous run of successes; unfortunately, they failed to produce their best form in the matches they were the most anxious to win. There were two outstanding weaknesses in their play, one was their feeble kicking, the other the lack of a real understanding between the backs. It is not fair to say there were no clever combined movements, Bates and Turnbull played capitally together, but there will be no sting in the attack, until the whole body of backs lay themselves out to

play intelligently and unselfishly to one another. Unselfishness without intelligence is of no use. As for the kicking, it was just feeble, and there is nothing more to be said about it.

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SCARLETT AND JURBY

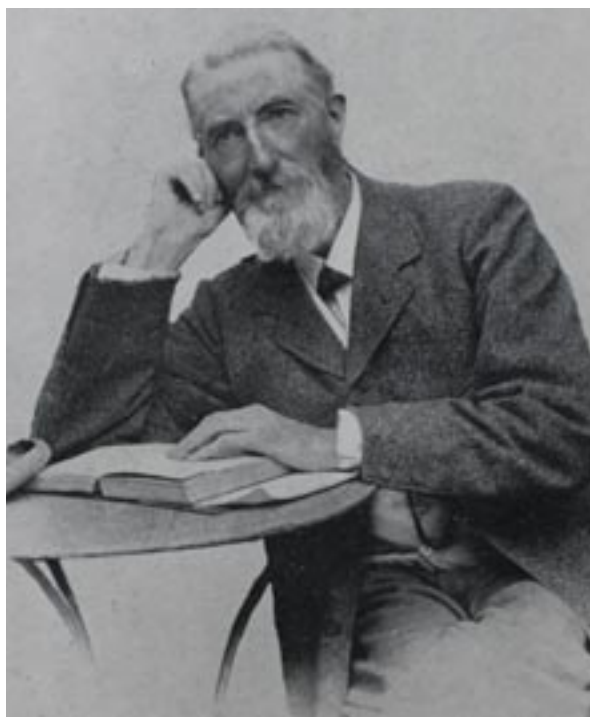
See how unchanging stands the steadfast Stack
Where the slow surges sway the long-stemmed
wrack

Clinging about his knees. When the mad gale,
Shrieking in fury from Atlantis' grave,
Hurls to destruction wave on roaring wave,
Scarlett is whelmed beneath some upflung deep:
Down rush the salty cataracts, and fail;
Snatched by the tempest's rage the watery veil
Streams in torn tatters from his temples steep;
White torrents seam his flanks; rocks reappear.
Unscathed, unchanged, immovable, austere,
While the crazed breakers round him swirl and
leap,
Forged in Earth's primal fires, and welded in her
press,
Old Scarlett, silent, scorns the sea's vain
restlessness.

But Jurby Head, compact of weaker stuff,
Shunning the sea's embraces rude and rough,
Crouches, dry-footed, shrinking from the strand,
Crowned with sweet thyme. The white-scut conies
play
About her brows, and frolic through the day,
Or dig deep burrows in her yielding sand
The summer long. But when the hurricane
Awakes in wrath and whelms the Stack in vain,
When the spring-tide floods all the northern shore
And the wild billows burst about her feet,
Jurby must pay the price of her defeat,
Reft of her ice-born substance more and more.
Thus ebbs the solid earth and flows, from age to
age,
And the poor hind bewails his dwindling heritage.
H.C.B.

SUMMER TERM 1923

W.H. GILL
COMPOSER, WRITER, ARTIST
By W. CUBBON F.R.S.A.
(From the Isle of Man Times)



OKW William Henry Gill, Manx composer and musicologist, best known for composing the Manx National Anthem

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To all but the wilfully blind or the hopelessly unobservant, it is painfully evident that we Manx people are fast losing our national distinctiveness and our racial characteristics in the mad desire for worldly gain. National customs, traits and ideals are disappearing. We are densely ignorant of our history and of almost everything relating to our past – our customs, our social system, our folklore, and of the language which enshrined them. Of all these we, as a nation, now seem to care little.

Among the few Manxmen who have helped to check the progress of the now almost complete Anglicisation of the Manx people was William H. Gill, who died at Worthing in the South of England, in the 84th year of his age. There was something of real sublimity in Mr. Gill's ideals. He desired to link Manxmen with their past, that they

may the better face their future; to make clear to them that, just as Mann has a past of which all Manxmen may be proud, so she ought to have a future of a self-respecting character, and a duty to preserve her nationality.

W.H. Gill expressed the most characteristic ideals of the Celtic movement. He, and T.E. Brown, and A.W. Moore are the three men whose literary work is of the most lasting and intrinsic value to the nation. They have awakened Manx affections, and they seem to have created a new element in patriotic endeavour, moulded out of Manx life and tradition.

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SPEECH DAY
Monday July 30th 1923
(From the Isle of Man Times)

The Principal said he thought it was right that they should begin their proceedings by reference to an old boy who had passed away this year. Mr. W.H. Gill was, with T.E. Brown and Dr. Clague, one of those who had done more to revive Manx songs and Manx music than anyone else. Many of them were familiar with that composition of his "The Manx Fishermen's Hymn."

The audience stood in silence for a few moments.

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JUNIOR HOUSE LETTER

This has been a topping term. No other words can describe it. It simply passed like the wind, and we were at the Hols. Before we had hardly begun, certainly before some of us had begun to work. There is so much to write about, and so little room, that we hardly know where to begin.

We now have a Junior House Wireless set, and it works. The news comes through every night. ...

We began the measles. We are sorry, but Pruddah brought them back, off a Llandudno boat, and how they spread! But it was great fun during the isolation time, hardly any work, and all kinds of games, and none of the isolation ones got them.

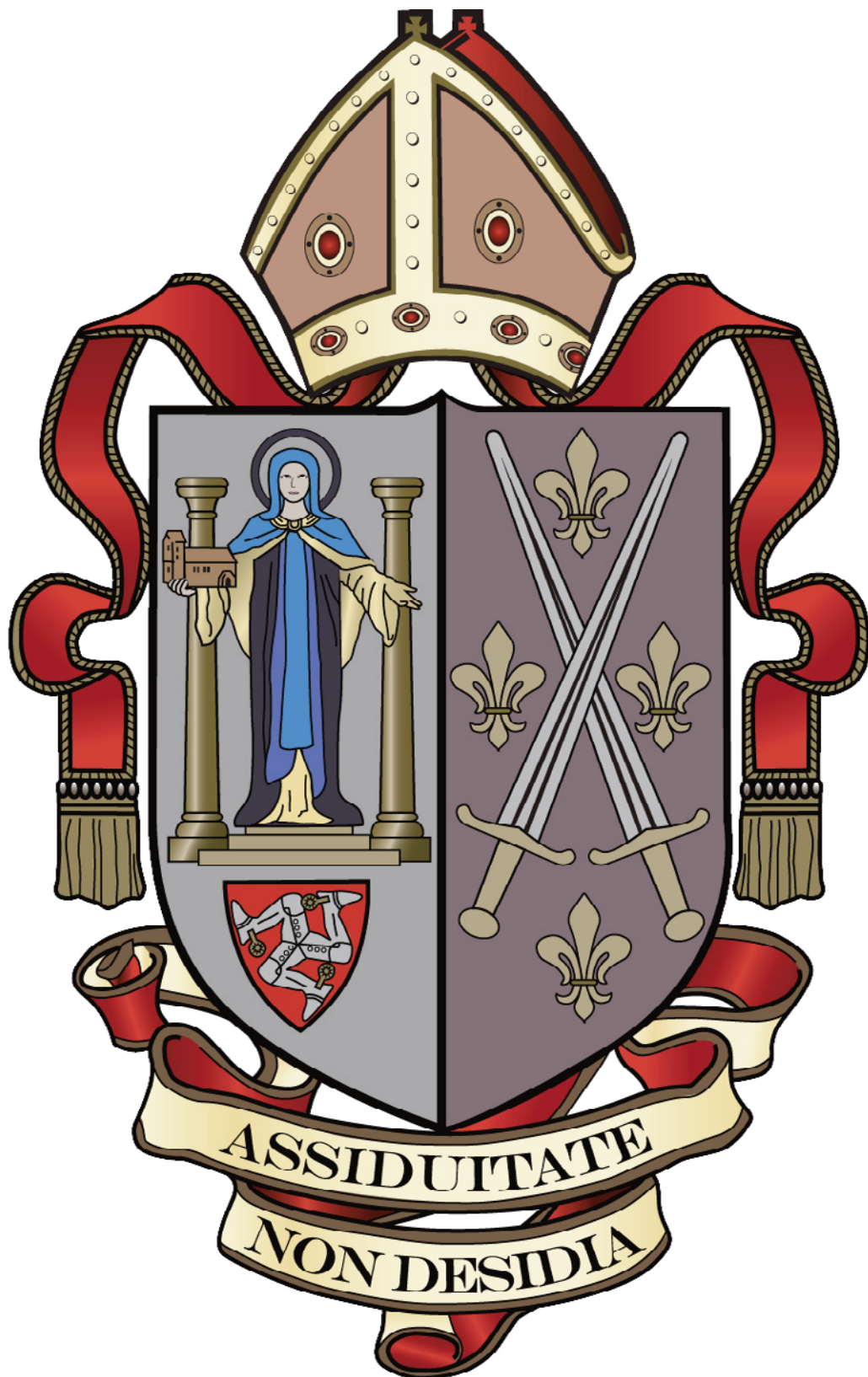
The weather was fine enough for sea-bathing, and we went in every day as usual, in the Bay. There

were two or three water funks to start with, but now all the House can swim except four. ...

T.T. Race Day was as good as ever, and another great day was the visit of the Destroyer Flotilla to the Bay, and we all went on board. The big fellows carried us on to the little boats, and we were tugged out to the big boats, and saw everything and took photographs, and had kippers with the sailors. In the evening we signalled to them with torches from the Dorms, and they answered us.

Loads of chaps are in the Choir, and the Choir out was splendid. It is jolly decent of the Principal to give us such a topping day at Port Soderick. It is the best day of all the year.





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