

The Warwickian



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Concealment

by Cameron Rees

Serving the community



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Welcome to the Warwickian

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You may notice that this edition of the Warwickian is slightly different to usual. Unfortunately it was not possible to distribute the Lent 2020 Warwickian due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we have so many wonderful stories that we wanted to share, we have taken the opportunity to combine the two editions together in a special 'bumper' edition. This covers the activities within school during the Lent term until the school closures on 20 March, and a few of the wonderful stories of community spirit, innovation and adaptability which emerged during lockdown. Thank you to Cameron Rees (Y11) for providing the fantastic artwork on the front cover.

PPE Donations



At the height of lockdown, many members of our community came together to donate PPE to local care homes and hospitals. Our international boarding community shipped over 3,880 face masks, 7,500 pairs of disposable gloves, and 1,040 N95 masks to Warwick School for distribution within the community.

Warwick School donated safety glasses and goggles, disposable gloves and disposable aprons to Warwick Hospital, and the Wadland, Dunlop, Dunning and Brough families joined a community project called Boddington Made It, assembling face masks that were made on 3D printers.

Charity Fundraising

Many of our boys from across the school undertook fundraising activities from home, raising money for a variety of good causes, and volunteering their time.

Adam Lane (L6) ran and cycled 100km across 10 days with a weighted vest on in order to raise money for the NHS, raising over £1,200.

Osian (Y9), Rhys (Y8) and Ifan (Y5) Mulligan walked 421,000 steps (or the length of Wales!) to raise money for the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital charity, raising over £1,200.



Helping the Community

A large number of boys took part in community projects to help those in need.

Warwick School pupil Bertie joined his father and a team of 'Champions' supporting the villagers of Deddington. The champions delivered medicine and food to villages, and produced a weekly newsletter to ensure everybody was kept in touch. Bertie helped his father by delivering newsletters to their 'patch' of around 200 houses and by collecting and delivering supplies to those in need.

Pupil Ollie (L6) and his family cooked free meals for their local community, feeding over 100 people per week.

Academic news

Oxbridge

Pupils from Warwick School are once again celebrating receiving offers from Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Six boys from Warwick School received offers from Oxford and Cambridge this year, in a broad range of subjects.

Pictured from left to right:

Ben Pollock - *Engineering at Brasenose College, Oxford;*

Tom Allin - *Economics at Selwyn College, Cambridge;*

Albert Williams - *Engineering at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford;*

Peter Walker - *Classics at Merton College, Oxford;*

Kieran Brooker - *Anglo Saxon, Norse and Celtic at Corpus Christi, Cambridge and*

William Blake (OW) - *History at Sidney Sussex, Cambridge.*



Last year 91% of our boys were admitted to their preferred universities, with boys going on to study subjects such as Medicine, Law and Engineering at world class universities including Oxford, Cambridge and Durham.

UKMT Maths Challenges

A number of boys from across the school sat the UKMT Mathematical Challenges earlier this year. In the intermediate challenge for Years 9, 10 and 11, 29 gold, 36 silver and 35 bronze certificates were awarded to Warwick School boys. Philip Cai, Daniel Jenks-Berryman and Thomas Macro in Year 9, Andy Lau in Year 10 and Jack He in Year 11 all qualified for the prestigious Olympiad competition.

March saw the Junior Maths Challenge team of Jim Yeung, Harry Colliver, Philip Cai and Tom Macro compete in the regional final at Myton School. There were four rounds of mathematical problem solving and the boys performed excellently, exemplifying the department values of precision and reliability. They scored full marks on two of the rounds and clocked up one of the highest ever totals by a Warwick School Team. They consequently came first and qualified for the National Final.

Library Book Groups

Our two book groups have been looking at books on the Warwickshire School Library Service Book Awards lists and will be voting on their favourites over the next few weeks.

Our book groups have continued virtually through lockdown. One of their projects was to discuss their favourite books, and help our librarians to produce summer reading lists for the rest of the school.

UK Bebras 2019 | Computational Thinking Challenge UK Finals

Harry Colliver, Daniel Jenks-Berryman, Hamish Jordan and Harry Ward all attended the BEBRAS UK Finals which were held at the Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford.



UK Bebras
Computational
Thinking
Challenge

They had a fascinating day taking part in lectures based around machine learning, a tour of Hertford College and participating in the final challenge. All boys performed very well and enjoyed this memorable day where they joined in the final round having been placed in the top 50 of the country out of 130,000 entrants in the BEBRAS challenge.

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day the Library held a Cake Sale and raised £156.50.

The money collected will go to *Book Aid* who tweeted their thanks to the pupils of Warwick School.



Junior School news

Rugby Sevens

In Lent term the U11s played in the annual Warwick Sevens Festival. This year saw the 29th running of the event that attracts some of the best Sevens schools from the Midlands and North of England.

Putting two teams into the competition was always going to be tough but the boys applied themselves brilliantly and played some fantastic rugby. Special mentions must go to Oliver Blake and Henry Nicklin who were awarded the 'top performer' awards and Oscar Yates and Oliver Walmsley who received the 'most improved' awards for their team.



Year 4 Play | Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits

Audiences slipped on their sandals for some sandy silliness as they took a thrilling carpet ride with Ali Baba and his crazy camel on an amazing Arabian adventure!

The Year 4 boys took to the ancient city of Old Baghdad as it was in chaos. Whilst the bustling bazaar was overrun with ruthless robbers, up in the palace, Sultan Pepper's precious princess and royal ruby had vanished! To make matters worse, it seemed the poor Sultan couldn't trust his own Vizier, Mustapha Widdle, nor his mischievous monkey Booboo. So, when Ali Baba discovered the hidden Cave of Wonders (the secret hideout of Balthazar Bongo and his bumbling bandits) it was down to him to save the day! But when his ravenous, tap-dancing camel Humphrey bit off more than he could chew, and Ali was accused of royal robbery, his fate seemed as sealed as the Cave of Wonders itself! With the sands of time rapidly running out, it was touch and go as to whether or not Ali would escape the clutches of the evil Vizier. Would he find and free the imprisoned princess? And what would be in store when Ali and Bongo finally met... fez to fez? These mysteries and



Year 6 North Wales Trip

The base for the Year 6 trip was Plas-y-Brenin National Outdoor Centre in Wales, where on arrival the boys were divided into seven groups and spent the week, exploring everything that Snowdonia has to offer.

Each group attempted to summit a mountain, tackle the ice-cold water on a gorge walk and conquer their fears underground in some of the historic slate mines of the region. There were many examples of boys showing perseverance; from conquering fears of height or darkness, to demonstrating incredible teamwork to help every member through the raging currents of the gorges, to ice climbing their way up Moel Siabod (872m) via a route rarely attempted by school pupils.

It was not just the daytime that was action packed. Every evening the boys took part in a range of different activities, with the now famous Mr Hymer's Quiz allowing the boys a brief physical rest. Other groups took advantage of the onsite climbing walls, orienteering course and the highly secretive night-line walk.

The 72 boys on the trip were an absolute pleasure to take away and a credit to everyone at Warwick School.



many more were revealed as we followed Ali Baba across the dusty desert dunes to face forty filthy thieves, rescue a runaway princess, fly a magic carpet and release a genie from a bottle of ketchup!

Young Engineers and Buggy Builders Club | Visit of Councillor George Illingworth

The boys attending our Young Engineers and Buggy Builders clubs were fortunate to be able to host and welcome the Chairman of Warwick District Council, Councillor George Illingworth, and his wife to their clubs.

The councillor is a retired chartered mechanical engineer who is a long-standing supporter of Imagineering, the charity which provides the kits for our Young Engineers. Councillor Illingworth watched as the boys in Young Engineers checked all the components in their kits to make their Morse Code Buzzers and began to coil the wires for their solenoids. The Buggy Builders listened carefully as their VIP visitor explained how a differential works. The boys were delighted to meet someone as interested in engineering as they are, and talked enthusiastically about how they enjoy making their projects, as well as helping each other trouble shoot problems encountered on the way.



The Young Engineers meet each week and, led by Mr David Bray, also a retired engineer, build a range of exciting projects from kits. They have previously built a glider, compass and steady hand puzzle and will be using their soldering skills to create a moisture sensor and radio, amongst other projects, over the next few months. Buggy Builders spend a term building a battery-powered buggy, looking forward to the final club session when they test drive their vehicle.

New Year 6 Prefects

Five further prefects took up their position in the Lent term after making their pledges in front of school. Well done boys.



Charity news

RNLI Charity Day

Boys and staff came to school dressed as pirates and seafarers to help raise money for the RNLI (the chosen charity for Scott House this year). It was great to see so many creative costumes, and £655.98 was raised for the RNLI!



Cake Sale

We're delighted to announce that following the cake sale in February, £402.00 was raised, with half of the proceeds being sent to the World Wildlife Fund for Australia Bushfires, and half being split between the four house charities. Thank you to all of the boys and their parents who supported these worthy charities.



Evelyn's Gift

We were delighted that representatives from Evelyn's Gift visited school to receive a cheque from Wellington House for £538.00.



Year 3 | Museum Trip - Ethan Jones

Year 3 visited the Market Hall Museum in Warwick to learn more about fossils. When we stepped inside, it had amazing and interesting things to see. The Museum even had an Irish Giant Deer which had horns that were huge! After, when we were finally ready, we went upstairs and into the left-hand gallery. We had a talk about what Warwick was like 200 million years ago and then sat at the tables in the corner to do our first activity.

We split ourselves up into small groups, then we were given a box. Inside, there were different marine fossils, different pieces of laminated card with names of the different marine creatures and pictures of the creatures. The idea was to match the correct three items for each marine animal - these animals included: Echinoid and Belemnite.

Afterwards, we went into the right-hand gallery. We were onto our second activity now. We were given a clipboard because our next task was to look into the glass cabinet and choose our favourite marine reptile fossil and draw it. Then, we walked over to another section. In this section, for fun, we were comparing our heights with animals. For example, an orangutan was 1.4m and an emperor penguin was 1.3m. I was closest to an emperor penguin because I am 1.26m. Then we walked back into the left-hand gallery.

We were asked some questions about what we learnt - I learnt that a dolphin is a mammal and an ichthyosaur which looks like a dolphin is actually a marine reptile, so they are not related to each other!

At the end of the trip we headed back downstairs and walked back to the Junior School.

I thought the museum was really interesting, I would love to go back!

Academic news

Schools Challenge Quiz

Our teams have been very successful in both competitions this year, with the Senior Quiz Team finishing third in the country for the first time in Warwick School history.

The season began with the Severn Valley competition before Christmas. Despite a narrow loss to King's Worcester in the group stages, we beat King's High and Worcester B, and met The Chase School, in the final, achieving a narrow victory. We were again asked to host the national finals day in the spring. This of course proved impossible under lockdown, but the competition itself was able to continue remotely. The national quarter-final saw us play Calday Grange, and a close contest resulted in a narrow win for our team. We then came up against a Westminster School team which had already beaten the perennial favourites, The Perse. We took an early lead, but Westminster proved too quick and knowledgeable in the end – and went on to win the final. We also played a match to decide third and fourth positions, in which we overcame Dollar Academy 620-550. Many congratulations to our team.

Our U13 teams also travelled to Worcester for their competition just before half term. Our B team competed well against three A teams, with a narrow loss to King's Worcester, a thrilling tie with The Chase and a decisive win over KES Stratford. Our A team was in excellent form, also defeating KES Stratford and Worcester B, to go through to the final where they convincingly beat Worcester A to proceed to the next round. This competition was unfortunately put on hold due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Congratulations to all of our boys who took part.

U18 A: P Walker (captain), O Johnson, A Mackay, O Robinson. **U18 B:** W Knights (captain), P Cooley, E Cosnett, O Crabtree, J Hook, T Macro, J Sharp.

U13 A: A Bosworth (captain), H Colliver, E Hook, S Wachira. **U13 B:** A Thomas (captain), S Sasikuramasarma, J Taylor, P Waltin-Hayfield.

Big Talks

We were delighted to host a brand new event - Big Talks - an initiative started by Nahla Summers. The idea was formed when in 2019 Nahla walked from Swanage to Gretna Green, asking people on the way to show support by doing an act of kindness.

Sharing her own inspirational story, an idea was born to set up a series of events. Four speakers gave up their time to share their life experience; Senior Paediatric Consultant Sanjic Nanchani, explorer Mark Wood, challenger William Buist, and author Sarah Ross.

Congratulations to:

Samuel Wachira who accumulated 50 commendations in a term, earning a gold commendation certificate from the Head Master.

UK Linguistics Olympiad

30 boys from Year 11 to Upper Sixth sat the UK Linguistics Olympiad on 7 February.

They were tested on a variety of puzzles, having to work out the rules of different languages from a few sentences or examples in each language. These included a particularly difficult example of early Cypriot; two languages currently spoken by 4 and 5 people respectively; and a language where 'They do not want to see me again' is written as one word – *aarunahapiramanahanona*.

This year no Warwick School candidate achieved a gold award, but we had a record number of seven bronze and five silver awards. Well done to all boys who took part, especially to the five boys in Year 11 who gained awards.

Warwick School | Oxford Union Debating Competition Monday 2 March 2020

Warwick School hosted 25 schools for the Oxford Union Competition in the Pavilion on Monday 2 March.

The event was a superb opportunity for the boys to debate against a range of local schools in friendly competition and to meet some of the Oxford University students who came to judge the event.

It was a final swansong for Peter Walker and Ben Pollock, both of whom have debated for many years at the school and they were joined by Milan Oakland, Oliver Browne, Elliot Cosnett, Cornelius Adkins-Hudd, Max Mather and Leo Sun.

Debating on subjects such as discrimination in sport, they were able to impress the judges with their style and wit but were unfortunately unable to progress to the National Final. Many thanks to all the boys who joined us to help throughout the evening.



News & events

Young Enterprise

Warwick School and King's High School have begun their 'Young Enterprise' campaigns, showcasing their companies and products. The Lower Sixth Form pupils are given the opportunity to create innovative ideas and, through the Young Enterprise scheme, set up companies to develop and market their products, which gives them an insight into the setting up and running of a real company.

This year 'Company Cura', 'Earth+' and 'Endure' have been taking part in trade fairs at Morrisons and the Royal Priors Shopping Centre.

Company Cura showed how, by using QR codes, customers and companies can help those suffering from food allergies can see if the product they are about to eat contains any ingredients that they are allergic too. Both businesses and public have the opportunity to see how the system works.



Earth+ are environment orientated and have created an illustrated storybook for young people. They have created and designed a range of characters, which, is an ideal story book for young children.



Endure are aiming to get youngsters to begin healthy cooking. They have designed a kit containing a 'five-a-day' printed apron complete with a small wooden spoon and specially created recipes that are easy to cook.

Good luck to all three teams.



Politics and Law Society - Milan Oakland

We were delighted to welcome former High Court Judge and OW Sir David Foskett back to Warwick School.

Sir David spoke to Sixth Formers of Warwick and King's High in a joint meeting of the Politics and Law societies. The focus of the talk was the extent the British judiciary is effective in protecting civil liberties.

The discussion examined two real legal cases involving Jeremy Corbyn MP and Boris Johnson MP (*Foster v McNicol and The Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP [2016] EWHC 1966 QB* and *The Queen on the application of the London Boroughs of Islington, Southwark, Camden, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Lewisham, Greenwich, Ingrid Richardson v The Mayor of London (& ors) [2013] EWHC 4142 (Admin)*).

The students' enthusiasm and engagement were shown by the varied questions Sir David was asked. These ranged from questions on judicial review to some of the cases he had worked on, to how he prepared his judgements.

Sir David's breadth of knowledge and simple, yet detailed, judgements produced a thoroughly enjoyable, informative and intriguing discussion.



Chess

The school chess season was one in which we competed strongly, but without great success overall, finishing third in the league and losing in the semi-final of the cup.

Campion School deservedly won both competitions (honourable mention should be made of OW Joshua Jee who started Champion's chess club from scratch only 5 years ago).

One highlight has been the arrival in our team of Billy Fellowes from Year 3 at Warwick Junior School. He came 4th in the European U9 chess championship and has regularly beaten opponents more than twice his age in our school matches. We also welcomed a new Year 10, Tim Yeung, to the team. Indeed competition for places among the lower boards has become quite intense, and we are even considering entering a regular 'B' team for the second division next year.

Well done to the following boys who played for the A Team: W Kendell (captain) B Fellowes, O Harrison, C Kendell, C Leung, A Robinson, J Sharp, T Yeung.

The arts

THE IRONSTONE ART PRIZE

Ironstone Exhibition

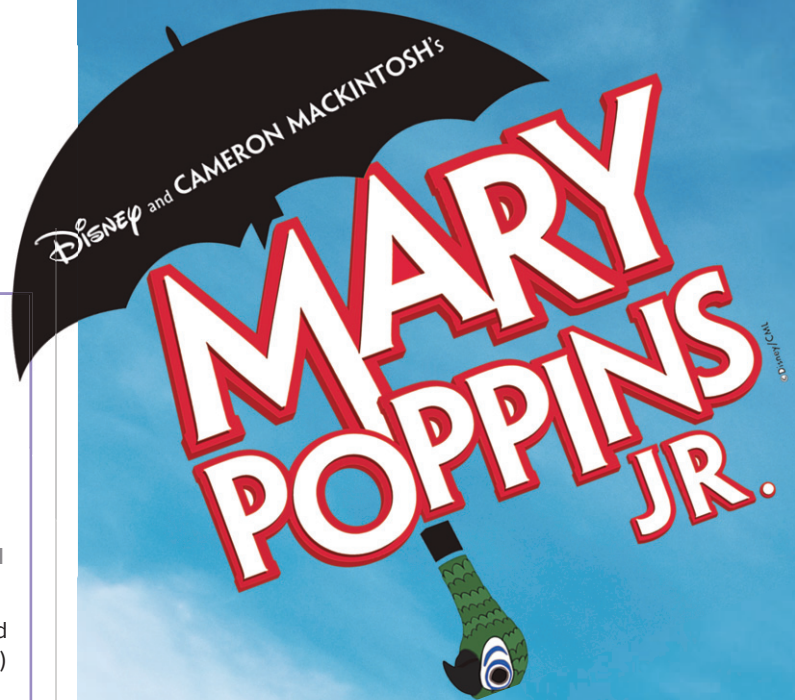
After two rounds of selection, four of our boys managed to have their work chosen for display at the Ironstone Exhibition at Banbury Museum, as well as Mr Snatt and Mr Ramsay.

Giosue Larucci, Oliver Davies and Edson Dibble all had their work displayed, and Charlie Bray (pictured below) scooped the U21 prize with his view of the Grand Canyon. Congratulations to all involved.



Congratulations to:

Rhys Mulligan who played William in the production of 'Goodnight Mr Tom' at the Bear Pit Theatre in December.



Warwick School and King's High School performed one of the world's favourite shows to five packed houses in the Bridge House Theatre. Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins JR.* is an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs and breath-taking dance numbers and our cast of over 40 brought all the magic to life 'practically perfectly'. It contains all the popular songs that made the movie so endearing: *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!*, *Step in Time* and *A Spoonful of Sugar* to name just a few.

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that *"Anything can happen if you let it."*

The production featured some of our finest performers in Years 9 and 10 and was directed by Mike Perry (Director of Drama), with original choreography by Maud Beidas. Sam Young returned for one last show as the Musical Director. Amongst the many notable performances given by our two alternating casts were – Charlotte Syson and Caitlin Hughes as the inspirational Mary Poppins, Taha Elamin and Fraser Venn as Bert, and Sam Littell and Toby Hawkins as George Banks. Throughout the run of shows Matthew Peachey and Charley Knights played the cheeky children Michael and Jane Banks and Lottie Perry was Winifred Banks. There were some delightful cameos by Patrick Stiven as the Chairman, Charlotte Isbell as Miss Andrew, Yasmin Bakhtiari as Mrs Brill and Julia Di Matteo as Mrs Corry. The skilled ensemble flowed from park strollers (*Jolly Holiday*) to bank clerks (*Precision and Order*) and chimney sweeps (*Step in Time*) with tremendous energy, supported by the brilliant costume designs of Alex Kaniewski.



The arts



Music

String Concert

Once again the Senior School string players gathered for a fabulous showcase of the main string groups.

Ranging from Year 7 - Year 13 each group played a magnificent array of music from Mozart to Guns N' Roses.

Lower School Strings set the scene followed by String Revolution and the Senior Cello Ensemble. Following the Senior Strings' performance of *Libertango* by Piazzolla the Chamber Orchestra gave a masterful and musical performance of *Britten's Simple Symphony*.

The concert concluded with the Ambrose Ensemble playing pieces they had rehearsed on the String weekend. Their accompaniment of Alexandre MacKay's stunning performance of the *Mozart Piano Concert* was full of subtlety whilst the *Wirén Serenade* demonstrated technical brilliance.



Concert at The Firs | Elgar's birthplace

On Sunday 1 March, 15 boys and 4 staff travelled past the temporary sea south of Worcester to The Firs, the birthplace of Sir Edward Elgar, now curated by the National Trust.



As well as looking round a range of Elgar memorabilia in his humble birthplace, and the exhibition centre, our musicians performed a public recital in the concert room.

There was some music by Elgar, quite a lot by contemporaries such as Finzi, Bruch, Bloch, and Rachmaninov, and several other works. Solo pieces, mostly accompanied by Mr Druce, were performed alongside some pieces from the recent chamber music concert.

Particular highlights were Elgar's, *Chanson de Matin* with Jamie Nash accompanied by Euan McGarr and Jacob Lee's performance of *Glière's Tarantella* which certainly made it worth the effort of trying to fit a double bass into a school minibus.

String Weekend

The ninth String Weekend took place in an old Edwardian Country House (now a prep school) in the middle of January, a time of year that is often seen as a low point and yet has become a not-to-be missed high point in the School's music calendar.

Eighteen boys and 13 girls from the Foundation spent a weekend rehearsing *Mozart's piano concerto no.21* and *Dag Wirén's Serenade*, watching the film 'The Green Book', having a quiz night and going for a bracing walk in the beautiful countryside. The results, as seen and heard at the String Concert, were outstanding.

Chamber Concert

This event showcased some of Warwick School's more advanced chamber groups with the help of musicians from King's High School.

The concert featured an interesting and varied programme presenting the best of the classical repertoire. Performers included the *MacKay Quartet*, *Lyu Piano Trio*, the *Gibson Baroque Ensemble*, *Foundation Fanfare Team* and the *Undertones*, amongst many of our other talented musicians.

The audience were treated to a feast of first rate playing and we can be proud of the wonderful musical talent that Warwick School continues to produce.



Jazz @ the Bridge

The annual extravaganza that is Jazz at the Bridge played for two nights and featured all three big bands, small jazz groups, a solo piano medley of La La Land by Josh Hill and a revisit of the band that travelled out to Uganda.

The event raised a total of £3,929.97 for our chosen charities Brass For Africa and the Dominic Community Foundation.



Music

Bridge House of Rock

All seven of Warwick School's rock bands, plus MACH4 from King's High School performed to a packed out audience in the Bridge House Theatre.

The evening was finished off with the Warwick School staff band backing solo singers Taha Elamin, Maya Evans, Izzy Evans and CC Morel.

A collection was held for the charity Brass For Africa and raised £404.



Charity & community

Go Green | Green Flag Assessment

Over the last few years, the Green Teams in the Senior and Junior School have worked hard to earn bronze and silver awards from Eco-Schools, awards that recognise the efforts of the boys to make the school more environmentally sustainable and to encourage all of the school community to take environmental issues more seriously.



An assessor from Eco-Schools visited the Senior School and Junior School on Friday 28 February. She spoke to the Green Teams of both schools about the different projects they had implemented and was taken on tours of both schools to evaluate our progress on environmental matters. She was hugely interested to hear about the work the boys have done on projects such as the wildlife garden, switch off fortnight and the meat-free day referendum. Following the visit we heard the great news that both schools had been awarded Green Flag status, an outstanding achievement.

Apprenticeship

Evening | by Tom Patrick

At the beginning of March, Warwick School held their first Apprenticeship Evening, offering the opportunity for parents and students in Year 10 and above to explore the world of apprenticeships.

The evening began with an introductory talk from the National Apprenticeship Service, highlighting the best ways someone can find an apprenticeship and the many different types on offer.

We then moved in to Warwick Hall, where a huge range of companies were exhibiting. Whether you were interested in business and saw a possible future in corporate banking with Barclays or had the hope of helping others with Warwickshire County Council, the evening catered for all. One of the more unusual companies there was DSTL, coincidentally represented by Old Warwickian Jack Bould, they offer apprenticeships for those keen to get involved in engineering and more specifically in the defence sector. Just speaking to a company could quite easily sway you, they all offered such fantastic opportunities and coming out of education and going straight into a working environment may be an option.

Living in the ever-changing world that we do, going down the more traditional route of a university might not be the best option. One of the most valuable attributes to bring to an employer is experience, and the chance to work, learn and earn as an apprentice is a very inviting prospect.

Overall, the evening was a complete success. Many came out of it with a different perspective on education and many it just confirmed what they already believed. The first-ever Warwick School apprenticeship evening was exactly what it said it would be "a really interesting and informative event".

Charity £16,000

total raised this academic year



Chemistry | In Africa

The chemistry department was pleased to receive photographs sent by Jesman Seva, the headteacher of Bishop Mtekateka Secondary School in Nkhotakota, Malawi.



The photographs show equipment, sent by the chemistry department last year, being put to great use by the staff and students in a complex titration practical.

Meat-Free Day Referendum

Just before half-term the Green Team ran a referendum to decide if we should introduce a meat-free day into the school's menu.

Upper Sixth pupils Lawrence Gartshore and Peter Walker ran the campaign against the proposal, while Lower Sixth pupils Archie McCusker and Will Callan ran the campaign in favour, leading up to a week of assemblies where the boys gave impassioned speeches to the electorate of boys and staff in the junior and senior schools.

Speculation was rife following each assembly as to the outcome and passions were raised as boys grappled with one of the key debates of our times: *are we willing to make personal sacrifices for the benefit of the environment?*

The vote was tight but ultimately, by a margin of 624 to 568, the school voted to introduce a meat-free day once every three weeks. Consultation is now being carried out by pupil voice to decide what meat-free dishes would be most popular on those days, ahead of the first meat-free day starting in September.

School Pool of the Year | Gold Winner

This year we have been awarded Gold in the category 'School Pool Of The Year' at the recent UK Pool and Spa awards, recognising excellence in swimming pools, spas and water leisure.

The award looks at how we best utilise the swimming pool to benefit local communities, clubs and societies, the variety of aquatic disciplines and incentives hosted regularly, and the maintenance of the swimming pool plant area and water chemistry.

Exhibition of Young Local Artists

The 'Exhibition of Young Local Artists', hosted here at Warwick School, brought together the work of 36 local primary schools to celebrate art and showcase young talent. The young artists and their families gathered for a special 'Opening Ceremony' on 1 February, with the exhibition open for the following few days, where family, friends and the school communities were able to come and view the extraordinary range of artwork on show.

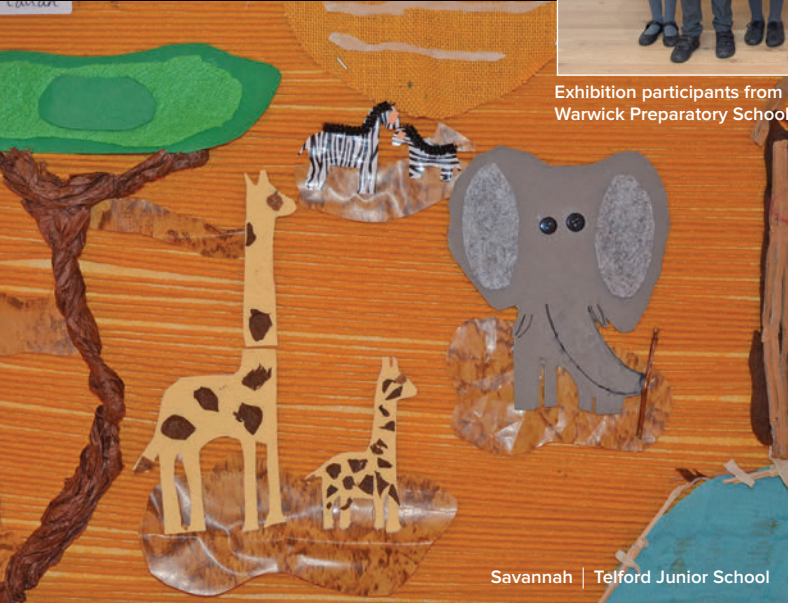
Spring Magnolia | Clapham Terrace Primary School



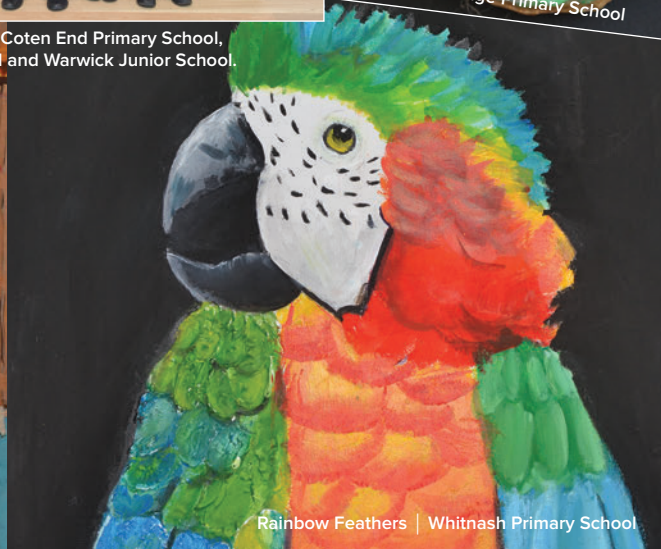
Exhibition participants from Coten End Primary School, Warwick Preparatory School and Warwick Junior School.



Dinosaur Eye | Dorridge Primary School



Savannah | Telford Junior School



Rainbow Feathers | Whitnash Primary School

Charity & community



Chinese New Year

At the end of January six boarders from Way House spent two afternoons at Heathcote Primary School.

Jim Liu, Alexander Lau, Leo Lyu, Tianze Ye, Hugo Wan and Christopher Leung spent time with the pupils explaining the intricacies of Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated in both China and Hong Kong. They also spent time teaching some Chinese language lessons as well.

Myton Hospice Grow 100

A team of eight Warwick School Sixth Formers were set a challenge to grow £100 for Myton Hospice, alongside five other schools.



The team comprising Tim Briggs, Will Callan, Alec Chamberlain, Pete Dobson, Adam Lane, Archie McCusker, Tom Patrick and Henry Plymington, had to find ways to maximise their initial £100 with minimal spend, whilst spreading awareness of the project and the charity within the local community.

By the end of the challenge the Warwick School team raised a fantastic £1000 for the Myton Hospice.



Webinar | with Charlie Hayter

Old Warwickian and coach of the England 7s Women's team, Charlie Hayter, joined our current 1XV players on a webinar to analyse our performance in the U18 Schools Cup Semi-Final vs Northampton School for Boys. Charlie captained our very first U18 Daily Mail Cup winning side in 2007 against Barnard Castle. The evening was hosted with the use of our new video platform Coach Logic which will be rolled out to all age groups next year.

Charlie delivered a great introduction about how he got into professional rugby and his route through university. The evening concluded with a Q&A session, with lots of great questions and advice.



Rugby Presentation Evening

This year the annual Rugby Presentation Evening took on a very different format. It was a hugely successful and fantastic rugby season which ended all too abruptly much to the disappointment of many, particularly the 1st XV who were denied their Cup Final match on hallowed turf at Twickenham.

The rugby department pulled together a great 'virtual evening' to present individual and group awards to our players. This included a short speech from special guest Sean O'Brien (ex British Lions/Ireland), wishing Warwick School rugby club all the best with their end of year awards and congratulating them for their achievements and successes throughout the season. The evening was enjoyed by all, and was an excellent substitute for the real thing!

Virtual Sports Day

Sports Day is usually a fun and enjoyable way to finish off the main house events of the summer term. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are unable to host sports day in the usual way, so our sports staff have been busy devising an alternative event. This year we held a virtual Sports Day, an event open to pupils, parents and staff and spread across 4 days with 10 possible events.

A bespoke website was created with a video demonstration of each event led by a member of the PE department. Everyone could choose which events they wanted to participate in. 100 points were automatically earned for the respective House just by entering. Scores were submitted online and then added to each event with a live scores facility to keep an eye on the House in the lead.

After 4 days of participation across the 10 activities the winners were Brooke in the Senior School and Scott in the Junior School.



Year 10 - egg and spoon (on-site). inset: Mme Thomas - the cereal box challenge (from home).

Fencing | West Midlands Épée Regional Finals



After strong performances at the West Midlands épée regional qualifiers, both Ben Colliver and Connor Johnstone have secured a place at the National Finals.

Congratulations also go to Michael Egginton and Finlay Gravenor who performed well in the competition.

Connor Johnstone, Ptolemy Davies and Patrick Stiven have also qualified for the British Fencing Nationals after their performances in FOIL.

The nationals are currently postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.



Rugby Sevens

The 51st Warwick Sevens went ahead in a much-reduced format due to the recent poor weather. Teams from across the country competed in a round robin format from U12-U16 age groups, with the Warwick teams performing very well.

Warwick U12s topped their pool with excellent wins against RGS High Wycombe, King's Worcester and Bromsgrove. The U13s came second in the group with a 3-3 draw to Bromsgrove and a narrow defeat to RGS High Wycombe, but managed strong wins against Princethorpe and King's Worcester. The U14s had an unbeaten morning defeating Wellington College, King's Worcester and Solihull. The U15s played brilliantly to defeat Solihull and RGS High Wycombe but narrowly lost to Samuel Whitbread Academy to come 2nd in their group. Finally the U16s played some fantastic rugby to defeat RGS High Wycombe and King's Worcester. They were leading to Millfield in the last play only to have their hopes shattered with a last minute score by the opposition.

Well done to all the Warwick teams.

House Swimming Gala

The annual House swimming gala took place in January, and the swimmers competed in medley, freestyle and canon relays, as well as 50 metre individual races.

Congratulations to the individual year group winners, Year 7 winners Brooke, Year 8 joint winners Greville and Oken, Year 9 joint winners Brooke and Guy, Year 10 winners Greville, and seniors joint winners Brooke and Greville.

Schools Cup | Semi-Final

Warwick School 1XV put in a simply heroic display to defeat a powerful Northampton School for Boys team in the U18 Schools Cup semi-final.

A truly epic school boy match played by both teams, with the final score Warwick 32 – 23 NSB.

Warwick were set to play their fourth consecutive national final at Twickenham against last year's winners Whitgift. Due to government advice the RFU suspended all rugby activity including the Schools Cup Final. The match has been confirmed as cancelled and therefore Warwick and Whitgift will share the trophy.

Congratulations to:

Our U18 Squash Team comprising Harry, Ismail, William, Jack and Alhassan, who played incredibly well in the 2nd round of the National Schools tournament in Nottingham.

Hassan Khalil who came third in the US Junior Open Squash Championships in December and has also been crowned Boy's U17 English Junior Champion following the National Championships in March.

Jack Forsythe and Fin Smith who have both been selected for England U18s. Jack, Fin and Harry Spencer have also been selected and given contracts with the Worcester Senior Academy next season.

Max Hayward, Alex Ford and Theo Barnes, who secured places in the National Golf Finals although due to coronavirus this was unable to take place this year.

Lockdown activities

All Boxed-Up for Charity

Over 100 Warwick School boys slept in cardboard boxes to raise money for charity.

This annual event, which usually takes place on the school site, was somewhat different this year. The boys were challenged with a 'remote' at home sleep-out, building their own cardboard shelter, along with other materials they had available.

The idea behind the sleep-out was to raise funds for a good cause and allow the Year 7 boys to have fun whilst appreciating a little of what it means to be homeless.

The night was a big success, and raised over £3,000 for the Helping Hands Community Project in Leamington Spa.



Year 7 Work in the Community

In May, Mr Thomson launched the Year 7 Work in the Community Award. Boys were challenged to complete two hours of work in each of the five categories (Helping Around the Home, Helping Your Neighbours, Wildlife Care, Saving the Environment and Helping a Charity), learning new skills and developing key personal attributes whilst doing so.

Pupils needed to complete all of the five different sections, 10 hours work in total, to finish the award. They also had to write and submit a description of the task that they chose, and a personal reflection for each task as well.

We are delighted that 42 certificates were issued and 25 pupils finished all sections to complete the award – congratulations boys!



George Holmes helps with car maintenance.



Tom Gould helps his neighbour Mr Pipitone.

Final Assignments

All of our school community were saddened by the effect of the pandemic on those boys in Year 11 and Year 13 who were due to sit their exams this year. The teaching staff were truly amazed by the final assignments that the boys submitted.

Essays of great depth and scholarship, in a huge range of subjects – symbols of the boys resilience and passion. Sadly there isn't room in the publication to publish them here, but some example can be found on the Warwick School and Foundation at Home websites.

Foundation at Home Website

We hope that you managed to visit our website www.foundationathome.co.uk, which was set up to highlight the excellent activities that took place across the foundation during the Covid-19 lockdown. We were amazed with the contribution that our pupils, families and staff made in their local communities, and were cheered by their wonderful stories of kindness and ingenuity.



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