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THE PRINCIPAL DAMIAN HENDERSON

King William's College and The Buchan School were delighted to welcome the new Principal in September this year.

Damian Henderson MA (Cantab.) took up the reins after relocating to the Isle of Man with his wife Caroline and their three children, Chloe, Theodore and Madeleine.

Damian has an impressive academic and teaching record. Following his time at Cambridge University, he joined Eton College in 2001 to teach, in his words, “the two R’s” – Russian and Rugby. Damian moved to Cranleigh School in Surrey in 2010 to become Assistant Director of Studies and Head of Modern Languages and then to The Stephen Perse Foundation in Cambridge in the role of IB Co-ordinator. Damian has spent the last eight years as Deputy Head (Academic) at Taunton School in Somerset.

Damian writes:

“My family and I were thrilled to join King William's College and The Buchan School. We were blown away both by the Isle of Man itself, and by the school. Everyone we met, from students to teachers and support staff, were so friendly, open and genuine, and painted such a warm picture of island and community life. We are looking forward to being part of this amazing 200-year-old institution”

2024

SALVETE

GWENDOLINE SMITH

Gwendoline hails from South Africa. She has taught in various forms since 2003: pre-school, swimming and water fitness (running her own swim school) and Learning Support tutoring.

She moved to the island with her husband, three children and five pets. At the beginning of the academic year, Gwendoline started at College as a Learning Support assistant. She enjoys singing in the choir and assists with CCF and Yarn Club. It is clear to see that Gwendoline is determined and loves working in a team.

As a qualified History and Geography teacher, Gwendoline brings with her a wealth of knowledge. She is also a qualified TEFL teacher, focusing on English in Learning Support.



KATHY BAILEY

Kathy has taught Mathematics across all age ranges and abilities for many years; and in a variety of international locations, including Spain, Malta, Oman and South Africa. She has welcomed moving to the peace and quiet of the Isle of Man, along with the cooler temperature! Before teaching in schools, she trained adults in Accountancy, Finance and Business and therefore, brought with her a wealth of experience to College.

Since arriving, Kathy has become a vital member of the Maths department, always offering to help others and is very generous with her time. Her students this year were very grateful to her for running a revision club during every single one of her lunchtimes. Kathy has been an iGCSE examiner in the past, so has a wealth of exam insight, which her GCSE students have hugely benefited from.

In her spare time when she's not working, Kathy likes to crochet gifts for her grandchildren in South Africa and travels back to see them whenever she can.



2024

VALETE

ALASDAIR ULYETT

Alasdair has been a tremendous Head of Biology and IB Coordinator; he knows the IB inside out and his advice to students over the years has been invaluable. Teachers are often envied due to the number of holidays (even though this is not quite the case for many). Alasdair has spent most of his summers working with students to support them with their IB results. Alasdair is unfortunately leaving teaching but will probably get more holidays with any new role he pursues. He is going to be remembered for his sense of humour and for his love for 'good' music and French food. We wish Alasdair all the best for his future venture.



ALISON SCHREIBER

Alison joined KWC as a teacher of MFL in September 2007, following a maternity break, having previously taught in schools in England. Alison taught French and Spanish throughout the 17 years she has been in College. She has inspired many students with her wonderful songs to help them memorise the vocabulary or the grammar, as well as many PowerPoints and games. She always kept looking for new wonderful ideas to motivate her students.

In 2012/2013, she took on responsibility for College's WW1 centenary commemorations, with the aim of raising awareness of the school's contribution through a series of events such as a visit of the Black Knight historical re-enactors, Trench digging, a Christmas Truce football match, the Battle of the Somme ceremony with 139 commemorative stones and the Boots project. She created a permanent archive of our WW1 casualties, researching and telling their stories in school and on the "King William's College Remembers" Facebook page. She personalised the school's Roll of Honour with first names and ages, finding photographs for the memorial frieze in Chapel and connecting with families of KWC casualties in IOM, UK and as far away as Australia and New Zealand.

Alison is now heading for retirement and she is looking forward to spending time travelling and maybe learning a new language! We wish Alison a well-deserved retirement and we thank her for all her hard work and dedication in the French and Spanish Department.



AMANDA BARBER

Amanda was initially appointed as a part-time Biology and ESS teacher and quickly progressed to become Head of ESS, and to teaching full-time, as well as looking after the girls' boarding house. She arrived in 2019, highly qualified and having worked in research at top universities. Her teaching experience was with university students; she adapted this competently to inspire the younger students at College. She became a calm and collected, valued member of the Science department.

Her determined nature and hard work rubbed off on her students. Amanda was always ready to try out new roles and contributed a great deal of time and energy into School House, while being a mother to her own two daughters.

We will miss her kindness and wish her all the best in her new role.



AMY BENZIANE

Amy joined KWC in September of 2021 as an English teacher and Sixth Form tutor and I think we can all agree that it didn't take long for her impact to be felt, both in the English department and across the Common Room as a whole.

She came to us having previously been working in France (pre-covid) and not long after having her second daughter. Amy is an excellent teacher. Incredibly innovative and always looking to improve herself, she has sought to keep up to date on all the latest educational theory, to make sure that she is getting the best out of herself and her students.

Amy has fostered an atmosphere for learning and excellence which has meant that her students, from the top of top set to those who have struggled, have been able to meet their potential.

Amy joined us as a Sixth Form Tutor, and it was immediately clear that she was always willing to back her students and to fight for what is best for them. Having their back has been at the forefront of everything that she has done during her time with us and has been a real passion of hers. And so, it was no surprise when she was appointed and excelled as Head of Lower Fifth.

This is a role that she has made her own and where her impact has been felt the most, as she truly has inspired the whole of Lower Fifth to be the best they can be.

The most prominent thing that the Lower Fifth students said about Amy, was that they feel they can always speak to her and feel like having her as a Head of Year is like having a friend available when they need them: someone they can chat to, someone they can vent to, someone they can share troubles with and somebody who truly cares for them. She has made the year centre a home away from home for them and for that they (and all of us) should be extremely grateful.

And so, in three years, Amy has been a mentor, a confidante, and a friend to her students and to all of us. But she leaves us to take up the role of Head of English at QE2. It is a role that she will excel in. She has the knowledge and the vision to lead the department to success. She leaves with our very best wishes for success.



BETHAN KNEEN

Bethan said that she is most proud of winning the Senior Netball Final and breaking Castle Rushen High School's 21-year domination of island school netball across all age groups.

Bethan has been a fantastic Head of Fifth Form, supporting countless students through pastoral issues great and small.

She set up Sports Science as a new subject in the IB in 2012. It has consistently been one of the highest achieving subjects in the IB at KWC and several students have gone on to study Sports Science related courses at University.

Bethan is off to experience teaching outside of KWC. She says she has loved working at KWC and is very sad to be leaving, but, quote, "if I don't leave now, I never will."

We wish Bethan all the best in her new role. They are very blessed to have her.



CLAIRE DUFFY

Claire joined College a year ago and has made a tremendous impact during that short time. As a very experienced teacher of History and former Subject Lead, she slotted straight into teaching any age group that was given to her, and was particularly spectacular at taking on the mantle of the IB History of the Americas course that had previously been taught by our former Principal – a very tough act to follow. She managed it brilliantly in her own style and ensured smooth continuity in that area of our IB History programme.

Claire hails originally from Derry, although has lived on the island for many years. She has decided to step back from teaching to concentrate on her own family and we wish her all the best.



EMMA COMINOLO

Emma Cominolo joined KWC in 2022 as a French assistant from Nancy 2 University, where she had just completed her MA in Linguistics after a semester in Belfast in 2019. She wrote her thesis on Northern Irish accents. After a year spent helping students from the Buchan and from KWC, we asked Emma to stay for another year - as a teacher this time - and she accepted the opportunity. She has been an asset to the Language Department and her students will miss her in lessons but also in School House where she has been a House Tutor for the past two years.

She is going back to France for the foreseeable future to be close to her family and her friends - but she is planning more travelling. We wish Emma all the best for the future and we thank her for all her hard work and dedication in the French Department.



GLEND A MURPHY

Our wonderful Librarian, Glenda, joined KWC in 2001, having arrived on the Island with her family from Zimbabwe. On arriving here, she found a safe haven, somewhere where they could throw themselves into the island community, and we are incredibly fortunate that since that time she has made it her mission to replicate this atmosphere in our Library, making it simultaneously a place of solace and a thriving hub for the whole KWC community.

Much of what makes the Library a truly special part of the school is owed to Glenda. When she arrived, it had been neglected and was a space that was far from the place we know and love today. However, over the years, with a clear plan and some reconfiguration, it has evolved and she has transformed it into the vibrant space that we know today.

The Library isn't just a place of books; anybody who has wandered through during a break or lunchtime knows just how much Glenda has done to make it a welcoming and enjoyable space. With chess tournaments on one side and eager maths gamers on the other, she has ensured that our library is a space where all of our students can get involved and revel in their passions.

Glenda means a lot to students and they will miss her; amidst the many ups and downs of College life, she greeted everyone with a welcoming smile and warmth.

It was not just the Library where Glenda's presence was felt. Whether through her efforts to engage our students with current affairs through mock ballots, her superb displays and activities to celebrate World Book Day, her immaculate flower displays for Founders' Day or her efforts to preserve the history of the school through the Walker Library and supporting local historians, we have all reaped the benefits of Glenda's overwhelming knowledge.



HEATHER SAVAGE

Heather joined King William's College five years ago (in the good old days of pre-pandemic) and she didn't take long to dive right into the rhythms and challenges of life at College. She arrived as a teacher of History, moving on to becoming the Head of Department, and a key part of the Fifth Form Tutor Team.

She holds many fond memories of her time here – including playing hangman in Latin with her tutor group, taking a lovely group of students on a History trip to Germany, and getting to work with so many amazing colleagues who have become friends.

Although originally from Toronto, Canada, she has been teaching abroad since August 1996 in various locations around the globe. Despite moving from Denmark to Japan to the Turks and Caicos Islands, she never imagined that one day she would end up with her family on this gem of an island in the Irish Sea. It has now been 16 years since her arrival upon these shores – teaching in both the state and private school systems; she has decided to step back a little to spend some more time with her husband and three children, and plan for new adventures that lie ahead.



HELEN CROSBIE

Helen has only been with the Design and Technology department for a year and in a part time position, but what a positive impact she has had on the students and the staff. Taking on Middle Fifth, winning hearts and minds and experiencing a lot of different classroom management skills as a result!

Food has really stepped up a gear: from kale chips, to pasta making (yes, from scratch), Helen introduced our Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth to culinary delights and really inspired them. With Lower Fifth, she has made sustainability 'real'.

Most of all, Helen is a massively wonderful human being: always so positive, willing, and fantastically well turned out! We have loved learning fun facts too – she is an accomplished lady we are in awe of. Helen is the kindest, most gorgeous soul, we will miss her greatly.



KATHARINE BROWN

Katharine joined the KWC Science department as Head of Physics in 2017. She stepped up to be Head of Science from September 2021. Katharine joined KWC at the same time as the U6 cohort, who have completed the IB this academic year; she feels privileged to have watched their journey through the school, through the lockdowns and returning to newly refurbished Science labs. She particularly enjoyed accompanying them to the Lake District while they were in Fourth Form, which was the last off-island trip led by Miss Westall. Katharine is a dynamic colleague and teacher and always instilled a sense of calmness amongst her peers and students. Katharine will be missed, and we wish her all the best in her new adventure.



MADELEINE WESTALL

Madeleine Westall, known to many as Padda, passed away in September last year after a long illness. She was first appointed to College as Head of Biology in 1986 and served for seven years before having a break to raise her family and re-joining in 2009 in a temporary role, then permanently again in 2011 as Head of Environmental Systems. Padda was a passionate advocate for science education; she taught swimming, she took trips far and wide, she spearheaded our charitable giving and in Mr Jelly's words was a 'legendary' tutor in Stenning.

Padda is sorely missed. She is one of those teachers who has embedded her superb values in the hearts of many.



NIALL HOWELL- EVANS

Niall joined KWC in 2014 as Head of Science. After several years in this role, he stepped back to spend more time with his young family; however, that did not prevent his wide input throughout the school. In his Physics teaching role, he supported many students with their projects for the IB and added valuable and unique equipment in the department. Beyond this, he has been a form tutor throughout all ages, a regular member of the choir, and played in the orchestra. Niall has introduced the golf simulator and trained up students and staff in the use of it. He has supported members of the Common Room with ICT and systems required to run events such as Sports Day. He said he hoped that during his time here he had been helpful: he definitely has. Niall always went above and beyond, and we are going to miss him.



PHIL VERSCHUEREN

Phil started at KWC in September 2008, teaching Mathematics. He was a Sixth Form Tutor and the students loved and appreciated his immense care and commitment. Phil later moved to the Fourth Form where he shared many stories with his tutees, and he became a role model for many. Riding his bike to school (IOM weather permitting), he inspired many students and staff to live a healthy lifestyle. Phil helped run the Royal Navy Section of the Combined Cadet Force for a number of years and he was an asset to the CCF. Phil took over Computer Science in September 2022 and made a positive contribution to the department.

After 15 years of commitment to College, in the classroom and on the field, Phil decided to retire from his duties in December 2023. We wish him all the best.



STEPHEN JELLY

Stephen joined the school as a PE teacher from Altrincham Grammar School. Stephen coached a very successful 1st XV for three years and is known for his PE and rugby, and as Head of Fourth Form. Stephen has always endeavoured to instil a moral compass and a sense of fairness in Stenning cohorts, hammering home the College's history and motto. Everyone remembers the Jelly lectures on 'not being a bystander'. Stephen led rugby tours to New Zealand, Fiji, and Australia. He also implemented the Stenning Triathlon which this year raised a large sum of money for Looky's Aid, a charity set up in honour of former 1st XV captain Lucas Martin. We will cherish Lucas' memory and are very grateful to Stephen for his liaison with the Martin family this year. We wish Stephen all the best in his new role as Deputy Director of Key Stage 3 at QE2.



STEVE COPE

Head of Geography, Master in Charge of Rugby and Boarding Housemaster, Steve lived in Junior House with his family, and all of his children have attended the school: Rose, Spencer and Jonty.

He organised countless school trips: Iceland, South Africa and Australia to name just a few. Steve began the tradition of international rugby tours here at KWC. Rugby is Steve's passion and without his drive and commitment, rugby would not be the essential element of College life that it is today.

Most parents' evenings were a chance for Steve to catch up with former pupils. He engendered a wealth of knowledge in more than one generation over an accumulation of just over 38 years of service to the School.

Steve instilled a sense of pride in his classroom, on the sports field and in the Common Room. We wish him all the best.



ZOE WATTERSON

As we reflect on Zoe's incredible journey here at King William's College, it's clear that her impact is woven into the very fabric of College. With her father's legacy as a teacher here and her sister, Mrs. Ross, imparting her swimming expertise, the Morgan family has truly made this place their second home.

While Zoe's 27 years of service pales in comparison to her dad's tenure of 38 years, she has the added advantage of having attended the Buchan and then being among the first women admitted to College when it became co-educational in the 1980s. She was baptised, christened, confirmed, and wed in the chapel, and it's significant that she chose to bring up her children within College's walls during the 10 years she was House Mistress. This sense of family has permeated Zoe's approach to teaching and life at the college. To quote her daughter Giv, "You'd be hard-pressed to find anyone on this island more embedded in the fabric of College than Mum."

Zoe's contributions to college life are countless. Whenever there was a task at hand, you could count on Zoe to be there with her can-do attitude. Her role evolved over the years, reflecting her versatility and dedication. She infused every position with her passion and energy. Her tenure as Fifth Form tutor, head of Careers, CAS co-ordinator, and ultimately



Deputy of Sixth Form, alongside the irreplaceable Anya Morgans, showcased her ability to adapt and excel in every challenge she faced.

But beyond titles and roles, Zoe's true legacy lies in the lives she's touched. Her unwavering support, her genuine care for each student's well-being, and her infectious enthusiasm have left their mark. Whether guiding students through the complexities of Drama and trying to get Lower Fourths driving quad bikes in KCT, mentoring them in their academic pursuits, driving mini buses of students around, or simply being a listening ear, Zoe has been a constant source of strength and encouragement.

As Zoe embarks on her well-deserved retirement, we know that her spirit and influence will continue to resonate within these walls. Though we bid farewell to her presence in our daily lives, we carry forward the lessons she's imparted and the warmth she's shared. Words cannot fully capture the depth of our gratitude and admiration. Her time at King William's College has been nothing short of extraordinary. We wish her all the best in her new chapter.

2024

IB RESULTS

Upper Sixth (Year 13) students celebrated their International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme results on 6th July, just a month and a half after their last exam.

The 35 students achieved a creditable overall average of 31.1 points, with 5 students achieving 40 points or more. 31.1 points is the equivalent of A*A*A at A-level when converting to the UCAS tariff, while 40 points for IB is an acknowledged 'world class' score. 14 students got 35 points or more. This represents a competitive offer from a respected UK university like York or King's.

As usual, the cohort included students who had come all the way through the School from The Buchan, those who had joined us in Lower 4 (Year 7), and students who had arrived for Sixth Form – proof that nationality and first language are not barriers to success in the IB!

Nearly three-quarters of UK applicants got straight in to their firm or insurance choice, with others having to wait until the outcome of an enquiry upon results, or for decision in Clearing.

As usual, being an international school, several of our U6 students applied outside the UCAS system, to universities in Europe, the Middle East and Hong Kong. A couple headed straight into employment or service, and a few committed to exciting gap year schemes. Last but not least, we were pleased to support successful UCAS re-applications for a handful of students who left in 2023.

Mike Roberts, Deputy Head Academic, writes:

"We are very pleased with the overall average of 31 points per student, considering our gentle entrance requirements for Sixth Form. The students deserve every credit for their commitment to their six chosen subjects and the three core components. They have benefited hugely not just academically, but also in terms of their character development – the Diploma really is a holistic qualification to set young people up for success in future study, work, service and general life."



2024

(I) GCSE RESULTS

We saw an excellent set of GCSE results, with our 69 Upper Fifth (Year 11) students achieving an overall pass rate (9-4 or A*-C) of 89%, 22% of grades being at 9/8 or A* and 41% of grades at 9-7 or A*/A. This is the best set of results (excluding the Covid years) by this metric since 2016.

We are delighted to recognise the students who have earned Full Academic Colours in this year's GCSE results. This prestigious award is given to those who achieved straight A*/A or 9-7 grades, with a minimum of five grades at A*/8. Students with any lower grades can offset them by achieving additional A*/8/9s, making this accomplishment all the more impressive. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sophie Bateson, Alexander Brown, Sam Fearnley, Charlotte Geldart, Arne Gödden, Amélie Harding, Guy McGuinness, Emilia Steriopulos and Jacob Turner for receiving this significant honour.

There was yet more good news for the Middle Fifth (Year 10) who received their GCSE Religious Studies results. With 92% achieving grades 9-4 a year early, this cohort is well placed to achieve further success next summer in their remaining subjects.

Principal Damian Henderson said:

"These GCSE results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. Achieving an 89% pass rate, with 41% of grades at A/A or 9-7, is truly outstanding and the best we've seen since 2016. I'm particularly proud of those who have earned Full Academic Colours, an exceptional achievement that reflects their commitment to excellence. Our Middle Fifth students also deserve recognition for their early success in Religious Studies, positioning them for even greater achievements next year. Together with our recent IB results, this has been a remarkable year for our students at King William's College."*

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UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Durham University	Classics
Durham University	English Literature and History
Lancaster University	History and International Relations
Loughborough University	Economics and Management
Loughborough University	Finance and Management
Loughborough University	History and International Relations
Loughborough University	International relations
New York University Abu Dhabi	
SOAS University of London	Linguistics and Politics
Tbilisi State University	Law
University of Bath	Accounting and Finance
University of Cambridge	History
University of Chester	Business Finance with a Foundation Year
University of Leeds	Sport and Exercise Sciences
University of Leicester	Law
University of Manchester	Adult Nursing
University of Nottingham	Architecture
University of Nottingham	Electrical and Electronic Engineering
University of Exeter	Business and Management
University of Essex	International Business and Finance
University of Exeter	International Relations and Modern Languages
University of Gloucestershire	International Business
University of Greenwich	Business with Marketing
University of Oxford	Classical Archaeology and Ancient History
University of Sheffield	Biomedical Science
University of Surrey	Economics and Finance
University of York	English/History of Art
University of York	Law
University of York	Physics with Astrophysics
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This academic year has proved another busy time at The Buchan School and The Buchan Nursery. The pupils have taken part in a range of exciting opportunities both in and out of the classroom, some of these features in the articles which follow.

Our prize-giving ceremony was a marvellous way to celebrate the achievements of all our pupils and to thank all the staff and parents for their dedication and commitment to the school. Our guest of honour, Diana Parkes CBE, has shown great courage to change something for the better and spoke to the children about the power of dreams and the importance of being courageous and kind.

On 22nd April this year, The Buchan School had been established for 149 years. Laura, Lady Buchan also had courage, back in 1875, to change something for the better, which was to offer girls an education. Girls who would go out into the world and make a difference. Recently, our Lady Laura Lunch saw over 70 old girls come together to celebrate our wonderful school and share their stories and memories.

Today we have the same courage to offer a curriculum which is rich and different to both boys and girls. We offer subject specialisms and provide exceptional pastoral care. We are brave and unique, teaching our pupils not only academic skills, but to care for those who need help and to show kindness in all they do. We offer a longer school day and an extensive after-school activities programme to maximise their time in school.

I hope that you enjoy reading about the events and activities that have taken place this year. You will be cordially invited to celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2025 and we look forward to marking this special event together.

JANET BILLINGSLEY EVANS
Head of the Buchan School

THE BUCHAN SCHOOL

PRE PREP

Completing a successful year in Pre-Prep is a multifaceted achievement that goes beyond good assessment results, it marks the culmination of months of hard work, dedication and development. It encompasses academic progress, personal growth, involvement in extra-curricular activities and the ability to overcome challenges. As the school year draws to a close, it is time to celebrate these accomplishments and to take a moment to recognise the hard work and achievements of our Pre-Prep pupils that made it a successful journey.

P1 – Buchan Rangers is most definitely a firm favourite for our P1 pupils. The sessions have provided the children with the opportunity to foster a sense of environmental appreciation for the natural world. Through hands-on activities, they developed practical skills, such as building shelters, identifying plants, investigating wildlife and using tools safely. The camp-fires and hot chocolates also need a special mention!

P2 – P2 were delighted to receive a visit from the Manx Farmers Union in the autumn to support their Humanities work on Farms and Farming. They heard the story of Jelly and Oof, learnt about the Countryside Code and were introduced to Peanut the five-month-old calf and Oof the sheep. They had a lovely time stroking the animals, finding out how they are cared for and what they like to eat! P2 also took part in a number of cookery sessions. The end results, particularly regarding the Victoria Sponge, were most definitely a success!

P3 – Contributing to the P3 children's top ten most exciting memories throughout the year was a visit to the airport fire station to re-enact the Great Fire of London, learning about Space through songs, craft and investigations, and studying Super Scientists by conducting their very own experiments. Science definitely seemed to be a contributing factor to this year's joy of learning and the children were thrilled with the opportunity to take a hands-on approach by creating items such as wind vanes, helicopters and string telephones.

Alongside the end of this academic year, comes the end of a Pre-Prep era. It is time to bid a fond farewell to three incredible members of the Pre-Prep team. With a combined Buchan teaching career of sixty-six years, Mrs Swift, Mrs Wright and Mrs Clucas have taught, cared for and inspired hundreds of children. The school has been truly fortunate to have these remarkable teachers as part of the Buchan family and the fun times; their immense loyalty and dedicated friendship will always be cherished. We wish them an abundance of happiness in their new ventures.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we shall relish the Buchan grounds throughout the seasons for a final time as we prepare for the exciting move to King William's College. With changes ahead, it is important to recall (and adhere to) the renowned Disney phrase that our children are so familiar with... "Have courage and be kind".

Mrs Hawley

THE BUCHAN SCHOOL MUSIC

Music at the Buchan School continues to flourish and this academic year has been a busy one. The musical year began with the Harvest Festival and the children sang a multitude of songs with their usual enthusiasm.

The annual Autumn Serenade took place at the end of October and there were many talented children on show. Pupils performed on various instruments, including piano, guitar, trumpet and violin and there were a number of vocal duets and solos. The children enjoyed the opportunity to shine in front of their family and it was a very enjoyable afternoon. The Pre-Prep Children took part in the Cushion Concert in November. This was held in the Music Room and they were all able to introduce themselves and performed with increasing confidence, whilst their parents sat on cushions.

There are a number of opportunities for children who sing or play an instrument to perform at Buchan in order to boost their confidence, and perhaps to encourage others to take up an instrument. In addition to the more formal events, there is also time given to performing each Friday morning just before Assembly begins. Pupils can also perform in front of their peers in the Music Room during their lessons. There is an Orchestra Club which meets each week and the children have enjoyed performing at various events. One of the more memorable Orchestra events was performing and recording Cur dy Vainney (The Milking Song) which Miss Cain played to her cows – to see if it increased their milking performance!


The next event in the musical calendar was Remembrance Day. Aelan performed

The Last Post on his trumpet with great skill and musicality.

We then moved onto the Christmas events. Preparations for these events had begun back in September and the choirs were in great shape. The first engagement was at the Castletown Lights Switch on. A combined choir from both Buchan and King William's College performed a number of songs, finishing off together, with Harold Darke's 'In the Bleak Midwinter' together. The children were very excited to sing at this event and there was a near full turn out with about forty Buchan children in attendance. The following week, the Prep Choir and soloists performed for the Pensioners at the Barrovian for the annual lunch, attended by the Governor, Sir John Lorimer and Lady Lorimer. A small group from Forms 3 and 4 were invited to sing for the residents of Silverdale and later on that month, for the Live at Home Scheme in Douglas. The children gained a great deal from performing in front of many different audiences and were a delight to listen to. The choir's final event of the calendar year was at the Carol Service, held at St Thomas' Chapel, King William's College. The traditional Once in Royal David's City solo was performed admirably by Aelan, one of the Heads of Choir. The choir sang three pieces – 'In the Bleak Midwinter,' 'Il Est Ne,' 'Hooray in a Manger' and were joined by the whole of Prep for 'One Bright Star.'

Not to be outdone by Prep, the Prep-Prep Choir had been busy practising for their performance at the Pre-Prep Nativity. The Twinkly Nativity was performed by children from P1, P2 and P3 and the children twinkled and shone like the stars they are!





Many thanks must go to the wonderful Pre-Prep staff members who directed the Nativity. The choir performed two lovely pieces: 'Follow the Star' a quiet, reflective carol followed by the upbeat and lively 'Glory to God'.

Christmas festivities were concluded on the last day of term by the staff. In true Buchan style, they entertained the children with a boom whacker rendition of the classic 'Last Christmas' which was very enthusiastically received!

After a busy Christmas season, the Spring term was much quieter. Seven Buchan children took part in the Young Singer of Mann competition in January - which was amazing! It was a superb afternoon of beautiful singing and all the children did themselves and Buchan proud. Well done to Frida for her amazing second place and to Alice who came third!

A group of P3s performed in the Ensemble class at the Manx Folk Awards in March, once again winning their class. They sang 'Song of the Fishermen' as their set piece and 'Manx Lullaby' as their own choice.

The Easter service was next on the musical calendar and this took place at the end of March. The Prep choir performed one of their pieces 'Easter Story' as a collaboration with Mr Duncan's Form 2 Passion Play – a very emotional and thought-provoking piece. The choir also sang, 'There is a Redeemer' with some beautiful solo singing from Frida and Alex.

The service concluded with the whole of Prep singing the upbeat 'He is Alive.'

The Manx Music Festival followed soon after the Easter holidays. Special

mentions go to Aelan who won both the Year 6 Brass and Grades 3-4 Strings classes; and to Frida who won the Grades 1-2 own choice piano class and came 2nd in the Grades 1-2 set piece piano class. Also, well done to Addien and Aelan who won both of their classes in the instrumental ensembles. Both choirs performed exceptionally well and were amazing ambassadors of the school. Congratulations especially must go to Pre-Prep Choir who managed to win their choir class for the 3rd time! Once again, it was encouraging to see so many children take part in both choir competitions – in fact nearly eighty children were involved - over half the children attending The Buchan School!

Next on the musical agenda was the Summer Serenade which had a record number of participants, involving many talented children from P3 up to Form 4. Vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists performed their Guild or Grade pieces with increasing confidence, in front of a captive audience. It was a really lovely afternoon and it was amazing to see just how much progress the children had made since the Autumn term.

Prize Day was held at King William's College this year, on a wet and windy Thursday afternoon. A number of Pre-Prep and Prep pupils entertained the audience before the event with a selection of high-quality vocalists and instrumentalists. During the prize giving ceremony, the Pre-Prep Choir sang one of their Guild pieces – 'Scales and Arpeggios' and this was shortly followed by the Prep Choir who gave a very energetic performance of 'The Rhythm of Life.'

The Form 4 Leavers' Service took place on the last Friday of term, led by our lovely Rev. Erica. The children shared some of their memories of starting school during the service. This was followed by a performance of 'This is Me,' from 'The Greatest Showman' and the children sang and accompanied themselves on the boom whackers to rapturous applause!

We had to say goodbye to some much-loved Pre-Prep teachers this term and the children in P2 and P3 wrote and performed their own songs at a leaving assembly for Mrs Clucas, Mrs Swift and Mrs Wright. The whole school along with the orchestra, joined in with an adapted version of 'So Long, Farewell' and finished with the powerful and inspirational song – 'One and a Million.'

This year, the focus in Music for the children in both Prep and Pre-Prep has been instrumental. Each of the classes have been learning an instrument to enhance their knowledge of music and notation. Pre-Prep have been using the percussion instruments and the ocarinas, and Prep's instruments have included recorders, penny whistles, glockenspiels, bucket drums and keyboards. Learning whilst having fun has been a feature in the music lessons, and I have even taught myself to play the flute, demonstrating my progress to the children!

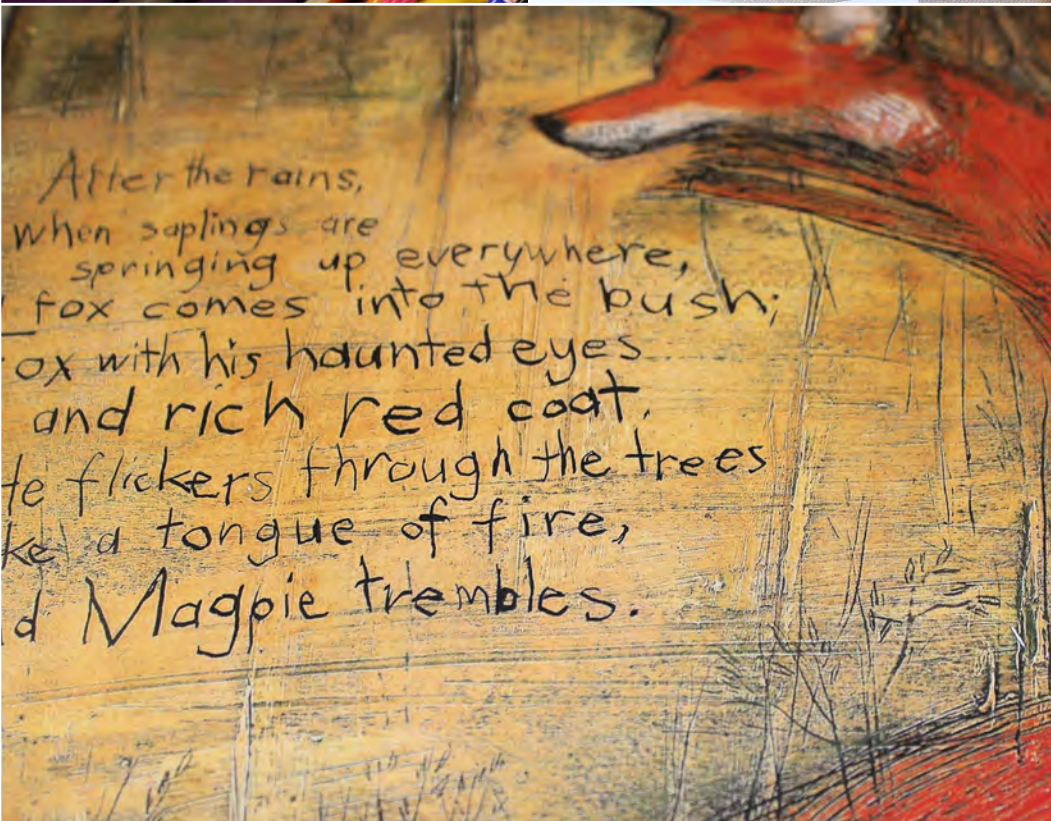
There have been many events and even more rehearsals over the past year at Buchan and I am once again, indebted to Mr Daykin, Mrs Morgans and the amazing visiting music teachers who support and encourage our Buchan performers of the future. My final thank you, from the heart, goes to the inspirational and talented children of The Buchan School, without whom, there would be no music.

Mrs J Garrett



THE BUCHAN SCHOOL ART





THE BUCHAN SCHOOL ADVENTURES







KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am delighted to be writing this letter to introduce the 331st edition of The Barrovian, my first as Principal. The Barrovian is a fine publication and I have enjoyed dipping into the past editions which grace the shelves of my office. I hope you enjoy this edition of the magazine. It exists to chronicle and celebrate the hard work and splendid achievements of our amazing community here at King William's College and The Buchan School. This is a vibrant school, bursting with intellectual and physical energy from pupils and staff alike. The spectacular location serves as an inspiration in our day-to-day lives and the school is undoubtedly one of the stand-out features of the island; both in terms of education and with respect to Manx history and culture. It is a real privilege to work and live here.

In many respects, the 2023-24 academic year was 'normal' in that the wonderfully familiar rhythms of school life were heard, as in so many previous years. The pages of this very magazine bear witness to how the great traditions of yesteryear continue to be honoured. And yet, we live in an era of change, and all schools must adapt to the changing reality before them. Therefore, 2023-24 was also a year in which some significant changes were decided. From this September (2024), we will have a new structure for teaching at College and a new timetable. We will also drive forward the campus consolidation project, for The Buchan School to move onto the KWC site in September 2025. I relish the prospect of helping to write the next chapter in the long history of the school, in coming years, and look forward with real optimism to the 150th Anniversary of The Buchan (2025) and 200 years of KWC (2033).

For now, I invite you to dive into the accounts of everything that was enjoyed and accomplished in 2023-24 by our fantastic pupils and terrific staff!

Damian Henderson

ACADEMIC LIFE

ENGLISH



In the English Department we specialise in looking both backwards and forwards at the same time. Forwards in our mission to prepare our students for the challenges that will face them in the future, but backwards as we look to the literary canon in order to enlighten them on the issues of today and tomorrow. Therefore it is perhaps fitting that this year was bookended by an emphasis on the Bard, William Shakespeare, who himself said “what’s past is prologue”.

The Autumn term began with a buzz as Upper Fifth students prepared for a trip to Shakespeare’s birthplace of Stratford upon Avon. Walking in the footsteps of the Bard, visiting his homes and hearing the tales that inspired his works, the students gained an understanding of the context of his works before enjoying a compelling and original interpretation of ‘Macbeth’ by the RSC.

A performance which remained faithful to the script but also shed light on the issues of today, the students left energised with a fresh understanding of the play. Then, as the year came to a close, the Middle Fifth students were able to enjoy an innovative production of the play a little closer to home as they enjoyed a live screening of Ralph Fiennes’ portrayal in King’s Court Theatre, enlightening them following their recent study of the play.

Once again, the English Department marked Manx Litfest, this year being visited by sports writer Elise

Downing. Speaking to GCSE students, she regaled them with tales from her numerous adventures, including becoming the first woman and youngest person to run a 5,000 mile lap of the UK, before being quizzed on her non-fiction writing and the process of turning these experiences into a successful book.

As the year progressed, it was the College community’s turn to start writing as we celebrated National Poetry Day. Whether finding refuge in sport or in a physical location, students were invited to explore what the word ‘refuge’ meant to them as they shared their ideas during activities across the school. From prolific writers to those who are just beginning, we heard poems that reflected a breadth of experiences from the heartfelt to the whimsical.

Having found inspiration in the people and places that provide sanctuary, the Fourth Form and Lower Fifth students, as ever, ploughed their efforts into the Reading, Writing and Reciting Competition. Requiring students to read a favourite passage, recite a poem from memory or present an original piece of writing, the gathered audience enjoyed a selection of pieces from across a breadth of genres. We were delighted to be joined by the Manx Bard, Boakesey Closs, who embracing this year’s theme of Happiness, wowed the students with some of her own poetry, in which she reflected on Manx mythology, the great Manx weather and provided



a cautionary tale. However, after stand out performances, she was also delighted to announce the following winners:

Junior Reading Winner:

Vinnie Watterson

Junior Writing Winner:

Pierre Goosen

Junior Reciting Winner:

Artie Kyriacou

Intermediate Reading Winner:

Alexander Owenson

Intermediate Writing Winner:

Zoe Vogel

Intermediate Reciting Winner:

Flynt Owens

With a renewed enthusiasm for the power of the written and spoken word, the Fourth Form later enjoyed an online masterclass with the renowned poet, author and former Children's Laureate, Michael Rosen. Sharing stories from his childhood and how they have informed his latest collection, 'On the Move', Michael read a selection of his poems before encouraging students to consider what 'Home' means to them and embarking upon writing poetry masterpieces of their own.

While writing and sharing our own experiences is at the heart of the English curriculum, as our students seek to reflect the world around them, we have also continually celebrated the wealth of voices who came before us by embracing literature in all its forms. Therefore we once

again marked World Book Day to celebrate and share our favourite literature. Whether exploring the book fair, creating literary mash-ups or seeking literary characters in new media through the 'Twitterature' Quiz, books were on everybody's lips. However, it didn't stop there. Alongside the merriment of World Book Day, we have sought to celebrate reading and those who love it throughout the year, whether through reading challenges to develop positive habits or a Reading Advent Calendar to introduce a range of new texts.

Alongside all of these activities, the year has seen students of all ages traverse the vast literary landscape in search of meaning. Whether IB students encountering literary giants and reflecting on current global issues for their assessments, or Fourth Form students discovering ancient myths while also musing over modern heroes and villains; our students have both relished the literary past and grappled with how it relates to the world in which they live. Therefore, as another fruitful year draws to a close, we reflect on the many successes that have been achieved this year; successes that have shaped us and our community along with shaping our futures. And so, as is customary in this publication, we look back in celebration of this year, but we also look forward to what is to come next year, knowing that the paths traversed will help us to learn and grow and in anticipation of what greatness is yet to come.

ACADEMIC LIFE ENGLISH



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

For National Poetry Day, Upper Fourth (Year Eight) students enjoyed writing poems. Glenda, our wonderful librarian, turned the library into a poetry-writing hub. Students wrote poems on this year's theme of refuge. Teachers joined in, and together with students, they filled the board with a kaleidoscope of words.

Did you know William Wordsworth is responsible for naming the Isle of Man's beloved Tower of Refuge, based on his observations in his poem 'On Entering Douglas Bay', written in 1832?

ACADEMIC LIFE HISTORY

After months of research, planning, experimenting and creating, History Club (unfortunately without founding father, Seán, who was unable to join this time) challenged the Principal to their game of Viking Conquest at a lunchtime. They were so proud to show off their wonderful co-operative game and the knowledge they had gained about the Vikings through their extensive research.

It was all going so well until the Principal's Jarl landed on square 15, where Hardraada lost the battle of Stamford Bridge, and it was game over! A great time was had by all, despite this demise, and it's very clear that these boys could go far in the field of game design. They're looking forward to starting a new creative project soon!

Lower Fifth (Year 9) History students have been busy this term learning about World War One. We were delighted to welcome Sgt Headon to our lessons to give us a hands-on experience, exploring themes of nutrition, medicine, kit and weaponry. We were lucky to examine many artefacts from the First World War and compare them to what is available today to a modern British combat soldier. Sgt Headon really helped to bring the History to life.



ACADEMIC LIFE

SCIENCE

British Physics Olympiad – students have entered various competitions run by the British Physics Olympiad over the year. The highlight was the Junior Physics Challenge in which Brodie Millar, Alexander Owenson and Amy Moore were awarded a Gold certificate. Participants in these competitions gained an invitation to watch an interesting lecture on bullet-proof custard, which about a dozen students chose to attend in March.

Royal Society of Chemistry competition – Four of our students travelled to the University of Liverpool to take part in the Royal Society of Chemistry competition, Top of The Bench. The competition consists of a practical experiment where teamwork and quick thinking, as well as Chemistry knowledge, is essential. They also sat an exam and presented a poster. This year's subject was 'Chemistry and Sustainability in the Food Industry'. Our pupils' poster was entitled 'Plastic Packaging Problems' and was very well received by the judges from the RSC. Not only was it bright and informative, but also interactive. Our enthusiastic students loved the experience!

STEM Olympics – Our team of four Lower Fifth (Year 9) students had an early start to head to The Grange School. They were given the team name 'Urey' and competed against over 20 other teams from schools in the North West of England in five tasks designed to test their science skills but also their teamwork. There was also a mathematical estimation challenge to complete during breaks.

The morning started with a dissection, having to extract and identify the internal organs of a small animal. Following this was some strong competition to code their way through a maze. They went on to race a boat powered from solar energy. After lunch, they entered the chemistry lab and their ability to work under time pressure was tested in identifying which shop had sold products that made some children unwell. The final task and highlight of the day was to construct and launch a rocket at a target; do not mess with these students, they struck the centre!

They performed strongly in all challenges, winning the rocket challenge and the overall event!



ACADEMIC LIFE

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Truly embracing our contribution to the STEM syllabus, designers and technologists have had a fabulous year creating an incredible array of design ideas, and realising them practically in card, wood, metal, plastic, textiles, and food stuffs – to great end results – and having a lot of stimulating, problem solving, hands-on fun in the process!

Focusing on their pathway to the future, Lower Five (Year 9) produced the most impressive set of design-based exam papers this summer, proving their wholehearted investment in the subject. They used workshop skills to create furniture models, incredible key holders using the laser cutter, invented some board games, and embraced their Food and Nutrition. They made healthier swaps to dishes, tagging courgette brownies as the ‘best ever brownies’, and grew their confidence from week to week.

Lower Four (Year 7) and Upper Four (Year 8) have also been introduced to CAD (Computer Aided Design), and enjoyed exploring design, workshop and culinary skills like never before.

Lower Four created some fantastically fun ‘Fuglies’ from felt using hand and machine sewing to great effect; they also made brilliant baubles by laser cutting in ply wood and a whole array of deliciousness in the kitchen. We are pretty sure most of which never made its way home!

Upper Four built on their expertise of their first year in Design and Technology, communicating visually in a movie-minimalism challenge, using TechSoft 2D design and Adobe illustrator to create designs for laser

cut dream catchers, and sublimation printed drawstring bags, and of course putting these products together using hand tools, and sewing machines.

A lot of important techniques learnt and practised in the kitchens also, and their passion for food is evident.

Middle Five (Year 10) students have put their theoretical knowledge into practice with a variety of materials and products such as name plates, and bird boxes, and most recently been working with wood, and pewter casting, in readiness to embark on their coursework; inspired by the high success of Arwen Hoile, Rita Zhu, Daniel Shepherd and Luke Sutton, at GCSE, and Zlata Matveencko, Katie Leinwand, and Emily Su in their IB, summer 2023.

With sustainability, there was a huge focus in our design and make world. All year groups have spent time learning how to design with responsible material sourcing and usage in mind; undertaking (6 R’s) challenges: using only scraps and off cuts for their ‘Fuglies’, re-using transport packaging card for model making and donated t-shirts to make their own carrier bags; learning about food miles and creating food from locally sourced produce. Students even created solar powered s’mores ovens, even if the Manx weather didn’t quite give us the sunshine we needed! Perhaps we will focus on wind power next year!

An impressive year, lots of very happy, creative and productive students, and a workshop load of inspiring product makers. We couldn’t be prouder!



ACADEMIC LIFE

LATIN

It has been an extremely busy year for the Latin department. Nearly one in five students at KWC study Latin; it is great to see so many individuals taking it up. Latin is truly alive at King William's College!

BUCHAN TASTER SESSION

In June, Form 4 had a trial Latin lesson to introduce them to the subject. They learnt how to describe where they live and the members of their families. We even learnt the names of pets, including “feles” (cat), “canis” (dog) and “parvus sus” (guinea pig)! The session concluded with a rousing game of “Simo dicit” (Simon says).

L4-L5

The younger years have enjoyed a mixture of language and Roman history in their Latin lessons. With the Cambridge Latin Course as their faithful companion, they have explored the antics of Caecilius, Quintus and Barbillus to name but a few of the colourful characters. U4 entered the Classical Association Poetry Competition and composed some fabulous poems on their favourite topics. With the advent of more clement weather in Summer Term, the Latin class decamped outside for some fresh air when possible; L4 even had a feline visitor whilst reading a story about a Latin cat on the front lawn.

On top of their language learning, cultural topics ranged from ancient beliefs in life after death, to the lavish palaces of the Roman elite. The L5

class particularly enjoyed making models of the Lighthouse of Alexandria.

GCSE

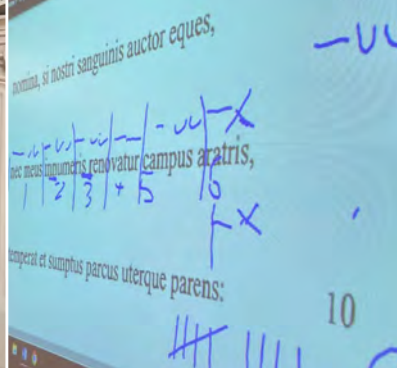
The Upper Fifth spent the year learning their literature set texts and interpreting historical sources for the Entertainment and Roman Britain modules. On top of this, they built up their translation skills so that they were able to tackle past papers for the language module. Amongst other rewards for their diligent efforts, they have partaken in Latin scrabble and have spent time in the D&T kitchens making cookies with a recipe in Latin.

Middle Fifth have made excellent progress this year. Not only have their translation skills improved, they have also learnt the art of writing answers to 8-mark questions. Blooket remains a firm favourite in lessons and the competitive element has made learning fun. Their first forays into the world of Latin literature were very successful and they can be seen reading their ‘Messalina’ set text in the photographs.

IB

Despite being challenged with the rigours of a new syllabus, the Upper Sixth kept the momentum going through literature and language lessons alike. They quickly became used to the command terms needed for the IB papers and completed their Internal Assessments on unique topics. Elizabeth continues the trend established in 2019 of one KWC student each year studying Classics at university.





The L6 Latin students have relished learning about scansion, the method of working out the metre of Latin poetry and the length of different syllables. They have honed their language skills through completing a variety of translations and are great at problem-solving as a team. Lara is looking forward to immersing herself in the subject at the JACT Latin Camp this summer.

EXCERPTS FROM U4 POEMS

“Vesuvius” by Seán Cannan

Rumble, rumble,
rumble of the ground,

Rippling through the
land.

The deafening scream of
the giant mount,

Muting every other
puny sound.

Then. Voom! Crack!
Flash! And Kerwollop!

The Shroom! And the
Bang! Of the Gods,

Sending their message to
all the human race,

No one can escape
death's steady pace.

“Dear Melissa” by Bradley Kennedy

O Melissa, how sweet to
the touch,

I don't think you know
this, I love you, so
much,

No matter what they
say, no matter what they
do,

They could never take
me away from you.

Metella won't know,
Quintus won't care,

Clemens is just a slave,
he wouldn't dare,

We could run far away,
into the sunset,

We could go to Rome,
or Greece! I bet.

“What happens in the street” by Jessica Willis

As you step into the
street,

Your mind wanders far.

The candidates are ready
to greet,

The boys watch from
the bar.

The vendor lost his sales,

The actors just want
fame.

The senex is shouting
eheu!

Canis is not very tame.

My pocket is filled with
denarii,

A discus in my hand.

The smell of fresh wine
approaching,

The banker has many
fans.

ACADEMIC LIFE

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS & SOCIETIES GROUP

We attended the National Geographic Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at the House of Mannanan. So many of the topics that are studied in ESS were beautifully documented by photographers from all over the world, from Biodiversity and conservation to Ecosystems and Energy production. After looking at the images and making notes, each of the students spoke about their favourite image and also the photograph that they felt had the most impact. What a privilege to be able to see this extraordinary collection of photographs!



ACADEMIC LIFE DRAMA

Our Upper Sixth (Year 13) Theatre students arrived in London in October, ready for a few sightseeing delights before embarking on a three-day jam-packed programme with lead practitioners and examiners.

They had an action-packed first day, which included workshops with IB Theatre and performing artists. Students also watched the historical performance of 'The Empress' at The Lyric Theatre.

On day two, the students attended ISTA workshops at the Lyric Hammersmith, meeting, watching and learning from Japanese Kyogen performer, Hiroaki Ogasawara. They also met past KWC IB Theatre students. They watched 'Pygmalion' at the Old Vic, then enjoyed pizza, and saw the beautiful colours and lights of the National Theatre.

On the last day of the ISTA trip to London, the group met with Emer, a past IB Theatre pupil, at the Lyric Theatre Hammersmith. Emer now works at the Lyric Theatre and Royal Court, and was able to speak with our students about her experiences and working in the arts.



SPORT

RUGBY

L4

This rugby season was a brilliant experience and a superb starting point for the boys. We did extremely well in all matches. We played going undefeated with a tight and close game against our rivalling Castletown school, Castle Rushen. After the main games had taken place, we competed in a tournament. We did magnificently in this but sadly lost against Castle Rushen, purely because of their size and strength compared to ours. I really enjoyed this season, and I am unbelievably proud of the boys because of how they adapted to the drastic change in quality and size compared to the last season in Primary school. I think the key factor to our success is the amazing contribution and help given to us by our teachers, Mr Moss and Mr Crabtree. They are both superb and really encouraged our less-experienced players whilst still driving and pushing the team to become the best they can be.

In these fixtures there is a high level of competitiveness but there is still an element of enjoyment and fun in it. There were many funny mishaps or howlers. For example, I put the ball down on the 22 instead of the try line thinking I had scored. This season was great, and I cannot wait to take on the next season.

By Pierre Goosen

U4

For the first game of the season, we lost against local rivals, Castle Rushen. It was a very tough first match of the season. In our next game, we were again defeated by QE2, who also had a good squad. The next game away at Ballakermeen we won playing a great game.

A week later, we faced off to SNHS, drawing up until the final play, when they scored a fantastic try to clench the game from us. Then we faced off against Ramsey Grammar, and we played incredibly well and so did they. It was a terrific match resulting in a well-deserved draw that both sides fought very hard for. Overall, we had a good season and learnt a lot about rugby.

By Theo Henderson

1ST XV

There were fears that the 2023/2024 1st XV would struggle this year due to a smaller Upper Sixth cohort. However, due to the talent and courageousness of the Lower Sixth and Upper Fifth rugby players, alongside the dedication and training of Mr Moss and Mr Cope, the 1st XV was very successful. A key factor in this was the Australia Rugby Tour in the summer leading up to the season. Not only due to the skills and fitness which it built, but also due to the camaraderie which formed through living and travelling together for three weeks. This was important for our squad as it had rugby players from three different years, so having this opportunity to spend time with other years was important for building these friendships and going into the season. This being said, the 1st XV did experience difficulties along the way. With a positive start in the pre-season training at Sandbach in which Jaime Amoedo scored a hat-trick and Theo Kyriacou and U5 student Ellis Dunn also scored. However, this success was quickly halted by a well-drilled St Mary College squad which resulted in a significant loss; despite an incredible debut performance from our South African exchange, Zoma, from Bishops Diocesan College. Another

loss which came later in the season was against Lancaster Grammar School 2nd XV. The match began well with Jack Cutts scoring a penalty to put us 3 points ahead. This was alongside Sam Cowin's pick and go which gave him an assist and give us a try. Despite this, the score ended in a 10-45 loss. Other than these two losses, the 1st team was very successful.

Our biggest match of the season against Liverpool College away brought a 12-7 win, with Zoma taking his first try and Jack Cutts having his first try and man of the match. The next match was St David's College in a 53-0 win to commemorate ex-1st XV captain Lucas Martin. Try scorers were Zoma, Henry Telford, Loki Reader, Ellis Dunn, Henry Dawson and Jaime Amoedo. We then faced Liverpool College at home which was a 33-7 win and Jerry Xu received man of the match. The penultimate match of the season was a local match against Castle Rushen away. As always, the heavy rain and wind brought a great challenge for the squad, but alongside the

tremendous support on the KWC side line, the result was a strong 41-8, with two tries scored by vice-captain Henry Telford and his first try in a KWC shirt for Upper Sixth student, Ned Crellin. Tries also came from Sam Cowin, Henry Dawson, Max Barnes and several conversions from Jack Cutts.

Our final match against King's Rochester was a magnificent win in tough conditions again. The end score was 20-14 to KWC against a tough side; and try scorers were Henry Telford, Christian Beyer and Loki Reader. A phenomenal performance to end the season.

I want to thank the players for their dedication and determination throughout the season and to the parents for supporting the early start times and late finishes. We are extremely grateful to Mr Moss and Mr Cope for the hard work they have put in throughout our time at College and for the Upper Sixth students, the 1st XV will be dearly missed.

Robbie Davies 1st XV Captain



SPORT

HOCKEY

U4

The U4 girls had an amazing hockey season despite most of the girls not playing hockey outside of school. We made it through a series of fixtures against other schools and made it to the final against Castle Rushen! The girls worked so hard with all their determination and spirit. Although we sadly took a loss in the final, I am extremely proud of all the girls and how hard they have worked in all the training lessons especially considering we only started playing proper fixtures this year. The girls have had a great run this year and I can't wait to see what next season brings us.

Flo Heseleton

M5

During the M5 hockey season this year we really challenged and pushed ourselves, and for this we produced impressive results and an all-round positive season.

Due to lack of fixtures last year, we didn't have much experience playing as a team against other schools, this caused an initial lack of confidence, but this was quickly

overcome once we started playing against the other schools. We won a majority of our matches on the Island, playing especially well against Ramsey Grammar at home, where we were told we had played 'some of the best hockey this year' after we won the match by a significant amount. We reached the finals this year, but unfortunately did not win. This was against Castle Rushen, who are an extremely strong side, although we still put up a fight and played good hockey.

This season we were lucky enough to go across to play in the UK, against schools in the north-west. We played extremely well as a team and managed to win one and draw one of our matches, this was a very big achievement for us as a group because these teams are very well practised and highly skilled. We were very happy for this opportunity as it allowed us to grow as a team and gain more experience.

Overall, this year's season was very impressive from all of the girls. We are only getting better, and I can't wait to see how we grow and develop in the coming season. Well done girls.



SPORT

BASKETBALL



The junior basketball team was amazing this season. We won all our matches and won the junior basketball shield. The team of Dylan, Seb, Felix, Adi, Euan, Zac, Pierre, Theo, Jake, Bernat, Toby and Artie helped us win the junior basketball league. The first game against Castle Rushen was a very close game until in the last quarter of the game. Adi and Pierre scored a lot of points to win the game. In the second match against Ballakermeen, Artie scored the most points for the team in a thrashing victory for KWC. After those fixtures, we were feeling confident that we could win the league. We played SNHS next and they put up a very good fight but we managed to pull through and get the win. The fourth fixture was up against a modest QE2 team. Unluckily for them they had quite a lot of injuries

though. Our play was very good and we had good defence the whole game; we didn't give them many chances to get points. The fifth and final fixture before the final was against a Ramsey team which was a good attacking side but not the best in the defensive third.

Finally, we made it to the final and it was against our toughest opponent so far: Castle Rushen. The game was off to a cagey start with a few baskets here and there. But after a good team talk by Mr. Brindle at half time, we started the third quarter very well, scoring quite a few baskets. Castle Rushen picked up the pace too but we were playing even better. After the final whistle of the game, we were victorious and lifted the shield.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

L4

This year's Football season has been a remarkable success for the KWC L4s. The first game of the season was slightly challenging as we did not have a chance to play with each other a lot, but we managed to turn the game around with a superb Hat-trick from Seamus and a brilliant header from Bernat! This game set the tone for what was to come for the rest of the season. For the remainder of the season, we put out blinding displays with one notable performance when we put around 9 past Ballakermeen. Our biggest match was against the ominous SNHS but we sadly lost 3-2 in a very tight game.

Lastly, we competed in a tournament hosted at Ramsey Grammar where we went undefeated and beat our rivals SNHS!

I was immensely proud of our team for this season because as the season progressed you could see how we grew and improved as a team! I think we did so well because of our determination, relentlessness and our amazing coaching staff consisting of Mr. Moss and Mr. Jelly. Well done KWC and we now look forward to the next season!

By Pierre Goosen

U4

Unfortunately, we didn't have the best of football seasons down to the fact that the other schools had better players. In our first game against Castle Rushen, we had a tough game and lost, but we scored a free kick. In our next game we came against

SNHS, a team of Centre of Excellence players, and lost 3-0 but it turned out to be a close game of football. Our third game of the season came out to be our only win, with a 2-0 win against Ballakermeen, with goals from Adi and a lovely goal from Euan. Our other two games against QE2 and Ramsey Grammar were heavy defeats down to them playing better football.

L5

We went into the season with a mismatched team. Only a few of us had played together before and with two Upper Fours in our squad, we had no idea how we were going to cope. Our first match of the season was against Castle Rushen, who were a very strong side, which we quickly conceded to. We managed to claw one back which gave us the confidence we needed as a team, but to no avail. Going into our next game against SNHS we started off well, scoring in the first five minutes but being the talented side they were, they began to put the pressure on us. The match ended five three to them. We had a few more matches before the end of the season: Ramsey Grammar and Ballakermeen in which we didn't have our full line up. We ended the season in the freezing pouring rain in a painful match against QE2 which was called off before the end.

On the whole, I think we developed well as a team this season and it was good that we gained some new players who will contribute to our performance in the future.

SPORT

NETBALL

L4

This year's Netball season has been a good one. Though we were not as successful as we hoped. We played to the best of our ability, and we were able to win some of our matches. Some of the girls were lucky enough to be selected for the Manchester netball trip and we had lots of fun, although the teams we competed against were tough to play. Many of the girls in L4 had never played netball in their life. Seeing everyone's progress and improvement over the year has made the teachers and girls very proud.

Lisa Heunis

U4

This year was very successful for the U4 netball team. The KWC team remained undefeated, winning all of the island school fixtures, culminating in victory over CRHS in the inter school's netball final. The team showed improvement in both skills and communication on the court, which were evident during the first U4 off island fixture for this year group. In March, we enjoyed a netball tour to Manchester, where we played tough opponents, Stockport Grammar and Manchester High School for Girls, testing our skills to a new level. This time, the result was not in favour of KWC; however, the team showed resilience and a cohesive unit throughout the game. The team agreed it was a memorable experience and opportunity.

Yasmin Hawley

M5

The M5 girls' netball season was extremely positive even if we didn't always come out with a win.

Throughout the netball season, we all enjoyed playing in competitive fixtures against the other island school teams, including highlight wins against QE2 and SNHS, it was great to be able to play against some schools who were able to make up teams again this year after the previous troubles of COVID.

Although netball isn't this year group's strongest sport, we all joined together to make a strong and fun team who greatly enjoyed being a part of the 40 girls who were lucky enough to go across for a two-day netball trip to the UK. Even though our team didn't win either of the matches that we played across, we loved being able to gain some new experience, playing against higher level netball teams and being able to join in on some matches with the older age groups from KWC when they needed extra players.

I am very proud of the girls for how they did this year; coming together to form a team with new players, and for standing in for each other when we were missing players. Our team only ever improved after each match we played, and I cannot wait to see how we improve next season.

Well done girls.



SPORT

CRICKET

BOYS' CRICKET

L4

This season has been a very good one for our L4 team. We enjoyed an unbeaten win streak and were the better team in our games. We worked well together as a team. Our bowling was sometimes accurate, but we could work on keeping the wides and extras down a bit more. We tried hard with our batting and improved through the season. Although we went out a few times we were able to make up for these. The best part of our team over the past year was our communication. I felt that we were able to communicate effectively which made a big impact in our team's victories. There were, of course, a few questionable decisions and hard moments, but we worked hard as a team and fought through these during the season.

Some of the things I remember most this season are:

- watching Cooper and William going out to bat, even though there were some questionable calls and running decisions, they were always able to make it!
- Octavius saying "world-class" every time he took a wicket.

It has been a fantastic season, and we look forward to playing hard ball next year.

U4

We had a very good cricket season as we had a few strong players who played club cricket and for the EPP and First XI. Our first game against Castle Rushen was a good run with a few runs from Theo and Adi, and a 5-wicket haul from Theo. Our next game was against Ballakermeen and good bowling and four wickets each from Sol, and Adi made sure we whittled them all out for 35 and our batters chased it easily. Our next game and closest one was against QE2, they needed one run off the last ball and they hit a four to win the game. A game against Ramsey Grammar was close from Riley, from Ramsey Grammar, hitting 48 runs but due to some good batting we chased their score and guaranteed our spot in the final. In the final we lost the toss and got told we were batting first and thanks to a 101 (off 48 balls) not-out century from Adi and a good partnership with Artie; we managed to post up 191 runs and we defended it well from wickets all round the board and a good win to secure the Year 8 IOM cricket championship.



GIRLS' CRICKET

U4

This year, the U4 girls learnt a new sport in the form of cricket! Week one was spent learning the rules and being taught the basic skills, whilst week two was straight into match play. The team experienced a steep learning curve; however, with determination and practice, KWC were victorious throughout the season. Cricket soon became a new favourite during games lessons for many players. Once again, the U4 girls worked incredibly well as a team and scored many fours, with the occasional sixes, when batting! The team proudly took wickets in all of the fixtures and even managed a number of catches. This season most definitely showcased KWC girls' growing dominance in this sport.

Yasmin Hawley

L5

Cricket has been an enjoyable and fun experience for my year and others in this summer term, we have enjoyed playing fixtures and getting training from the community coach Eddie. We have played a variety of games and tried new skills, from learning to bowl properly to learning how to perform different types of shots with plastic and wooden bats. In our first fixture both we and Castle Rushen made history by being the first girls' teams on the island to play a cricket fixture within the schools, and it was a very close match with only 6 runs in it. Overall playing cricket for the first time in school has been very well spent and has led to a lot of girls joining different cricket teams widely spread across the island, and it's safe to say that by playing cricket this term has led to a positive influence on numbers in girls' cricket teams on island.



SPORT

ROUNDERS

This term we have had a fair season in rounders. We started off by playing QE2 where we drew with them. It was a very tough game, but we all played very well. Our second game was against Castle Rushen. Sadly, we lost that game quite badly, but we all had a wonderful time on the pitch and really enjoyed playing. Our last match was against Ramsey Grammar where we also lost, meaning we didn't make it into the final. However, the Ramsey game was amazing, as while fielding we were really on the ball and our hits were

particularly good but not good enough to beat Ramsey Grammar. The players of the match that game were June, for A team, and Daisy, for B team. They played exceptionally well and deserved it. Lastly, we played house rounders where Dickson won! There were some very tight games but, in the end, it proved that Dickson were the better house at rounders.

Overall, we had an incredibly fun season in rounders and enjoyed ourselves very much.





12TH KWC DERBYHAVEN SWIM

The 124th King William's College Derbyhaven swim took place on Monday, 24th June 2024. As the high tide dictates, the participants plunged into the sea from the breakwater at precisely 1:45 PM. Despite the murky and overcast weather, the sea remained calm, providing favourable conditions for the swimmers. The sea temperature was a chilly 13°C, while the air temperature was slightly warmer at 17°C.

This year's event featured 16 student swimmers, joined by two staff members, Harry Brindle and Jess Stanley. The cold water presented a formidable challenge, but all participants demonstrated commendable resolve and enthusiasm.

As the swim commenced, Alexander Brown, last year's runner-up, quickly surged ahead. Alexander had been the fastest qualifier, clocking an impressive 11 minutes and 41 seconds for the half-mile swim, which had marked him as the favourite. He maintained a strong and steady pace throughout the race, leading from start to finish.

Hot on Brown's heels was Tilly Bird-McGowan, who had earned the title of top female swimmer in the previous year. Tilly demonstrated tremendous effort and determination as she tried to keep pace with Alex, showcasing her swimming prowess and competitive spirit.

The performance of all participants was commendable, particularly given the cold-water temperature. They all showed great tenacity and skill, making the event a memorable one.

Alexander Brown finished the race in first place with a time of 13 minutes and 15 seconds, a testament to his strength and endurance. Tilly Bird-McGowan secured the runner-up position and was also the top female swimmer, reflecting her consistent performance and dedication. She finished just behind Alexander, demonstrating her competitive edge.

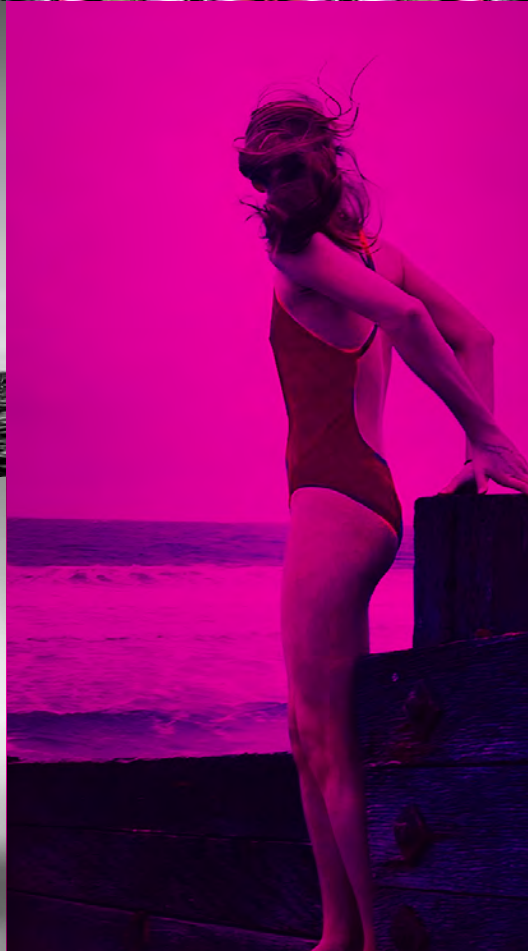
Georgie Ford claimed third place with a time of 14 minutes and 26 seconds, rounding out the top three with another excellent performance. Each of these swimmers displayed remarkable athleticism and determination, setting a high standard for future competitors.

The 124th Derbyhaven swim was a success, showcasing the talents and hard work of all participants. As we look forward to next summer's 125th Derbyhaven Bay Swim, the bar has been set high. The legacy of the King William's College Derbyhaven swim continues to thrive, celebrating the spirit of competition and the joy of swimming.

ALEXANDER BROWN	1315
TILLY BIRD-McGOWAN	1423
GEORGIE FORD	1426
LUKE SUTTON	1550
LARA HALL BORZAGA	1644
LOKI READER	1727
ED COOLE	1746
HARRY BRINDLE (STAFF)	1854
SUMMER HARTNETT	2129
SAMSON CURTIS	2130
JERRY XU	2202
MAX COPE	2220
JESS STANLEY (STAFF)	2223
AIDEN SMITH	2327
IAN LARSON	2415
EMILY KIRKHAM	2418
CELIZE VORSTER	2722
MIKHAELLA HARRIS	2826

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COLLEGE LIFE

MUSIC

The past year has been a vibrant tapestry of musical events at King William's College and The Buchan School, showcasing the incredible talents of our students across various platforms and styles. From intimate recitals to grand concerts, our young musicians have continually impressed audiences with their dedication and skill.

The year was punctuated with a series of delightful Live Lounge sessions. The first, held in early Autumn, featured an array of performances from bands to piano pieces and harp solos to vocal performances. Further Live Lounge sessions were scattered throughout the year offering an introduction to new performers and a delightful mix of solos, duets and even group performances. These events not only provided entertainment but also encouraged more students to participate and share their talents.

Our termly concerts highlighted the musical prowess within College. Our Autumn concert (with an eclectic mix of pianists, guitarists, and singers) provided a superb evening of entertainment. Our Spring Concert, as always, was completely touching, with it being our Upper Sixth's final formal performance. As tradition dictates, each of our leavers was presented with a yellow rose, symbolizing their significant contributions to the college's musical life. Their journey with us has fostered a deep love for music, which we hope will continue to enrich their lives.

Our younger students also had their moment in the spotlight during the annual Cushion Concert. P2 and P3 children performed confidently on the piano and sang duets, creating a

relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Many thanks to Mrs. Solly and our wonderful visiting music teachers for their preparation and support.

The Buchan Prep Choir had a busy Christmas season, performing at various events, including the annual Carol Service at The Chapel of St Thomas, concerts for residents at Silverdale Care Home, and the Live at Home Christmas Lunch. Their participation in community events like the Castletown Pensioner's Lunch and the "3FM Lights Up Christmas" show in Castletown brought joy to many and showcased their dedication to spreading festive cheer.

The festive season at College started with our Christmas Live Lounge. The festive theme, complete with mulled wine and mince pies, set the perfect atmosphere for performances that ranged from classic Christmas carols to popular hits. A memorable surprise performance by some of our teachers added a special touch to the event.

This set things rolling for all our Christmas events; from "The Festival of Trees" to the Castletown Lights Switch on, followed by our traditional Carol Services. This year was no exception and as usual was held in our beautifully adorned Chapel of St Thomas. Amidst the softly flickering candlelight and the gentle hush of anticipation, our traditional carol services are transformed into the timeless spirit of Christmas, through the enchanting strains of our organ and choristers making these moments as unforgettable as they are profound. This is also followed by mince pies and mulled wine, and everyone knows it is truly Christmas!

One of the stand-out events was the IOM Organists Association Students Concert held at Castletown Methodist Church. Alexander Owenson and Jess Quigley, both students at KWC and taught by Mr. Gareth Moore, gave remarkable performances. Their public performance was a testament to their hard work and the excellent guidance they received.

As the academic year drew to a close, our final Live Lounge session for the year featured a diverse range of performances and a special appearance by Rev. Erica and Mrs. Craine. These sessions have become a beloved tradition, and we eagerly anticipate more next year.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming musical events, including more 'Live Lounge' sessions and various concerts that promise to deliver more extraordinary performances from our talented students. We are also delighted to mention our forthcoming Musical 'Matilda Junior'. We have now also started Live Streaming many of our concerts and performances, thus allowing overseas parents and alumni to enjoy the performances.

We look forward to your continued support and to celebrating the musical achievements of our students in the coming year.



COLLEGE LIFE

HOUSE DRAMA

The Autumn term was once again dominated by preparations for the House Drama Festival which, this year, welcomed Verity MacLeod as adjudicator. Swapping the cobbles for King's Court Theatre, Verity is an OKW whose love of the written word has led to her current role as Assistant Producer of 'Coronation Street'. This experience, along with her many years in the scriptwriting department, meant that Verity was thoroughly prepared for the drama that would unfold in front of her.

WALTERS

Walters House aimed to replicate the battles and chivalry of the Medieval period in this year's House Drama Festival, as they performed "Brave St George". The play was centred on St George who, in his pursuit to marry princess Saffron, had to first complete a series of challenges set by the royal family to prove himself worthy of her hand. However, as with any challenge and House Drama play, there was a twist in the tale at the end! Directed by Elliott Butler and Emily Osbourn (L6), the cast brought together students from across all year groups, all of whom worked incredibly hard to make it the best production possible. With a script written entirely in rhyme, it was a memorable performance from everybody involved, but the stand out star was Tommy Foster who won the Bowring Cup for Best Supporting Role; for playing both the dragon and the Turkish Knight. Really well done to everyone who participated, Walters put on a great performance!

Emily Osbourn (L6)

COLBOURNE

Colbourne's House Drama production was a somewhat different version of a famous Shakespeare play, as immediately apparent through the name "Romeo & Juliet & Aliens". This original take on a classic, followed high school students and the school janitor in their fight against their new alien Heads of School in order to save everybody from being brainwashed. While they battled for their brains, there were also some new loves and friendships which arose from this adventure. Directed by Milica Bodioga and Milo Burnett (L6), the team comprised of a fabulously talented group of actors and backstage crew, who worked tremendously hard in preparation for the performance. However, Colbourne House was particularly happy to have maintained their grip on the Bowring Plate for Technical Excellence, through the efforts of Charles-Emmanuel De Terrasson De Montleau and Philip Sennefelder (U5) in light and sound. Meanwhile Emelie Freiin Von Stein Zu Nord-und Ostheim (U5) was awarded the coveted Kane Cup for Best Individual Acting Performance for her outstanding performance as Juliet Capella. Big congratulations to the entire international cast and crew!

Milica Bodioga (L6)



DICKSON

Dickson's play, "The Misfits", was an original story with a partly original soundtrack, written, directed and composed by Celize Vorster and co-directed by Ian Larson. The play followed the story of Adam (played by Brodie Millar) and the mysteries of his family's past and was described by our adjudicator as a story that "Had everything: romance, friendship, betrayal." Despite some early technical complications, the play was a huge success, going on to win the Dorothy Lowey Cup for Wow Factor for the spontaneous rendition of "Ghostbusters". Eve Steriopulos (L5) claimed the Freda Jeavons Cup for best Individual Acting Performance for her role as Laura and the whole cast was delighted to win the Tatton Shield for Best Play. Other stand-out performances came from Sam Callister and Alicia Kiernan (L5) and Zoë Bridson and Ameya Malikireddy (M5) who all put an amazing amount of effort in through rehearsals and helped to inspire enthusiasm throughout the rest of the cast. As a writer and director, it was insightful to see how productions go from ideas to production, and the invaluable experience this provided for the whole cast of budding stars. A big thank you to everyone who was involved, I am so thankful you were all able to make this dream a reality.

Celize Vorster (L6)



SIXTH FORM EVENTS

ADVOCACY COMPETITION

Some of our Sixth Formers attended the Advocacy Competition at the Isle of Man Courts. They were each given a bail case beforehand, where they had to prosecute or defend someone against an opponent who held the opposing motion. There was a total of seven cases and 14 competitors.

The students started the morning with a basic overview of what a court day is like and met with professionals who the students were able to consult with for advice, prior to beginning their cases.

Kayla (L6) said: "It was a very insightful and educational experience for me as someone who loves debating and is thinking about Law as a career. We all went in with our A-games to bring the verdict in our favour. It was incredibly competitive, but I was able to come out victorious with strong arguments. Experiencing the state of mind which advocates, juries and magistrates have to adapt to ensure the scales of justice are balanced, was one of the best things of the day! Thank you to the Isle of Man Courts for such a great opportunity to test my skills in a formal court room setting, it was fascinating and thought-provoking."



CHRISTMAS BALL

The Sixth Form Christmas Ball was an amazing event, where all of the Sixth Form came together, spending the time chatting, dancing, and having a great time! Since it was black tie, it gave us all an opportunity to dress up, yet the event was kept informal, allowing us to relax and get to know everyone from both year groups. Cameron DJed brilliantly, and there was lots of delicious food for us to eat in the Barrovian. It was a perfect night and lovely end to our first term in Sixth Form!

Emily Osbourn & Ian Larson (L6)



EPIPHANY DINNER

On 19th January, the Sixth Form were treated to their annual Epiphany Dinner. This was a great black tie social event, to celebrate the end of mock exams for the Upper Sixth and the start of another exciting term for all of the Sixth Form. After the reception drinks, we enjoyed a fantastic three course meal and the dessert went down particularly well! The Barrovian Hall looked amazing lit by candles. It was great to see the mixing between both year groups and it was another good excuse for everybody to get dressed up. I think we all looked pretty amazing!

Elliott Butler (L6)



LECTURE

On Monday 29th January 2024 an experienced paper conservator Emma Le Cornu paid our school a visit and gave a very interesting lecture attended by students from 6th form.

Ms. Le Cornu works in museums, galleries, archives and libraries since 2008 in London, Singapore, Qatar and the Isle of Man. She is an accredited member of the Institute of Conservation (ICON) since 2013. Currently, she is a library and archives conservator at Manx National Heritage and has been working there for almost 5 years. She has been involved in the conservation of archives and library material including books, bound volumes, documents, maps, plans, photographs, newspapers, film and audio collections, posters, drawings, watercolours and more.

During her lecture, she spoke about working with conserving artworks at the National Art Gallery display predominantly about "The Countess" within the Manx Museum for the institution's centenary. This collection helps tell the stories of the Isle of Man and its people. Christopher

Weeks and herself did much of the conservation, having spent a year evaluating the state of thousands of artworks. The national gallery contains over 6000 pieces, but most of them are not in the right condition to be displayed. Several of the works, now included in this exhibition, had not been on display for more than 20 years. There are different techniques she used for conservation many of which she managed to share with the students. Two examples of her work are labels from a bottle of lavender salts found in an old Douglas chemist's shop from the mid-1800s and a poster from the same period representing the Royal Coat of Arms. The main deteriorating factor for the latter was its storage in a damp place.

The lecture was very inspiring and gave much insight into the field of conservation and its importance in maintaining our history and heritage. We are thankful we were able to experience such an enriching lecture and thank Emma Le Cornu for her time and her informative presentation.

Lucy Siricova, Teodora Stefaroi



SIXTH FORM EVENTS

LECTURE

OKW, Graihagh Cordwell, gave a fascinating and thought-provoking lecture to the Sixth Form, captivating on every level!

Sophie did a grand job of introducing our guest speaker and Jess gave a very eloquent vote of thanks. They said: “We had the pleasure of having a lecture from an OKW, Graihagh Cordwell. Graihagh told us about her experiences researching the role of music in refugee camps in the Za’atari camp in Jordan. Her presentation contained videos that she had taken from the camp for her research, and this was invaluable as it broke down the stereotypes of refugees and let us see the community they created. She talked about how individual refugees found music after moving to the camp, regardless of the trauma they experienced, and how they now use music within the camp. The talk was eye opening and made us challenge stereotypes that have been created by society. It was very inspiring to see the global impact that music can have and how arts-education is invaluable, and something that we ultimately take for granted.”



LINGUISTICS

23 students from Lower Fifth to Upper Sixth took part in the challenging Linguistics Olympiad this year. The competition challenges participants to analyse the grammar, structure, culture, and history of different languages and to demonstrate their linguistic abilities through puzzles and problem-solving challenges. It encourages creativity and imagination and helps participants develop skills in language analysis and problem-solving.

The two-hour paper consisted of fiendish questions where they were required to crack the code of a selection of minority languages to work out meaning. This included Ewe (from Ghana), Paiwan (an indigenous language from Taiwan spoken by 15,000 people), Yuracaré (a language isolate spoken by only 2-3,000 people in central Bolivia), and Zou (a Sino-Tibetan language spoken by 88,000 people in Myanmar, India and Bangladesh).

Last year Bethany (U6) attended the International Linguistics Olympiad in Bulgaria. She came top in the IoM Linguistics Olympiad last term and was selected to represent the island as part of a team of four – an amazing achievement!

Bethany said: “I was privileged to represent the Isle of Man at the International Linguistics Olympiad in the beautiful ski resort of Bansko, Bulgaria. 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 boot camp 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!”

SUMMER '24

BOARDING

EXPERIENCE

From 5th to 25th June, we welcomed seven 13-16-year-old students from Germany, France and Italy to experience life in a boarding school. They received ESOL lessons, explored the many cultural sights and the history of the island, got a taste of TT madness and took part in many varied outdoors and indoors activities. Highlights included Karting, kayaking, a trip across to Liverpool and a brilliant boat trip around and onto the Calf of Man, where they encountered seals and dolphins, and even spotted a pair of puffins!

In addition, they also attended taster lessons in a variety of academic subjects as part of the wider school community for one week and fully enjoyed their boarding experience, immersing themselves in all boarding activities and becoming part of the wonderful boarding community in a very short time. They all returned to their homes having had the most amazing time and with many stories to tell. We might see some of them return in the not so distant future.



COLLEGE LIFE BOARDING

What a great, adventurously active year we have had in Boarding!

Busier than ever, we welcomed many brand-new faces into our boarding families throughout the year. From as far afield as Angola, Russia, St Grenadine and St Vincent, to the very local Lazayre, Douglas and Ballasalla. We enjoy and celebrate our rich mix of nationalities, who all bring heart and soul to our community. As ever, our focus is on ensuring the best possible experience for all, and with many activities through the year, we have without a doubt had a great deal of fun!

Introducing our new Boarding House Committee in the summer, the fabulous Milica Bodriga and Leo Reisch were elected to head up our Houses and gave impassioned speeches to their peers. In addition, look out for the inclusion of more new faces from our incoming Lower Sixth (Year 12) cohort in the new academic year.

We bid a fond adieu to our outgoing boarders, who brought us so much joy, prowess on the rugby pitch, friendship, tech wizardry, and a fervent home-making streak, to name but a few qualities (you know who you are!) for it is never truly goodbye. Once a School House Girl or Colbourne Boy, forever a part of our boarding community.

Furthermore, to celebrate and recognise all of this, we let the pictures do the talking...





A TASTE OF CULTURE

The 'A Taste of Culture' entertainment and food tasting evening took place on Thursday, 8th of February 2024. It featured a great and varied entertainment programme of music, dance, theatre and poetry from all across the world. Afterwards, delicious mains and desserts from the Isle of Man, England, Scotland, France, the Philippines, the Middle East, Russia, Germany, South Africa, Spain, Belgium, Eastern Europe and China were served in the Barrovian.

It was once again a brilliant evening showcasing the talents of our international student community. We can't thank everyone enough who was involved - students, teachers and parents - for donating their time, sharing their food and providing such splendid entertainment.

Our gratitude also goes out to everyone who supported the students and their fundraising efforts by buying tickets and visiting the event. In total we raised around £1740 for Speranta Terrei.

As the different countries were also competing against each other for national glory, as voted by the visiting public, the winners were:

Best Food: Philippines; Runner-Up: South Africa

Best Dessert: Belgium; Runner-Up: England

Best Presentation: France; Runner-Up: Middle East

Bring on 'A Taste of Culture' 2025!





COLLEGE LIFE

DEBATING

ISLE OF MAN – MANX DEBATING LEAGUE

It was noted that there was a lack of Inter-Schools Debating. Therefore, we ventured into creating a league, including all the secondary schools on the island.

Our first year proved to be successful, and after a round-robin format, KWC and CRHS debated in the Final. The motion was 'This House (being the UK) would do away with homework in secondary schools'. College proposed the motion and the debaters' views on homework were interesting. CRHS could not break down College's policy and narrowly lost in the finals.

Our second year was put on hold due to the teacher strikes. However, this did not stop the College students wanting to participate in internal debates. The participation in Debating increased from five students to over twenty.

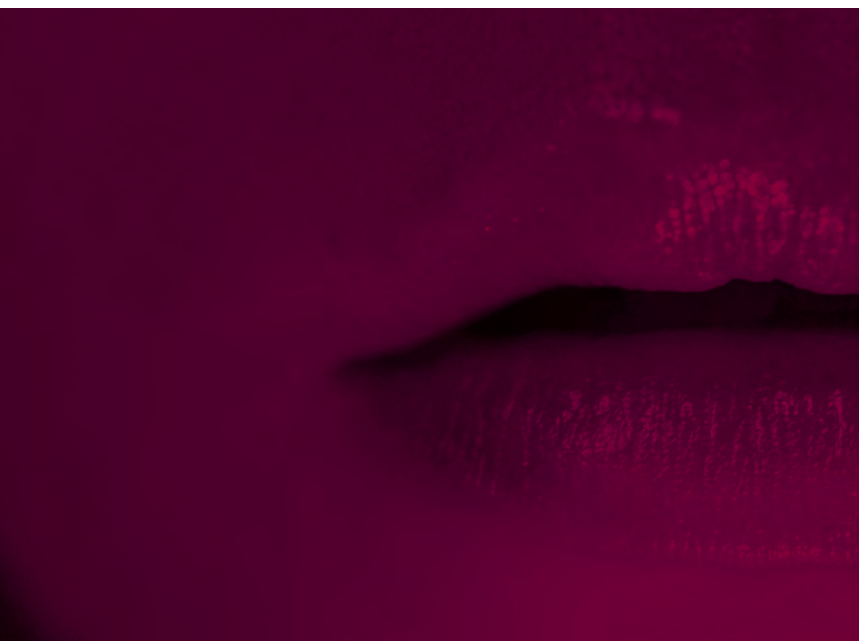
In February 2024 Brodie Millar and Laurence Kiesewetter participated in the

Oxford Schools' Debating Competition, in Manchester. They learnt a great deal, but unfortunately did not qualify to debate in the semi-finals.

This year was once again a successful year. KWC and BHS debated in the Final. The motion was 'This House would reintroduce conscription in the UK'. After a coin toss, College once again proposed and beat BHS by ix points.

The top eight speakers in the league, from BHS, KWC, RGS and SNHS will be participating in the Oxford Schools' Debating Competition at the beginning of 2025. A very big congratulations to these students. To debate effectively one needs to have knowledge and understanding of the motion, be a critical thinker, and think quickly on your feet. The skills that accompany Debating are a lifelong benefit.

All the debaters should be commended on their commitment. It takes a lot of time to research and to put together a strong argument. I foresee thought-leaders in the making in the Isle of Man.



INTER-HOUSE DEBATING 2024

In the summer term, the Lower Sixth students stepped up to lead another series of Inter-House Debates, competing to wrestle with contentious issues in an effort to claim the coveted trophies.

Beginning with the Intermediate Competition, Colbourne and Walters set a high standard by examining whether climate protesters have done more harm than good. With a range of examples provided, it was an informative discussion of the issues, resulting in a very close competition. However, it was the persuasive skill of Rishi Chandilya (M5) that proved to be the difference and guided Walters to victory. Buoyed by the excellent feedback from their first debate, the young Colbourne team, led by Sophie Talavera (L4), were well prepared for the second debate focusing on whether keeping animals as pets is unethical. However, despite a strong performance, they faced a very experienced Dickson team who successfully rebutted their points to claim the win. With one win each, the final debate between Walters and Dickson would be the decider and so both teams were primed to debate the idea that the education system is out of date. Complementing personal experiences with global data, the Houses traded blows. However, with a professional and polished performance from Brodie Millar (L5), Dickson were proclaimed the winners and took home the overall Intermediate title.

Not to be outdone by the skill of the Intermediates, the Senior debaters also engaged in fierce competition, beginning with Walters and Dickson who, in week 1, debated whether technological

advancements have gone too far. With a particular emphasis on the pros and cons of AI, there was an engaging back and forth between the teams which revealed a great deal of research. Despite being new to the Lower Sixth, it was a stand out performance from Summer Hartnett that helped Dickson prevail. In week 2, a confident Colbourne team strode into action proposing that money can buy happiness, a motion that was opposed by Walters. A determined debate, the teams traded Points of Information to challenge their opposition in what was a very close competition. However, the relentlessness of Kayla Bobb (L6) saw Colbourne triumph by a mere two points. As with the Intermediates, a competitive series meant that the Senior winners would also be decided by the final debate as Dickson faced off against Colbourne. It was both a timely and contentious debate as the Houses discussed the Isle of Man's assisted dying bill. With the intricate details of the bill undergoing close scrutiny, the teams reflected the many challenges of this issue but it was the persuasive delivery and superb knowledge of Teodora Stefanoi (L6) in Colbourne that clinched the debate and Senior series for her House.

Many congratulations to the winning teams from Dickson and Colbourne but also to all who went beyond their comfort zones to engage in a series of lively debates. With students taking part from all year groups and a number who were entirely new to debating this year, hopes are high for another exciting series next year.

JEAN STEELS RHETORIC COMPETITION

The prestigious Jean Steels Rhetoric Competition took place this year and five students delivered talks on a variety of topics, including specifically:

‘Anyone who can use a smart phone has the right to own one, whatever their age’
Aristea (L5)

‘AI: the bringer of the future or the end?’
Jaden King (U4)

‘The Criminal Mind: Nurture vs Nature’
Kayla Bobb (L6)

‘The existence of God’
Riquelmer De César Omar (L6)

At the end of the evening, **Celize Vorster (L6)** was the worthy winner of the competition, with her talk entitled ‘Storytelling is the most powerful tool’ – congratulations to Celize!

With many thanks to the Clerk of Tynwald, Jonathan King, who adjudicated the competition and everyone who attended.



COMBINED CADET FORCE

This year our Summer Camp was at Altcar in Merseyside. Twenty-five intrepid warriors from all three sections left the Island for a week of adventurous activities with 350 other cadets from around the North West. The camp did not disappoint. We came in the top 5 of schools for the competition phase and managed to secure two marksmanship badges for outstanding shooting.

All three sections have been busy this year. The RAF Section have had two trips away to RAF Woodvale for single prop flight training, the Royal Navy Section have had several sailing Field Days and the Army Section have honed their green skills in readiness for Summer Camp.

Shooting Club on Tuesday lunchtimes has grown considerably with more and more cadets getting extra practice in, on our purpose built indoor 25 metre range.

We laid down our old CCF Standard this year and have been lucky enough to be able

to procure a replacement with the help of parents; Mr and Mrs Atkinson. A special thank you to them for their support.

The Contingent came runner up in the Charles Wilson Memorial Trophy this year with an outstanding model made by RN Cadet Jenkins.

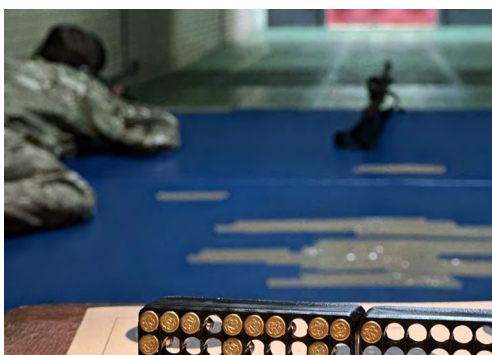
It is great to see our new training syllabus tying in with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Cadets can now complete most of their Bronze, Silver and Gold sections with support from CCF.

We are looking forward to the spring and our planned Field Days which will be full of fun and surprises for the cadets.

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 2024 the very, very best for the future!

2Lt Stuart Headon (SSI)

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at KWC has carried on flourishing this year with very healthy numbers of participants - particularly at the Silver level. The weather was very kind to us and all the expeditions could be completed as planned, whether on island or away in Wales. Certificates for completed Awards were presented and celebrated in school and at Buckingham Palace. Our participants completed an overall 1,066 hours of volunteering in the last 12 months, amounting to an estimated social value of £5,626.

We want to carry on helping young people develop all their skills, known and hidden ones, improving their health and social skills through physical and volunteering activities; and we want them to get lost in the woods without mobile signal to work as a team and find their way out!

This is why I am, once more, really thankful for the parental support towards the scheme this year. Finally, I would also like to thank a member of staff who has volunteered and helped with the running of the Award at KWC for many years: Mr. Ulyett. Without his support and dedication, the Award would not have carried on running sometimes and he has provided humour and strength to me in equal measures over the years.

As always, the best way to know what has actually happened is to ask our students, so here are some of the participants' accounts for their DofE experience this year. I hope you enjoy reading them.

Carolina Ganzo-Pérez
DofE Manager



BRONZE AWARD

I was so excited to start my DofE expedition. I really enjoyed walking up hills and mountains with my group while also learning lots of new skills. On the practice expedition, we learnt lots of helpful things, like how to put up a tent. I also really enjoyed learning how to use the Trangia stove and to cook. However, aside from our tent flooding and as a result, sleeping in the dorms, the practice was surprisingly incident-free. On the second day of the practice, we were dropped off somewhere near Cornaa and we had to use a map, compass and other navigational aids to find our way back to the Venture Centre. I took the opportunity to bring my camera along and took some pictures of the scenery.

The expedition was also fun. On the first day, we were dropped off near the Bungalow on the mountain road in thick fog. I could barely see the other group. We had to cross bogs and walls, and predictably, we soon got lost and wasted time and energy walking up the wrong hill. We then stopped for lunch, when I realised I had severely underestimated how hungry I would be. I mostly survived off Huel drinks during the expedition.

My three sections (Volunteering, Physical and Skills) showed me what I could do if I gave enough effort; and I think it has helped me grow as a person.

By Tommy Foster



BRONZE AWARD

The DofE award was filled with highs and lows. Starting off with volunteering, I chose to do it at the wildlife park. Over three months, I learned how to take care of many different animals including red pandas, lemurs, owls and a rescued puffin named Steve. I had great fun and would definitely do it again.

Onto the actual expedition, it was interesting. Apart from that one huge hill, living off noodles and one of my teammates getting allergies, it was overall a pleasant experience. I learned various new skills like putting up a tent, cooking with a Trangia stove and making my way about with just a tent.

The walking part was my least favourite. We walked about 20 miles over the two days, around Union Mills, West Baldwin, Crosby, and finishing in St Johns. Meeting everything from forests to mountains and cars to horses, the actual walk wasn't too bad.

Camping was my personal favourite. We stayed at Glen Lough campsite, along with a Silver group. With help from the training from our practice weekend, putting up the tent was very easy, and cooking my noodles with the Trangia stove was also a walk in the park. Sitting with ten other people in a four-man tent playing truth or dare is a moment I will always remember.

DofE was an experience that gave me knowledge, skills and teamwork that grew me into a better person, and I am looking forward to next year when I do my Silver.

By Zoe Vogel



SILVER AWARD

I have just completed my Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition in Snowdonia, Wales. Having done my bronze in Hong Kong under their equivalent Hong Kong Award for Young People (HKAYP), it was interesting to see and compare the differences in procedure and the environments in which we completed the expedition.

Regarding the procedure, with the HKAYP, I did five days and four nights, whereas with DofE Bronze only requires two days and one night. However, the biggest difference for me was the landscape and scenery of the routes. During my expedition in Hong Kong, I would come across much more tropical plants such as myrtle, cinnamon tree, and bamboo. I encountered a variety of fauna, distinct from that of the Isle of Man or Wales, which included wild boars, buffaloes, and monkeys.

Because of the extreme differences between Hong Kong environments and Wales, I feel it made me appreciate the routes more, especially when we would reach high points and view over a large mass of land. Overall, the differences between the HKAYP and DofE made me enjoy the expeditions more, especially experiencing hiking and camping in different conditions.

Summer Hartnett

GOLD AWARD

I have completed the Duke of Edinburgh Award both in Germany and here on the Isle of Man. I believe that undertaking the award on the Isle of Man is much more engaging due to the unique environment, which makes the expedition more adventurous and challenging. At my previous school, we were required to follow a prescribed route precisely, without any room for adaptation. However, at King William's College, we have been given the opportunity to creatively choose our route and objectives, allowing us to integrate these elements into our Duke of Edinburgh experience. Also, I firmly believe that the Duke of Edinburgh Award has been made a lot more fun for the participants; as being able to choose your groups does make a huge impact. I have recently completed my Gold Award and we went to Wales on our final expedition. Specifically speaking, it was Snowdonia National Park. It had breath-taking views and challenging terrain. Overall, I am very pleased with the program at King William's College.

By Aaron Seltz



SILVER & GOLD EXPEDITIONS TO THE SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK IN NORTH WALES

Towards the end of the summer term, 39 intrepid students from M5, U5 & L6 took the challenge once more and undertook the completion of their Qualifying Silver and Gold Expeditions in Snowdonia, Wales. The group was very lucky with the weather overall and they enjoyed practically perfect conditions for hill walking. The Gold groups started their expeditions on Thursday, whereas the Silvers got a chance to explore the town of Llamberis and kayak in the Padarn Lake that day under glorious sunshine. On Friday, however, the Silvers also started their expeditions full of enthusiasm and determination under a threatening grey sky that kept a cool temperature during the day, but finally made all the campers have to endure rainy conditions that evening. Saturday brought back the blue skies and the sense of achievement as all the participants were counting down the days and working out how much food was left in their bags. Sunday, the last day of the expeditions was full of mixed feelings - sore feet, happy faces for their achievements, sadness to say goodbye to the beautiful Welsh mountains, happiness to make it to Liverpool with enough time to visit a certain fast food chain (with golden arches) and rush to the Sea Cat for a very calm and pleasant crossing whilst eating some well-earned Welsh Rock... Then back home for a comfy bed and another fun week at school, where pupils shared their experiences, full of interesting anecdotes, and prepared presentations for the different groups. What a fantastic way to end the term!



COLLEGE LIFE

CHAPEL

The work of the Chaplain takes her to celebrations of Baptism and Marriage, as well as bedsides and gravesides. Sadly, there have been too many of the latter this academic year.

Each week the Chaplain visits The Buchan for assemblies and singing. This year the venue for Prep has been the STEAM Room. This is an intimate space where the use of images displayed by PowerPoint has been a revelation - technology allows for tiny pictures which would have been in manuscripts and only a couple of inches in size to be shown on the large screen.

The use of pictures inspires many responses, illustrating to the Chaplain how to offer worship differently. The Pre-Prep have similar opportunities to study ecclesiastical art.

Singing is a simple way to learn scripture and prayer. Students sing unaccompanied. The Nursery love to sing and have enjoyed singing with the Chaplain, always in chorus form.

Back at College, the yearly Chapel calendar was disrupted by the Chaplain's absence through injury in the first half of the Autumn term, but once she was restored to us, normal service was resumed.

Chapel is more than a place to gather. It is the place where the community comes together, and significant milestones are celebrated and marked. It is a place of sanctuary and history.

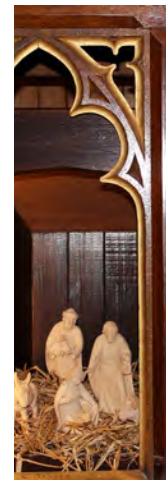
A unique service was held to lay up the old and commission new CCF Standard. The service, which takes the form of Remembrance, is a rare thing. We heard

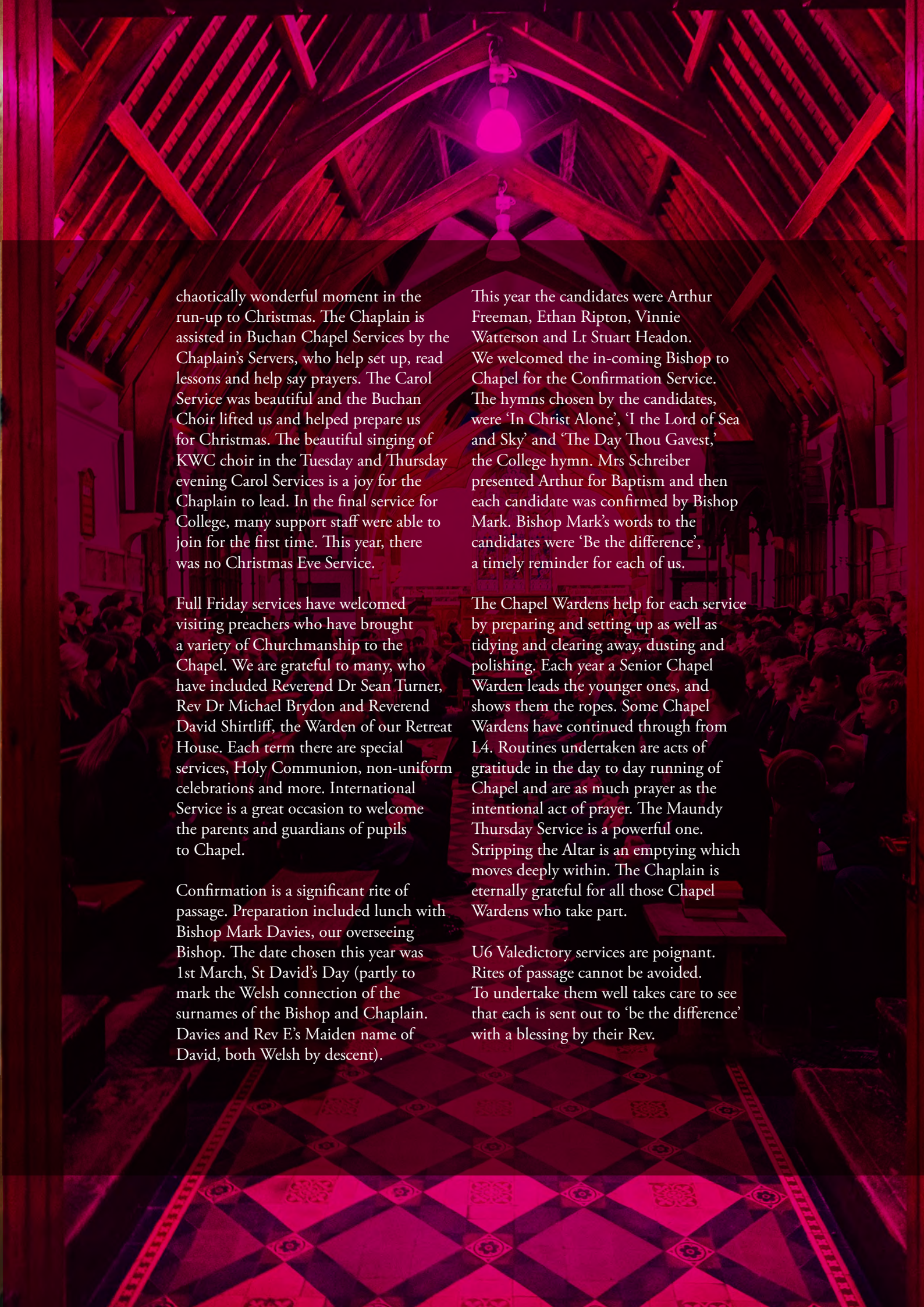
this from our retiring Bishop, Peter Eagles, who had been the Archdeacon of the Army, that he had seen this ceremony twice in his service in the military. During the hymn 'Now thank we all our God', the Old Standard was carried unfurled, by the Under Officer. The Colour Party with the New Standard furled and at the slope followed The Act of Remembrance and laying up, placing the old standard on the altar. It remains laid up in the rafters next to the Memorial window, a reminder of the commitment of the CCF and the lives of the fallen.

Our Remembrance Service followed close after, and the solemnity of wreath laying and standard bearing felt weightier than ever.

Daily life is marked with weekly services. Tuesdays are led by the Chaplain and Thursday Chapel is led by students. Autumn Term followed the Jesse's Tree reflections once again. These familiar stories are foundational in the life of this Community. We trace the story of Jesus through the Old Testament prophecies and stories into New Testament and the Annunciation of Mary. The Chapel Wardens, who help the Chaplain in the day to day running of Chapel, have the honour of acting out the Nativity, which this year included the donkey, complete with ears and hooves, leading Mary down the nave to the Stable, at the door.

During the visit of P1 each year, they ask to look for the angels and to count them, as well as to find a sheep to place at the nativity scene. The tree is adorned with the baubles depicting the Jesse Tree scriptures, and the Angel atop joins the 17 other angels who can be seen in Chapel. Carols in Advent include the tradition of 12 Days of Christmas, a





chaotically wonderful moment in the run-up to Christmas. The Chaplain is assisted in Buchan Chapel Services by the Chaplain's Servers, who help set up, read lessons and help say prayers. The Carol Service was beautiful and the Buchan Choir lifted us and helped prepare us for Christmas. The beautiful singing of KWC choir in the Tuesday and Thursday evening Carol Services is a joy for the Chaplain to lead. In the final service for College, many support staff were able to join for the first time. This year, there was no Christmas Eve Service.

Full Friday services have welcomed visiting preachers who have brought a variety of Churchmanship to the Chapel. We are grateful to many, who have included Reverend Dr Sean Turner, Rev Dr Michael Brydon and Reverend David Shirliff, the Warden of our Retreat House. Each term there are special services, Holy Communion, non-uniform celebrations and more. International Service is a great occasion to welcome the parents and guardians of pupils to Chapel.

Confirmation is a significant rite of passage. Preparation included lunch with Bishop Mark Davies, our overseeing Bishop. The date chosen this year was 1st March, St David's Day (partly to mark the Welsh connection of the surnames of the Bishop and Chaplain. Davies and Rev E's Maiden name of David, both Welsh by descent).

This year the candidates were Arthur Freeman, Ethan Ripton, Vinnie Watterson and Lt Stuart Headon. We welcomed the in-coming Bishop to Chapel for the Confirmation Service. The hymns chosen by the candidates, were 'In Christ Alone', 'I the Lord of Sea and Sky' and 'The Day Thou Gavest,' the College hymn. Mrs Schreiber presented Arthur for Baptism and then each candidate was confirmed by Bishop Mark. Bishop Mark's words to the candidates were 'Be the difference', a timely reminder for each of us.

The Chapel Wardens help for each service by preparing and setting up as well as tidying and clearing away, dusting and polishing. Each year a Senior Chapel Warden leads the younger ones, and shows them the ropes. Some Chapel Wardens have continued through from L4. Routines undertaken are acts of gratitude in the day to day running of Chapel and are as much prayer as the intentional act of prayer. The Maundy Thursday Service is a powerful one. Stripping the Altar is an emptying which moves deeply within. The Chaplain is eternally grateful for all those Chapel Wardens who take part.

U6 Valedictory services are poignant. Rites of passage cannot be avoided. To undertake them well takes care to see that each is sent out to 'be the difference' with a blessing by their Rev.

2024

FOUNDERS' DAY

King William's College Principal, Damian Henderson, reflected on his first academic year as Principal and the successes of the departing Upper Sixth at this year's Founders' Day celebrations and prize giving.

Speaking to the Upper Sixth, Mr Henderson commended them on their kindness and successes during their time at King William's College:

"Our departing Upper Sixth are a particularly kind and well-behaved group of students, very respectful of each other and their teachers. They have contributed richly to school life, and given their all for the badge, epitomising the school motto 'by industry not sloth'. They are also a clever cohort – six of them got straight A*s in their GCSEs, and many of them are holding offers from top universities in the UK and around the world. Great things await them in academia and work."

He added:

"There are quiet leaders within this very talented Upper Sixth year group. There was a particularly effective group of Praepositors. We met regularly over the year and they were very patient with me in my first year as Principal, explaining how the school worked, reflecting back the mood of the student population and suggesting needed improvements. It goes without saying that skilful leadership is desperately needed in the world at the moment, and we look forward to seeing what you make of the leadership experiences that College has given you."

Outgoing Head of School, Bella Kelsey, also delivered an engaging speech, paying tribute to the community spirit of her year group as they helped each other navigate their challenging but rewarding Sixth Form journey.

During the celebrations, Governor and Chair of Nursery Committee, Elaine Higgins, spoke on behalf of Peter Clucas, Chairman of Governors. She commented on Mr Henderson's first year as Principal:

"I find it hard to believe that Damian is still only in his first year with us. I and all the Governors have been impressed by his ability in a relatively short space of time to listen and learn, to absorb what is good and great about our school community, but always with a thought to what can and should be delivered in a different way. The Governors have every confidence that we will deliver change and significant improvements to all aspects of school life under Damian's leadership."

Mrs Higgins also commented on the bold proposal announced earlier this year to bring together The Buchan School and King William's College onto one campus:

"It is our total belief that this initiative will work to the advantage of everyone and allow us to continue to work towards yet higher standards of excellence and a yet wider choice of opportunities for a generation of pupils into the future. We should now move forward with energy and confidence to implement changes which will benefit our pupils, our parent body and our loyal and hard-working staff. Foremost in our thinking is that any changes, when delivered, must deliver a first-class modern independent education of which the Island can be proud, and which can hold its own with competitors. Now is the time to act with confidence and build together a plan to invest in all aspects of our school life."

In attendance was the Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Lorimer. His Excellency is the Chairman of Council Members of the Bishop Barrow's Foundation. The Bishop Barrow's Foundation formed the base from which the College was built. Mrs Higgins commented:

"Founders' Day, by its very name, is an important day in the year of the school. It is a day that lends itself to reflection on past achievements. We should never forget to take inspiration from the vision of those who worked tirelessly to bring the legacy of Bishop Barrow to fruition. It is by reminding ourselves of the achievements of our founders, and the obstacles which they faced and overcame simply to be able to build and open our great school in 1833, that we should be bold in wanting to maintain the best of their vision long into the future."

This year, the College was also delighted to welcome Verity MacLeod as guest of honour. Verity was a student at the College from 1987 to 1999 and has forged a successful career in television on Coronation Street. Working in both the production office and script department, Verity found her passion in scriptwriting and has gone on to rise through the ranks of script editing, culminating in being

made the first Script Producer as the show began to air for six episodes a week. She is now Assistant Producer for the long-running soap.

Verity commented on her fond memories of her time at College and the importance of storytelling in our students' everyday lives. She said:

"Stories create a sense of communion and community. Sharing stories and talking about them with our peers brings us together, gives us a moment of solidarity, connection and common experience that creates a feeling of togetherness. It is also an essential part of many and varied sectors of the professional world. No one in the world can escape storytelling – it's at the heart of our everyday lives."

Addressing our departing students, Verity concluded:

"I hope you can see why I chose to talk about storytelling today. It is such a fundamental part of all our lives, and my passion for it began right here at King William's College. To the Upper Sixth leavers, I hope you depart King William's College and go on to listen to, watch, read, compose and share beautiful stories – it really will enrich the story of your lives which you are about to go on to write."



CELEBRATING THE WIDER COLLEGE COMMUNITY

ALEX TURNBULL

An Isle of Man Swimming Club team competed at the prestigious Edinburgh International meet recently. The event featured British swimming stars of the calibre of Duncan Scott, Angharad Evans and Freya Colbert, all gunning for places on the Olympic team.

The meet highlight for the Utmost International-sponsored Manx team was undoubtedly Alex Turnbull, breaking the island record for the 50 metres breaststroke record in both his heat and final swims, taking a second and a half off his lifetime best in doing so.

A storming heats swim saw Turnbull clock 29.41 seconds, only to improve further to 29.26 in the final. Turnbull finished 11th overall, an incredible result in a field headed by Commonwealth Games and European champion James Wilby.

FREDDIE SANDERS

University College Isle of Man (UCM) held its annual celebration of completing Further Education and Apprenticeship students at 'The UCM Awards' at the Villa Marina.

The event saw more than 45 students collect awards having been selected by their tutors for outstanding commitment, resilience and achievement. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister, Mr Alfred Cannan MHK, along with parents and carers, friends, family, local employers and dignitaries, attended the event which was officially opened by the Minister for Education, Sport & Culture, Mrs Daphne Caine MHK.

During his closing speech, the Chief Minister congratulated the students for completing their qualification and assured them of the important role they will play in the success of the Island as they step into the world of work or move on to university.

As well as awards presented to students in their subject areas, UCM awarded Freddie Sanders the Student Engagement Award.



Alex Turnbull



Helen Crosbie



HELEN CROSBIE

All at King William's College and The Buchan School were proud of our very own Mrs Crosbie, when she was nominated for the Awards for Excellence. Helen Crosbie's company, Isle of Man Salt Co. is one of the three finalists in the 'celebrating local food and drink' category at the prestigious Awards for Excellence.

Helen brings her creativity, ingenuity and extensive knowledge of sustainability, social footprint and food miles into her Design and Technology lessons at King William's College and also the Buchan, where she teaches the Buchan badge to our wonderful younger students.



Freddie Sanders



Mrs Veale

HELPING HANDS

At times we need a little smile
Or a rainbow big and bright.
At times we need a helping hand
To help us make things right.

Early mornings and late nights
To care for the KWC and Buchan family,
Patient. Industrious. Conscientious.
A few words to describe your grit and tenacity.

MRS VEALE

An enormous well done to Buchan's own Mrs Veale, who took part in The Liverpool Half Marathon. We are all so proud of her running her socks off and raising money for a fantastic cause very close to her family's hearts, Alder Hey Children's Charity.

CHRISTMAS CHEER





SUCCESS STORIES

SUCCESS IS BEST WHEN IT'S SHARED

THE BUCHAN BEES ARE BACK HOME!

The Buchan bees are now back on site and we are looking forward to Buchan pupils helping with the hive inspections in the coming year.

A huge thanks goes to Mr Macnair for everything that he has done for the Buchan apiary over the last few years. Mrs Morgans is very excited to be taking over from him and facilitating such a wonderful learning experience for our students.

Many thanks to Kate for all her hard work in preparing the site and thank you also to Aelan for helping with the big move - it looks wonderful!



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Séamus in Lower Fourth (Year 7), who finished in the top 100 nationally for Cross Country, representing Lancashire.

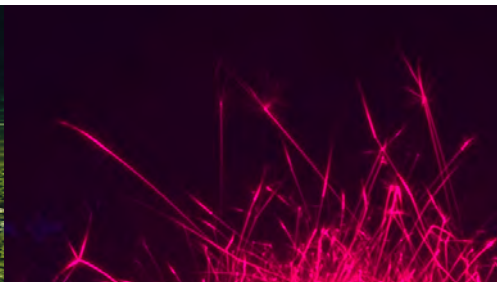


RODOLFUS CHORAL COURSE

Jess (U6) attended a Cambridge Choral Course during the summer. The prestigious course has limited places and Jess was one of 80 other 16 to 21-year olds attending.

The Rodolfus Choral Course at Selwyn College, run by Ralph Allwood, gave students opportunities to enhance their musical skills through conducting sessions, consort workshops, masterclasses, and opportunities to sing for various directors of music and composers, such as Daniel Hyde, Christopher Gray and John Rutter.

Jess said: "It was great to be surrounded by like-minded young people and learn lots of fun and challenging music. As a consort, we regularly rehearsed and went through lots of fun music. We had two singing lessons with a teacher and I found this invaluable as it improved my confidence in pieces that I hadn't performed in public yet. This was furthered by the solo concerts, where we were invited to sing solos in a supportive atmosphere."



CYCLING AWARDS

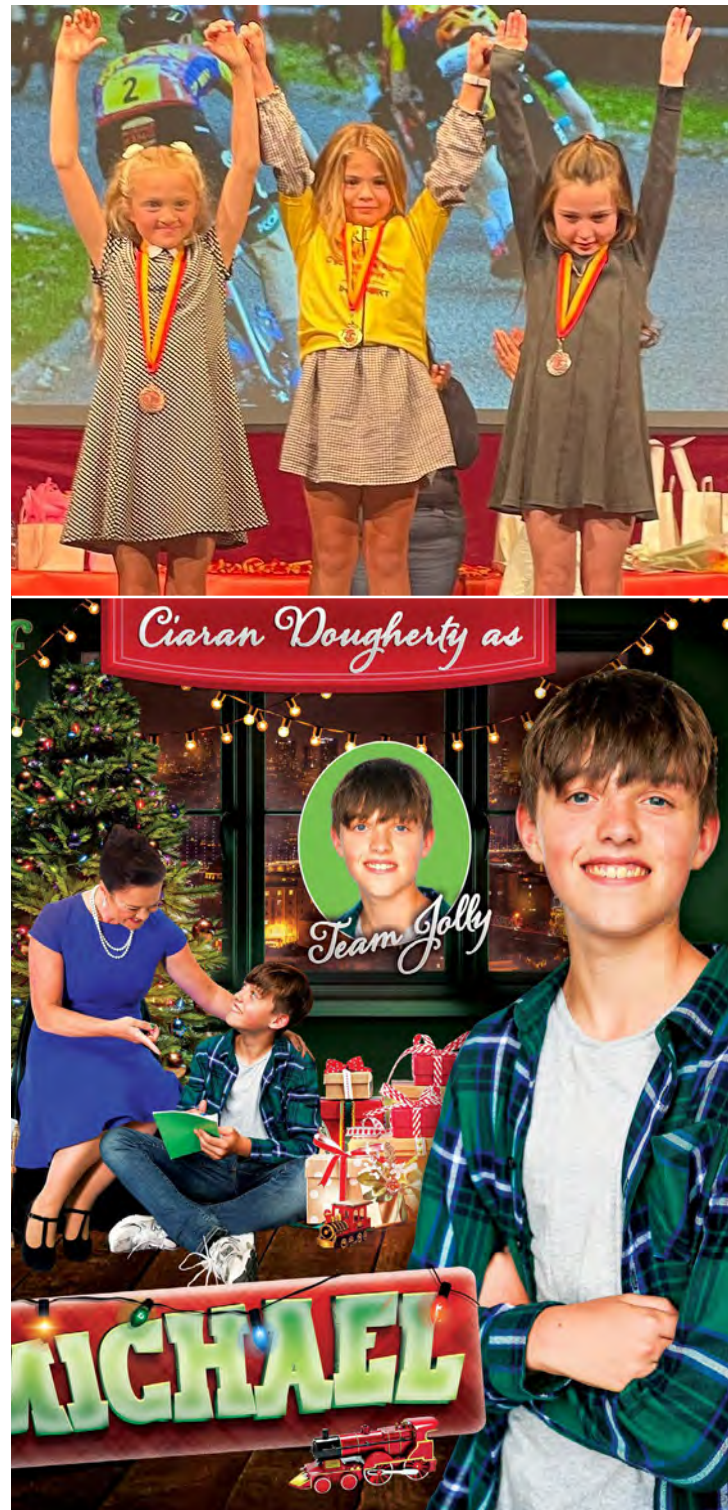
Form 1 (Year 3) Buchan pupils, Theadora, Beatrice and Addien, took all three podium positions for the RL360 2023 Cycling Awards at the Villa Marina for their age group. The fiercely contested weekly cycling races run between Easter and the end of the summer holidays, and our Buchan girls rode their socks off all season, thoroughly deserving these awards. Well done, girls! And well done to all the other Buchan and KWC students who also took part - there has been a lot of fabulous cycling!

ON STAGE

A huge congratulations to Ciaran, an Upper Fifth (Year 11) student, for awesome performances with Centre Stage Production's performance of 'Elf'. To work on shows at night, school in the day and keeping up with everything is no easy task! Ciaran has shown us how it's done, wowing audiences along the way. He starred as Michael Hobbs in 'Elf the Musical' at the Gaiety Theatre in November and December.

Ciaran has also taken part in a number of local productions, including Taylorian Productions' 'Singin' in the Rain' and 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', and most recently starred as the titular role of 'Aladdin' at King William's College.

Some of the IGCSE Drama group went to support their fellow classmate. The group congratulated him on an awesome performance!





OLIVER

Austin (F2) performed in the role of Nipper, the smallest and cheekiest of Fagin's gang in the Manx Operatic Society's production of Lionel Bart's 'Oliver'. At age 8, he was the youngest of the cast. This talented young lad has his name written in the stars and might just become the next famous actor in the Isle of Man.

DANCING AT DISNEY

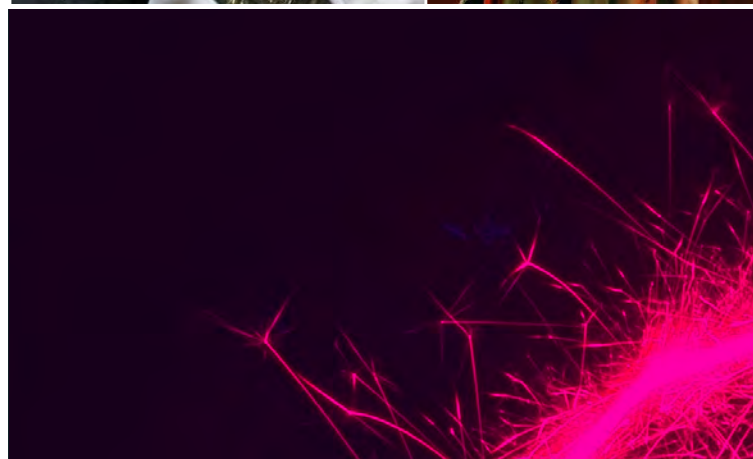
Milly (Middle Fifth) took part in a magical weekend with her dance school Gena's Dance Academy. Milly and her group placed in every dance category they entered and were chosen to lead the dance parade through Euro Disney.

Gena's Dance Academy (GDA) have returned to the Island following a successful haul at Disneyland Paris competing in the International Festival of Dance and Performing Arts (IFPDA) dance competition.

This is the first time the Academy has been placed in every category it has entered and resulted in the entire team from Gena's to be chosen to lead a Disney parade through the theme park.

The competition hosts schools from all over the world, including: America, Majorca and Cyprus.

GDA thanked Greenlight International for its support and the Academy dance teachers: Gena Walker, Lucy Matthews and Hannah Smith, along with some 'long suffering parents'.

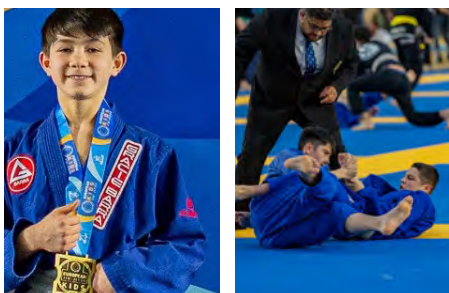


JIU-JITSU

IBJJF European Championships:

Kye and Alan competed at the IBJJF European Championships in Dublin in December. This competition attracts the best athletes in Europe and is one of the biggest annual competitions for Jiu-Jitsu.

Kye put in a strong showing, but ultimately was knocked out in the quarter finals. Alan put in some very dominant performances and finished with a bronze medal. He only narrowly missed a victory against the eventual gold medallist!



BJJ Elite Junior Nationals:

In April Kye and Alan competed in the BJJ Elite Junior Nationals in Wolverhampton – their first large Jiu-jitsu tournament of the year.

Alan had a great first day and achieved gold in the final in a very tight match. Kye also had a very dominant performance in the semi final, winning his match and progressing through to the final. Kye had a great start to the final fight, but unfortunately suffered a knee injury. He took Silver.

The second day saw just Alan competing in the no-gi side of the tournament, with Kye being ruled out with his injury. Alan progressed through the first round and went into the final to secure a silver medal. In what was a very tight fight against a seasoned opponent, Alan only lost in the final seconds of the match due to a technical point deduction. Well done boys!

IOM BOXING

Joe (M5) travelled to Bootle in December to represent the Isle of Man Boxing team against Merseyside and Cheshire Select team; Joe won his bout unanimously! Joe's discipline and work ethic towards his boxing has been outstanding, we are delighted for him. Huge Congratulations!



IOM POLICE YOUTH SCHEME

Lara (L6) was one of 14 cadets from the Isle of Man Police Youth Scheme who completed a 24-hour walking event. The team walked 300 miles over 1,200 laps of the NSC running track to raise money for Victim Support. The distance is equivalent to three laps around the Island!

Lara said: “We set up at 8am on Saturday at the NSC outer track and our aim was to do 300 miles within 24h. We each took turns in groups walking on the track since there always had to be someone walking at all times. In the end, we completed the 300 miles at 5:35am on Sunday morning and by 8am, we surpassed our goal by doing 320 miles.”



ISLAND CRICKET

Lower 5 (Year 9) has been setting the bar high, earning three Principal's Commendations! Kai, one of our stars, was recognised as the 'Most Improved Player' on the Island in cricket. We're not just proud of our achievements in school, but also our successes beyond the classroom. It's all about pushing ourselves and celebrating each other's victories. Kai received a well-deserved shout-out from Ms Benziane (Head of Year) and applause from his peers during the end-of-half-term assembly.



UTMOST SWIMMING

The Isle of Man Utmost Swimming Championships took place at the NSC in November 2023. A number of our students took part: Ed (L4), Carter (L4), Georgina (L5), Jacob (M5), Alex (U5), Tilly (U5), Hanna (L4) and Nika (L4).

Tilly, Captain of the Swimming team, has put together the following review of the weekend:

“As the Captain of the team, I could not have been prouder of the performance of the whole team. The weekend saw multiple personal best times, medals and trophies.

- 400m Individual Medley: Ed and Carter placed on the podium and swam best ever times!
- 50m Women’s Freestyle: Georgina achieved a personal best in the heats and went on to win Silver in the final. I also competed in the 50m Freestyle and gained a personal best, which after a year of injury, was a great way to start the championships!
- 100m Butterfly: Ed and Carter placed on the podium and swam best ever times!
- 200m Backstroke: Georgina achieved a personal best and won bronze.
- 100m Individual Medley: Ed, Carter, Jacob and Alex all achieved personal bests and got to the finals.
- 100m Women’s Butterfly: I won Bronze.
- 50m Breaststroke: Jacob and Alex achieved personal bests and Carter won Bronze with a fantastic best ever time!

For the first time in several years we entered KWC teams into the relays. On Saturday it was the Individual Medley Relay for the girls and we ended up coming 6th overall.

On Sunday the racing continued and started with the 400m Freestyle, which Ed and Carter both took part in and swam fantastically. In the 50m Butterfly, Georgina and I both won Bronze for our age groups. Both of us managed to get personal best times too.

Ed and Carter raced in the 50m Butterfly and came away with brilliant times and medals. In the same event Jacob had a fantastic swim in the final with a best ever time. Carter swam a great time in the 100m Breaststroke and gained a Bronze medal, and Ed had an amazing swim that was over 8 seconds quicker than his previous time! The 100m Freestyle saw both Georgina and I get best ever times and within her age, Georgina got the bronze.

In the last event, the boys then had their chance at the Individual Medley Relay and raced fantastically, coming away with a Bronze medal, which was amazing! The enthusiasm on the poolside for KWC was extremely loud!

M & P LEGAL

Congratulations to Arthur (U6) who won this year's Sixth Form Law Essay competition, very kindly sponsored by M&P Legal. His essay focused on how ChatGPT could potentially be used in high risk fields, such as medicine or finance, and explored potential issues from information being shared with OpenAI and the security vulnerabilities that this new technology could bring. The experienced judges commented that this very mature analysis contained arguments that were well presented and lucidly reviewed.

Congratulations also to Kayla (L6) who came a very close second place. She wrote a very engaging essay on fast fashion, exploring whether it was an economical phenomenon or industrial disaster.

She discussed the costs and benefits of the fashion industry, from an economic, environmental and consumer perspective.

The judges commented that this was a logical, concise and well-balanced argument which had been well researched and written with natural flair.

We are enormously grateful to everyone at M&P Legal for offering this wonderful opportunity to our Sixth Form students each year.



MAKING DOUGH

Hannah and her baking helpers managed to raise an amazing £604.50 for Macmillan Cancer Support at their bake sale in October.

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TENNIS

Rohan (L4) won the Isle of Man tournament for Tennis U14 boys Play Your Way to Wimbledon. He is ready to take on the UK national finals at Wimbledon!



NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Congratulations to Charlotte (M5) who was the Young Photographer winner at the Wild Mann Nature Photographer competition! Charlotte has an eye for

photography, and what makes it effortless for her is that she thoroughly enjoys the outdoors. Well done on this well-deserved award.



WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

KWC student, Arthur (U6), was one of nine Scouts and Guides chosen from the Isle of Man to attend the World Scout Jamboree 2023 in South Korea.

They spent a couple of years fundraising for the trip, attending courses such as First Aid in preparation, and also attending camps to get to know the rest of their contingent which was Unit 48, comprising of the Manx Scouts, Cumbrian Scouts and North West Guides.

Arthur travelled to Seoul with the group, where they spent a few days exploring the city. They then attended the Jamboree in SaeManGeum and were part of 40,000 Scouts and Guides from across the world!

Arthur relished the opportunity to explore a new country and learn more

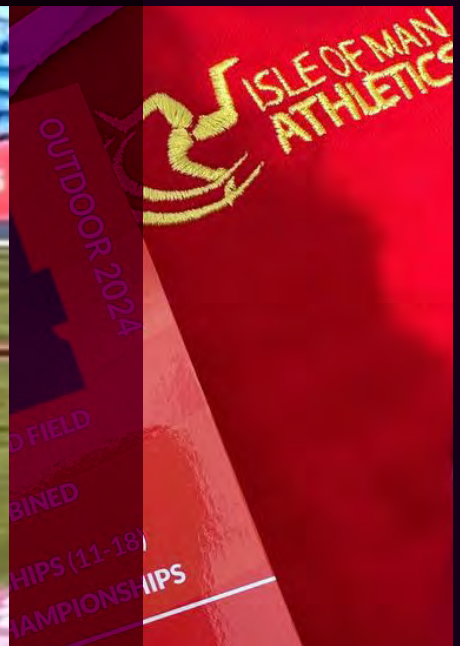
about different cultures. He said: "It was an experience of a lifetime and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting other Scouts from around the world. I also enjoyed travelling around South Korea and seeing landmarks such as the Gyeongbokgung Palace. Overall, the Jamboree was an amazing experience and one that I would happily do again!"



FINLAY TAGGART – HIGH JUMP

Finlay had a fantastic year with his athletics. At school, Finlay improved on his previous school record, jumping a height of 1.73m on sports day and winning the Intermediate Athletics Cup jointly with Amira Crookall. His high jump success continued over the summer. He competed with Isle of Man Athletics in the UK at several matches, where he improved his personal best to 1.77 metres. In June, he won a cash prize and the Baker Tilley Isle of Man Athlete of the Meeting award for the Isle of Man Track and Field League, a performance which ranked him eighth in the UK for his age group. Having achieved an England National Championships standard jump height in July, Finlay travelled to the Birmingham Alexander stadium to compete with England Athletics in the England U15 National Championships.

Well done Finlay !



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 102nd Liverpool and Manchester OKW and Buchan Society Dinner was held in November, with a number of members and their guests in attendance. It was Principal Damian Henderson's first OKW Dinner, and he attended alongside Head of School, Bella Kelsey and Deputy Head of School, Robbie Davies. The 140th London OKW and Buchan Society Dinner was also held in March and was a fantastic event. The Societies look forward to hosting the next Dinners.

This year, the College was delighted to welcome OKW Verity MacLeod as guest of honour at Founders' Day. Verity was a student at the College from 1987 to 1999 and has forged a successful career in television on Coronation Street. Addressing our departing students, Verity said: "To the Upper Sixth leavers, I hope you depart King William's College and go on to listen to, watch, read, compose and share beautiful stories - it really will enrich the story of your lives which you are about to go on to write."

In May, we were delighted to welcome 76 alumnae back to The Buchan School for the Lady Laura Lunch. The event brought together former students from a wide range of decades and class years spanning from the 1950s all the way through to 2004. The event gave attendees the chance to reunite with old friends and share many wonderful memories of their time at The Buchan School. The event raised £1,140 which will help to improve our cookery provision. Planning is underway for next year's event in May which will celebrate 150 years of The Buchan School.

For the 2024/2025 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.

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.

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.



BARROVIAN FOUNDATION

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, 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.

FRIENDS OF KWC AND BUCHAN

Friends of KWC and Buchan has had another good year, with thanks to the support of our parents, the commitment of the committee and the enthusiasm of the children.

Friends have hosted a variety of fantastic events over the last year, which have been

enjoyed by both the children and their parents. This has included a Wine and Cheese Evening, a Beach Clean-Up and the Buchan Christmas and Summer Fairs. All events were very well-received with fantastic turn outs. Friends 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.

This year's May Ball raised over £23,000. 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. More details to follow soon. 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 so much more.

BARROVIAN FOUNDATION

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Barrovian Foundation has funded the creation of Stenning Playground, which features a basketball court, the implementation of a Chapel Sound System and iMac computers for the Music Department – all of which have been gratefully received.

We have also had significant items donated by parents. The first being a Yamaha Clavinova Electric Piano which has replaced an old instrument in the Music Department, giving students access to a high-quality instrument for lessons and concert performances.

With another very generous donation from parents, a Golf Simulator has been installed in the Junior Pavilion. The state-of-the-

art golf simulator uses Skytrak+ and TGC 2019 in a high-quality enclosure with a projection screen, making for an incredible indoor golfing experience, whether working on specific aspects of your game, or just playing a round with friends. TGC 2019 replicates over 100,000 real world golf courses, including Pebble Beach, St Andrews and even Castletown Golf Links. Regular sessions for students are held in the simulator throughout the week and boarders can use the facility at evenings and weekends.

With thanks to the support of our parents, Friends of KWC and Buchan were also delighted to fund iPads and Coding Cubetto Machines for Pre-Prep pupils to aid their learning throughout the upcoming academic year.

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



2024

MEMORIALS

NEVILLE PINKNEY (FORMER STAFF)

1938 - 2023

Neville died peacefully in a Hospice in October 2023, aged 85. Beloved husband of Margaret, daughters Angela and Claire, sons-in-law Martin and Stephen, grandchildren Henry, Summer, Harrison, Jackson and Charlie. The funeral service took place on November 2023 at Douglas Crematorium.

REAR ADMIRAL JAMES CARINE (H 1950)

1934 - 2024

We were much saddened to hear that James Carine died in January 2024.

Born on the Isle of Man in 1934, James Carine joined the Royal Navy in 1950. He married Sally in 1961 and they celebrated 62 years of marriage in 2023. He had a long and very distinguished career in the Navy, rising to the senior rank of Rear Admiral.

After retiring from the Royal Navy in 1992, and with a lifelong interest in horses and horse racing, James took on the role of Manager and Registrar of the British Arab Horse Society.

He was also Chairman of WAHO's World Registrars Meeting for several years and gave much of his time and knowledge to assist WAHO in many areas, especially with more complex issues that arose from time to time.

James retired from the Arab Horse Society in 2000 but stayed busy as had a strong commitment to public service and charities. Among other appointments, he was Chairman of the Wiltshire Ambulance Service; Chairman of Royal United Hospital Bath; a Member of the National Copyright Tribunal; and a Trustee of the Combat Stress Charity. He was also a Fellow and former Master of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries. James was honoured to be created a Knight of the Order of St Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II.

With his unfailing kindness, patience and willingness to offer his wise advice, and above all his wonderful sense of humour, it was always a pleasure for his many friends in WAHO to spend time with James. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Sally and their four children, Catriona, Malcolm, Gregory and Andrew.

PHILIP HOLLAND LOVEMORE (H, J, C 1968)

1949 - 2024

Philip Lovemore born 14th October 1949, passed away on 20th January 2024. He attended King William's College during the years 1954 – 1965, travelling from Kampala Uganda where his father was in the employ of Shell Oil.

Philip emigrated to South Africa in 1969 and settled in Cape Town where he enjoyed a varied work career that was both Entrepreneurial and Corporate, finally retiring in 2023 from Property Development and Management. Phil leaves behind his widow, Julie, a son, Dean, two Daughters: Pippa and Tiffany, and granddaughter, Jaime.

Phillip reminisced often of the very formative years that he spent at the college and the foundations that the KWC provided for him for later life. He will always be remembered for his integrity and the way he lived his life, "Assiduitate Non Desidia."



Neville Pinkney



Philip Holland Lovemore



James Careine

MICHAEL ROBIN COWLEY (J, D 1950-1956)

1939 - 2024

Robin passed away on 17th August 2024 in Ludlow, Shropshire. He attended College, Junior House and then Dickson House where he excelled in swimming and rugby.

After leaving College, he served 31 years in the Metropolitan Police and was a founding member of the Diplomatic Protection Group. He was a keen gardener, geologist and ornithologist and enjoyed active retirement including many adventures overseas.

DAVID NEVILLE SWALWELL (W 1953-1959)

1940 - 2024

David died aged 83 on 8th August 2024 from a rare neurological disease - Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Little is known about this disease, so his family have donated his brain for research.



Michael Robin Cowley

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