

# The Warwician



Michaelmas 2019



## Little Shop of Horrors

Upper School Production

# Letter from the Head Master



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## Welcome to the Warwickian

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## Dear Parents/Guardians

We have had a fantastic Michaelmas term, a fitting end to this decade as we head in to 2020. The boys have been magnificently generous in the welcome they have given the girls of King's High as they arrived, finally, on this site. Whether it is in the Shared Sixth Form Centre or the 'mix zone' between King's High and the science block inhabited by Year 8 and 9 pupils at break times, it has quickly felt very natural to see pupils from the two schools side by side.

Otherwise, Warwick School has ploughed on with the usual variety and quality of activity outside the classroom. There have been several highlights for our musicians – including the trip to Uganda for a few, the NCBF regionals for many, and the House Shout for everyone. Senior drama saw six performances with two casts of Little Shop of Horrors. This included a rare Friday matinee performance - the consequence of a Thursday evening postponement on that curious day when we had to get everyone home early to avoid the floods. Well done to all involved in the arts this term.

On the sports fields, swimming pools and reservoirs we have seen success for hockey teams, the swimming relay teams and the sailing team among many others. The resilience of the rugby 1st XV has been particularly telling though: after a tough September they have battled through – and improved – to qualify for another National Schools Cup semi-final at Allianz Park. Well done to them and everyone involved in sporting activities.

One area we have given a particular focus to this term is charity, and we have seen a number of initiatives, from the Chaplain's drive to pay for a threshing machine in Tanzania to the hosting of another Brain Tumour Charity Twilight Walk. The Houses have been given the challenge of devising their own fundraising events to raise money for causes that they wish to support. I look forward to seeing their plans.

Thank you, finally, to all parents, carers and wider family members who continue to give your support to all our efforts through the year – on the touchline, in the audience, as a personal taxi service and homework prompter to the boys. I hope you enjoy reading these pages and can reflect on your contributions to the achievements of our pupils.

**Dr D A Smith**

# Academic news

## UK Bebras 2019 Computational Thinking Challenge



Once again, Warwick School has achieved great success in the Bebras Computing Challenge.

In the Juniors category (Year 7), 70 of our students gained a distinction, with 30 boys ending up in the top 10%. In the Intermediate challenge (Years 8 and 9), 100 students gained a distinction, and 50 of our students ended up in the top 10% of the country. In the Seniors challenge (Years 10 and 11), 40 of our GCSE Computer Science students gained a distinction, with 15 of them achieving a mark that places them in the top 10% of the country. Daniel Jenks-Berryman, Harry Colliver, Hamish Jordan and Harry Ward performed exceptionally well and have been invited to the Bebras finals at the University of Oxford.

We wish them good luck for the next stage of the competition.



Business Lunch visitor, Captain Matt Ball from Virgin Atlantic, along with pupils interested in a career in aviation.

## Business Lunches

The Careers Department have once again organised a successful series of Business Lunches, covering a wide range of professions.

So far this term they have welcomed representatives from Cardiff and Durham Universities, KPMG and Virgin Atlantic, as well as speakers covering subjects such as Clinical Psychology, Journalism and Degree Apprenticeships.



## UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

Boys in the Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth recently took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge.

20 boys achieved a Gold certificate which enables them to qualify for the follow-on round.

Desmond Zhang and Tarren Sidhu achieved the highest scores in the Lower Sixth. Robin Zhai and Mike Deng achieved the highest scores in the Upper Sixth. Congratulations to all who took part.



## International Biology Olympiad



The International Biology Olympiad (IBO) is the world's biggest biology competition, with over 60 countries taking part. This year was the 30th IBO, with the competition being held in Szeged, Hungary.

30th IBO  
HUNGARY 2019

The 16 highest scoring finalists in the British Biology Olympiad took part in a UK team selection final held at the University of Warwick. Here they were whittled down to the final four team members to be sent to the IBO. Henry Wei (Upper Sixth leaver 2019) was one of those selected to represent the UK - the first time for a Warwick School student.

Training began shortly after A Levels, where the team's biological knowledge was greatly expanded in a week thanks to staff at The Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, the University of Reading, The Natural History Museum and Imperial College London.

The teams were put through gruelling theory and practical exams over the course of two days, greatly challenging their academic abilities.

The UK team performed well, receiving a total of three silver medals and one bronze, and Henry commented "The competition has taught me a lot about the international scientific community and my thanks must go to the organisers, the UK jury members as well as the staff at Warwick School for making this possible."

# Junior School news

## Jersey Tour 2019

The tour to Jersey in October half-term proved to be a great success with both boys and staff thoroughly enjoying their time away. A programme of both rugby and football fixtures was planned, and the boys played two other touring teams as well as Jersey Rugby Club.



Beyond the sporting fields the boys enjoyed the hotel's impressive aqua park as well as an evening of bowling, beach activities and a quiz evening. All members of the party were impressed by the visit to Mont Orgueil Castle and to the War Tunnels, the latter providing insight to the boys of the hardships, deprivation and sacrifices made by people throughout Europe.



### Prefects and House Captains

Congratulations to our new Prefects and House Captains who have made an excellent start assuming their new roles around school.



### Wildlife Area

The Junior School wildlife area is taking shape as new plants establish themselves. The boys have been excited to see that both frogs and newts have been spotted, and are hoping that it will soon become an established haven for creatures of all kinds.

### Year 5 | Top Adventure

Year 5 boys had a fun-filled day at Top Adventure. Working in their new forms, the boys took on various challenges such as a paddleboarding, kayaking, archery, climbing and laser tag before finishing the day with a barbecue.



# Blists Hill Visit

by Arthur Hamblett and Morgan Heeley

Arriving at school at 7.45am was one of the most exciting moments of Year 6. When we got to school, we walked into the library to receive our lunch and our water. When we knew what group we were in, we sat together on the coach and played top trumps.

Once we got into Blist's Hill village, we transferred our money into farthings, shillings and pence; it was interesting to learn about all the different types of money. After we transferred the money, we went into the grocer's shop to buy drinks, fudge and other types of food. After that we strode into the post-office (remember every shop is like the real Victorians' shops). From the post-office Morgan bought a dip-pen and ink to go with it. Shortly after, we went to a Victorian school where all of us dressed up as Victorian schoolboys and walked through the village in two lines without talking to anyone unless spoken to. This trip was very fun and enjoyable, and we hope to come again.



## Year 4 | Blackwell Court

Year 4 boys enjoyed a range of fun activities at Blackwell Court.

As well as crate stacking, high ropes, caving, climbing and zip wires, they were also introduced to map reading and night orienteering. Their listening skills were undoubtedly tested as they worked individually and in groups to solve problems.

The boys returned exhausted but with lots of tales of their fun time away from school and home.

## Charities

The boys impressively campaigned for their charity to be chosen as one of the House Charities for 2019/20. They had clearly prepared their pitches and practised thoroughly. Once the presentations were completed, voting took place to elect the charity to support over the year. With so many worthy causes proposed, this was a challenging task.

The following charities have been chosen for 2019/20: **Scott - National Charity**, The RNLI, proposed by Ben Cadbury; **Nelson - International Charity**, Shelter Box, proposed by Sam Hunt; **Wellington - Local Charity**, Evelyn's Gift, proposed by Mrs Appleyard; **Drake, Environmental/Animal Charity**, Rainforest Trust, proposed by Arthur Hamblett.

We also collected 88 shoeboxes in an appeal for *Link to Hope* and raised money by taking part in the Twilight Walk. Thank you to all who donated.



Shoobox Appeal



Twilight Walkers

## Billy's First International Competition

Over the holidays, Billy competed for England in the World Cadet Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship held in Minsk, Belarus.

Over five days, Billy played against some of the best U8 chess players in the world finishing 19th out of 150 competitors. Not only was this the best result from his team, but Billy was also the highest-ranking player from Western Europe!



## Warwick Rugby Day

Thirty of our Year 6 boys joined with squads from various schools for a day of training led by the Worcester Warriors coaching staff assisted by games staff from Warwick School.

In the morning they were put through their paces completing a series of training drills before enjoying a number of games in the afternoon.



# Trips



Boys undertaking a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze expedition, approaching Lynes Barn, near Hailes, Gloucestershire



## Year 7 Bonding Trip

At the start of September, the Year 7 boys braced themselves for the adventure of the year. They embarked on a two-day trip into the deep, dark forests of Herefordshire.

The boys faced challenging activities including rafting, Capture the Flag and Borneo Breakout. Dinner consisted of fish and chips, followed by marshmallows and hot chocolate as the boys sat round the campfire listening to ghost stories. They then bedded down in their cabins, rising early to take in the sunrise. The next day, more exciting adventures followed before the boys had lunch, jumped on to the bus and drove back after a fun two-day trip.



## Lyon Homestay | by Patrick Stiven, 10B

Home of the "Traboules", the Fourvière Basilica and once the heart of the European silk empire, Lyon is often forgone in the minds of the British, in favour of Marseille, Bordeaux and Paris. However, any boy who went on the French trip will tell you that Lyon is just as beautiful as any of the aforementioned cities.

During the visit, boys stayed with host families, with whom they ate, attempted to discuss European politics and occasionally partook in a game of French scrabble. This was a great success as it allowed boys the opportunity to employ their French outside the classroom.

In the mornings, all students took part in lessons at Lyon Bleu International Language School, where they learnt new ways to improve their linguistic skills. Following an excellent, typically French lunch, perhaps the highlight of the trip, the group would then set out on afternoon activities.

On Monday we visited 'Le Vieux Lyon', where we were given an interesting and detailed tour of 'Les Traboules', with hidden passageways between the streets in the old town. On Tuesday the group took a cooking lesson, in which we made a dish known as 'Cerveille de Canut', literally the brain of the silk weaver. Fear not, Warwick School has not turned cannibal, it is instead cream cheese with herbs. Midweek, we visited 'Le Musée des Canuts', where we watched an old loom in action. Thursday saw us indulge in a chocolate tasting session – to say we enjoyed it would be a serious understatement! On our final escapade the group split, with some electing to go to the miniaturist museum and others to the Basilica atop the Fourvière hill, which commanded stunning views of the city.

Particular thanks to Madame Thomas who carefully organised the trip, and Monsieur Frykman for accompanying us. It was an exceptional experience.

# News & events

## Old Warwickian | Medics Dinner

OW medics, dentists and vets returned to school in November for the first OW Medics Dinner. They were joined by OWs still training, plus 30 Warwick School students interested in such careers.

Before the dinner, Warwick School boys attended a careers led session on how to network in a business setting, which proved very useful indeed. During the pre-dinner reception, OWs gave short, no-frills talks about their area of expertise.

Dinner was kindly hosted by Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Peter Baird FRCS (WS 1953-61). After which, comedian and doctor Ahmed Kazmi offered some entertaining insights into the medical profession.



## Speed Interviewing

*"A really useful and worthwhile event"* and *"I was nervous to begin with but then really enjoyed it"* were just a couple of quotes from pupils after Warwick School's tenth Speed Interviewing evening in October.

We were delighted to welcome 68 guests and 68 Upper Sixth pupils to the event this year.

Each pupil provided their university subject choices and potential future job interests and were carefully matched with three interviewers with similar interests. They were then offered three different interviews and given feedback afterwards.



Many found the question *"Tell me about yourself"* the most difficult to answer, or providing specific examples in competency type questions, so gaining practise with these questions was really useful.

We are so grateful to all the volunteer interviewers; local companies, existing and former parents, staff, Governors, universities and HR specialists. Some of the guests have been taking part every year for the last 10 years!



## Time and Space

We were delighted to welcome Bill Jennings, founder of Time and Space, who facilitated two events for us. A 'Father and Son' evening for our Year 8 boys and a 'Mother and Son' evening for our Year 7 boys.

The events allowed parents and their sons to take an intentional break from the everyday, offering them a chance to think about their relationship and learn from each other in a supportive environment.

# The arts

# LITTLE SHOP

OF

# HORRORS



Over 70 talented actors from Warwick School and King's High School delighted audiences when they brought the charmingly silly *Little Shop of Horrors* to the Bridge House Theatre.







The colourful and anarchic production tells the story of nerdy florist assistant, Seymour Krelbourn, who discovers a strange and interesting plant which he names 'Audrey II' after his co-worker crush, Audrey. As he tends to Audrey II, he discovers that this foul-mouthed and demanding plant has a rather unique appetite and intends to take over the world. The show was brought to life by two casts, who each brought their own energy and skill to this fabulous musical.



Mike Perry, Director of Drama at Warwick School, and Cat Price, Director of Drama at King's High School, both commented "Double casting the lead roles provided a lovely sense of supportive competitiveness during rehearsals and led the actors to keep upping their game - the entire company produced awesome performances from Audrey's stunning vocals (Izzy Evans/Katie Burrows), Seymour's endearing geekiness (Sam Bain/Will Parsons), the hilarity of both Mushnik (Maya Evans/Leo Brades) and Orin (Ollie Lattin/Will Callan) and the smooth yet fearsome voice of the plant, Audrey II (Josh Simango). The audiences were also guided through the show by the energy and beautiful vocals of the urchins (Taryn Young, Molly Monksfield, Katie Walsh, Beth Woolley/Zoe Tubb, Molly Perkins, Emily Skillett, Alex Flood) and were left bedazzled by their numerous costume changes!"

The actors were supported by exceptional scenery, costumes and staging, as well as a hugely talented orchestra, resulting in performances of the highest quality.

The arts



Congratulations to:

**Sam Bain, Pete Dobson** and **Sam Day** who have scooped awards at the inaugural Leamington Studio Artists Young Artist Competition. Sam Bain was the winner of the 14-16 category with Pete Dobson runner-up, and Sam Day was the Over 16 runner-up.



## Music Trip to Uganda

At 1.30am on Saturday 19 October our group of hardy travellers set off for Uganda. They visited the area of Katwe, the largest slum in Kampala and met the children of the Mummy Foundation performing to everyone there. Over the next two days they worked their way around schools and orphanages in Kampala with the charity Brass For Africa, teaching music and performing to the children.

In the middle of the trip they travelled north to the Murchison Falls National Park, and were lucky enough to see every wild animal imaginable. They also had their own resident warthogs and a night time caller hippo named Gloria at the campsite.



On Friday they took the 1.5 hour journey out to Malube, to visit the Dominic Community School. It was incredible to witness the school that our fundraising has helped to build.

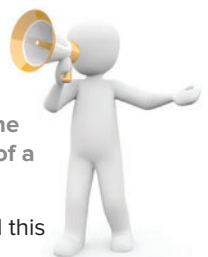
The trip was finished off with a visit to the Good Shepherd Orphanage for the disabled, a very moving experience that will live with everyone on the trip. Afterwards many of the charities' school bands joined in for a musical march through the community and a concert at Brass For Africa HQ.

## House Shout

All boys are allocated one of six houses when they start at the school, a system that was first introduced in 1897. Throughout the year the Houses participate in a range of competitions of a sporting, intellectual and artistic nature.

The second 'House Shout' competition was held this term, celebrating a huge range of musical talent from across the school. There were some excellent performances, but overall winners were Leycester with 'Don't Stop Believing'. Tudor won the small group category with their Abba montage.

Well done to all of the boys for their excellent community spirit. What a great way to finish for half-term!





We were delighted to welcome 50 talented young musicians from local primary schools to our Making Music event.

The pupils took part in exciting workshops led by our resident experts, which culminated in a fantastic performance to parents at the end of the day. The infamous WOOFYT also made an appearance, which brought a lot of fun and laughter to the day.

## FOWS Winter Fair



Congratulations to the boys and girls who played at the FOWS Winter Fair, providing a very festive sound-track to what was a fun and successful event.

## Scholars' Concert

The annual musical feast that is the Music Scholars' Concert was held on Tuesday, 8 October in the Bridge House Theatre.

Josh Hill played the piano beautifully to open the show, and Year 7 Scholars Charlie Feaver, Sebastian Simcock and Benedict Adams gave superb performances.

The overall standard was exceptional this year. A special mention must go to Jacob Lee who gave a virtuoso performance on the Double Bass to bring the evening to a close.

### Congratulations to:

**Alex Clarke**, our Music Assistant, who has officially been named Rising Star of the 2019 British Jazz Awards!

## Bandstand Showcase

On Monday, 25 November, our three wind bands and three jazz bands took to the stage to try out their competition repertoire in front of a home audience, before travelling to Nottingham for the Regional Finals of the National Concert Band Festival the following weekend.

It was an entertaining evening, featuring a wide variety of music, and all bands gave impressive and stylish performances.



## National Concert Band Festival Regionals

Congratulations to our fantastic musicians, who have once again achieved a number of awards at the National Concert Band Festival (NCBF) regional finals, bringing home two Platinum and four Gold awards.



The Super Tonics and Little Big Band achieved Platinum awards, and so qualify for the finals on Saturday, 4 April 2020. The Foundation Wind Orchestra, Camerata, Big Band and Jazz Lab all achieved Gold awards, and we are waiting to hear if they have qualified for the finals too.

In addition, Adam Thompson, Freddie Wyatt and Chris Gibson all received 'Outstanding Musician' awards.

# Charity & community

## Jazz and Scones

On Wednesday, 20 November we welcomed residents from three local care homes to school for Jazz and Scones in the Pyne Room. Our jazz musicians performed some wonderful pieces for the residents whilst they enjoyed a Warwick School afternoon tea.



Charity £5,281.24

total raised this academic year



## Macmillan Big Breakfast

Thank you to everybody who supported the Macmillan Big Breakfast in September. We are delighted to say that the event raised £2,806.04.



## Brass Players for Salvation Army

For the first time in Warwick School history, we are delighted that four of our boys have volunteered to play in the Salvation Army Brass Band, and will be assisting them in the run up to Christmas. The boys helped the Salvation Army to raise £1,100 during their first session.



## Remembrance Day

A record number of Warwick and King's High CCF cadets paraded through Warwick for the annual service of remembrance. CSM Innes and Flt Sgt Larucci also laid wreaths on behalf of the Army and RAF sections. This was followed by our Remembrance assembly where the whole school came together to remember all those that have suffered as a result of conflict.

For the first time, two Warwick School boys visited local primary schools to perform the Last Post and Reveille at the school's remembrance assemblies. Christopher Gibson attended All Saints Primary, and Joe Lawson visited Coten End Primary. Both boys were well received by the Headteachers, staff and pupils at both primary schools.

A poignant remembrance assembly was also held in Warwick Hall, remembering all of those who died serving our country, including Old Warwickians. The Last Post was



Christopher and Mr Tibbitts at All Saints Primary School

followed by a two minute silence, and the sound of a distant canon being fired in Warwick Town. Instead of the usual tuck shop goodies at break time, boys were able to buy 'rations', with any money raised being sent to Help the Heroes.



## Town Crier receives a big cheer at Warwick School

**Oyez, oyez, oyez!**

Once again, the whole school gathered for the annual visit of the Warwick Town Crier, Michael Reddy, who requested that the Head Master grant permission for an extra week's holiday at half-term for the boys. The tradition, dating back to at least 1912, is an important part of the calendar at the school.

After the announcement, the Town Crier and Head Master toured the school, visiting pupils in their classrooms and collecting for Mr Reddy's nominated charity, Evelyn's Gift [evelynsgift.co.uk](http://evelynsgift.co.uk)



### FOWS Winter Fair

Pupils, parents and staff once again enjoyed the FOWS Winter Fair, adding a bit of festive cheer to everybody's Friday afternoon. Funds raised by FOWS are used to support school projects. We would like to say a big thank you to everybody who contributed to its success, including the organisers, stall holders, volunteer helpers, customers, and Father Christmas himself!

Michael Reddy said "One of the highlights of my Town Crying year is addressing the pupils at Warwick School, a tradition that started over 100 years ago. This is my fifth year, and each year pupils and staff fill my tricorne with coins and notes for my chosen charity, which this year is Evelyn's Gift." We are delighted to announce that £765.75 was raised for the Evelyn's Gift. Thank you to all who donated.



### Green Team News

During the final two weeks of last half-term 'Recycle right fortnight' took place. Green Team representatives visited form rooms and inspected the bins in each room. The boys made an incredible effort and the Green Team were very impressed by the brilliant progress made in improving the school's recycling quality.

The winning forms (who were awarded with doughnuts) were; 7G, 8L, 9J, 10O, 11Sn, L6GV, with a draw between U6Gr and U6B.

A new competition was launched in November, 'switch off fortnight', aimed at cutting unnecessary use of electricity within the school. Please remember our Eco-code, *'don't be mean, go green'*.

### Congratulations to:

**Richard Rose**, who achieved a distinction in the Air Cadet Leadership Course. He was also awarded 'Best Cadet' and received very positive feedback from the course leaders - an honour that is exceptionally rare for an Army Section CCF cadet to achieve.

## U18 | Schools Cup

The 1st XV have progressed through to the Semi-Finals of the National U18 Schools Cup, after their recent win against QEGS Wakefield, at home.

So far, they have beaten Bloxham School in Round 1, Solihull School in Round 2, Mount St Mary's College in Round 3, Bromsgrove School in Round 4 and QEGS Wakefield in the Quarter-Finals. All the games have proved close matches highlighting the competitive nature of the upper tier of the competition. We wish them the best of luck as they progress to their Semi-Final against Northampton School for Boys which is due to be played at Allianz Park on Wednesday 4 March, 2020 (further details will follow).



## U15 | Schools Cup

The U15 team progressed through to Round 4 of the U15 Schools Cup, after two convincing wins, beating Radley College in Round 1, and Shipston High School in Round 3. Sadly they lost to Oakham 20-14, in a well played, but challenging match.



## Edinburgh Rugby Tour

Fifty-six boys embarked on the Edinburgh Rugby tour during half-term. The boys had an action-packed four days, and on arrival were put through their paces with a coaching session from Edinburgh Rugby.

Afterwards they were treated to a trip around Murrayfield Stadium, including a journey through the history of Scottish Rugby, viewing memorabilia from the world's oldest international rugby match, England vs. Scotland. Warwick A, B and C teams all performed well in their matches, winning four out of six. Off the pitch the boys enjoyed paintballing, a ghost tour and an open top bus tour. The tour will be remembered by all, and developed trust, teamwork, adaptability and respect; key skills both on and off the field.



## Biarritz U15 Rugby Tour

Forty-four boys from the U15 age group departed for five days of rugby and group bonding in France.

With the G7 summit happening over the same weekend in Biarritz we were lucky to see Air Force One at the airport! The boys went to see a live Top 14 rugby match between Pau and Brive where the hostility of the home crowd was a new experience for the boys, and with two red cards they were certainly fired up!

Excursions to several beaches, surfing in San Sebastian, a visit to a water park and playing the sport Basque pelota kept the boys extremely busy. We were able to train in some fantastic locations and played a highly competitive match against French rugby club St Vincent de Tyrosse.



Mr Willis would like to thank the boys for their effort while on tour and messrs; Thomson, Leaf, Hayne and Walker for their support to allow the trip to take place.

## Hockey Tour

At the very start of the summer holidays, 28 boys headed off on the Senior Hockey tour to Singapore and Malaysia.

On arrival, the team quickly realised they had underestimated the heat and humidity. The first set of matches proved testing and despite good performances the boys struggled to last in the conditions. A day on the beach, city tour and night safari in Singapore were the highlights of this stage of the trip before the group made their way up into Malaysia.

Another difficult match gave glimpses of progress being made but again the heat and humidity of Malacca took its toll. As the tour progressed north up the coast of Malaysia through Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and on to Penang, the boys started to acclimatise and performances on the pitch improved as a result. More sightseeing and a truly amazing trip, white water rafting through the jungle, gave ample time for the boys to absorb the culture of this amazing country. A reminder of how fortunate we all are was a visit to the home for handicapped orphans, some of whom had been abandoned as children and had lived in the home all their lives. It was great to see the boys helping with chores at the home and interacting with the residents. The tour ended on the island of Penang, where a beach front hotel provided opportunity for the boys to reflect on a wonderful tour.



## Cricket | Top 100 Schools

Warwick School has been included in the Cricketer Magazine's Top 100 Cricket Schools for the fifth consecutive year.



### Congratulations to:

Head Boy **Fin Smith**, who was selected for the England U18 Training Camp at Bisham Abbey National Sport Centre over half-term.

**Kristian Leask**, who competed in the West Midlands Archery Society Junior Championships. After a tough competition, he went on to finish and became the West Midlands Archery Society Junior Compound Champion 2019.

**Hassan Khalil**, who competed in the Welsh Junior Open Squash Championships in September, and won the boys U17 showpiece. Congratulations also go to **Ismail Khalil**, who also competed and came 5th in his first U13 competitions, losing just one match.

**Jack Forsythe** who was selected for the England U18 South Africa Tour which took place in the summer holidays.

## Hockey News

Congratulations to our U16 and U18 Indoor Hockey teams, who will both be competing in the Midlands Finals at the beginning of December.

The U18 boys won their Midlands indoor zone round to qualify for the Midlands Finals on 8 December, beating Malvern College 5-3, and Ashby School 6-1. We wish them the best of luck for the next round of the competition.

## Swimming News

The swim team have had a successful term in the pool, competing well in both inter-school galas and national competitions. The highlights of the term were the English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA) Senior Schools Relay Championships.

Our U13, U15 and U18 teams swam exceptionally well in the initial ESSA qualifying round, seeing all three teams finishing the day as West Midlands champions in both the freestyle and medley relay events. Beating off competition from over 170 other schools, all three teams earned themselves a place in the national finals at the London Aquatic Centre in November.

At the finals, our U13 team of Zack Haigh, Lewis Morrison, Jake Deaner, Ned Stevens and Will Payton finished the day in 24th position in the Medley relay and 13th in the Freestyle competition. Our U18 team of Harry Spalding, Max Holton, Matt Chillington and Skip Snelson finished 19th and 17th in the Medley and Freestyle respectively, the best result for our Senior team for many years.

The U15 team of Marcus Yau, Louis McAuliffe, Harvey Flint and Ruben Snelson produced the performance of the day qualifying for the Grand Final of the Medley event finishing 10th overall. They also managed a creditable 15th place in the freestyle event.



# Collaboration

## Foundation Swimming

Throughout the year we hold regular junior swimming fixtures with Warwick Prep School and this term galas have taken place for our swimmers in Years 3,4,5 and 6 at Bromsgrove School and Blue Coat School.



Eleanor and Sebastian from Year 4

In January the joint squad will be hosting the final round at Warwick School's swimming pool. Junior swimming is one of the few sports whereby the girls and boys compete alongside each other and the competition is always hotly contested and greatly enjoyed by the girls, boys, staff and parents alike!

## BBC Music Day

Year 4 took part in the BBC Music Day along with girls from Warwick Prep School. They were one of about 8 schools taking part and the renowned choir *Ex Cathedra* led the singing workshop, whilst being filmed by the BBC.

The morning was great fun and all of the children sang their hearts out and danced their feet off – even the teachers had to take part! A wonderful morning, showing again the value of music in education. A big thank you to Miss Griggs in the Prep School who organised it all.



# ONE CAMPUS PLUS

## One Campus Plus

One Campus Plus is our campaign to raise £4 million to add an extra level of benefits to our shared Foundation site, and complete the Governors' 'Vision 2020' plan to provide best of both worlds education to boys and girls of our schools.

Our fundraising priorities include a new Foundation Clubhouse to be shared by all schools, providing changing

facilities, hospitality and a surround viewing platform overlooking our 3G rugby, tennis and hockey pitches.

We have recently surpassed £800,000 in donations towards the campaign, enabling us to start planning for the introduction of additional facilities.

To find out more about the campaign please visit [www.onecampusplus.co.uk](http://www.onecampusplus.co.uk)



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