



# CH NEWS SPRING 2017

## PUPILS CELEBRATE UNIVERSITY OFFERS

Year 13 (Grecians) have been celebrating news of their university offers. Despite lots of hard work still ahead of them to achieve their grades, they are now fully motivated to secure their places on first choice courses at some of the best universities in the country and overseas.

Their excellent applications have resulted in offers to read natural sciences at Cambridge, Italian and linguistics at Oxford, biological sciences at Imperial, civil engineering at Bristol, geography at UCL, mathematics at Oxford, economics at Exeter, politics and world philosophies at SOAS, philosophy at UCL, history at Durham and English at Oxford.

Peter Callas, Senior Grecian (Head Pupil) at CH is hoping to study neuroscience at Bristol University this September. He says: "As mental health becomes more recognised and openly discussed, neuroscience is increasingly relevant in today's society. I have always wanted to be part of discovery and neuroscience is one of the areas of science associated with the largest uncertainty, both in understanding the subject and applications that could potentially be used in everyday life. After university I would like to



work as a research scientist looking at specific neurological diseases. I am also considering taking a postgraduate course in medicine."

## PHOTO OPP WITH PROFESSOR HAWKING



Pupils were invited by the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Andrew Parmley, to see Professor Stephen Hawking receive the Honorary Freedom of the City of London at Guildhall on 6 March. After the ceremony, the pupils had the pleasure of joining Professor Hawking for a photograph.

Jack Inch, 16, described this momentous occasion: "I am very proud that we had the opportunity of being photographed with the Professor, a kind gesture made possible by the Lord Mayor. During the ceremony, the Court of Common Council paid tribute to Professor Hawking's contribution to the fields of theoretical physics and cosmology. It was great to see that Professor Hawking possesses such a good sense of humour, sharing memories about his early school life and his life in London. After the ceremony, he answered questions on artificial intelligence, extra-terrestrial life and time travel."

To receive the Honorary Freedom of the City of London is rare. This has been awarded to Professor Hawking for his outstanding contribution to theoretical physics and cosmology. Only those who are truly exceptional such as Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela and Tim Berners-Lee have received this award.

## SPITAL SERMON - AN ANCIENT TRADITION

Spital is derived from the word 'hospital', specifically the one named St Mary Spital founded in 1197. Historically, the object of the 'sermon' was to attract donations to charities, especially to the Royal Hospitals. It was at a Spital Sermon in 1553 (the year Edward VI granted Christ's Hospital's Royal Charter), that the pupils of the School were first seen in public dressed in their bluecoat uniform.

On 9 March, CH pupils, the Senior Grecian (Head pupil) Peter Callas and Second Monitor, Rafaela Alford, travelled to St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall in the City of London to read a lesson at this ancient ceremony. The sermon, on the subject of hospitality – caring for both body and spirit in the old sense of the word - was given by The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark. The choir of King Edward's School Witley sang at the service.

The Spital Sermon was attended by the Lord Mayor of the City of London and the Lady Mayoress, together with the Sheriffs and Aldermen, Common Councilmen, Governors of CH and King Edward's School Witley (also a Royal Hospital) and the Treasurer, Head Master and Clerk.

Historically, the sermon was preached from the old open-air pulpit at St Mary Spital on three days of Easter week. A new Easter anthem was composed annually and printed copies were distributed that included advertisements for the School with requests for donations. This tradition ceased in 1862.

Historical context courtesy of the Christ's Hospital Museum



## INSPIRING GIRLS TO STUDY MATHS

A group of Year 9-11 (LE, UF and GE) girls visited the University of Oxford where the Mathematical Institute and Department of Statistics hosted 'It All Adds Up' to inspire girls to continue to study maths, as well as STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects at a higher level.

Whilst the number of girls participating in mathematics and further mathematics in the UK has grown substantially in recent years, the proportion of female A level mathematics students is 39% and for further mathematics the figure is only 28%. Universities and employers are keen to recruit even more female students into STEM subjects and also to a wide range of other degree courses and careers requiring quantitative skills, such as psychology, social sciences, economics and geography.



One of the pupils, Lottie Field, 15, who attended the conference, wrote an account of her day in Oxford and how it has strengthened her ambition to continue maths into A level. She hopes her experience will encourage other girls to look at maths and STEM subjects when choosing their sixth form course.

"Throughout the day there were five sessions, the first about prime numbers, their applications and how to find them. This was followed with a discussion on how mathematical models are used to predict the spread of diseases, then a puzzle solving session, then one about modular arithmetic and finally a talk about 'Women in STEM'. My favourite was about predicting the spread of diseases, because I could clearly see its direct application and significance in helping solve some of the world's major problems. Dr Cotton-Barratt (Admissions Co-ordinator at Oxford) explained how the reproductive ratio (on average how many people you infect when you have a disease) affects the spread of a disease. I also thoroughly enjoyed the modular arithmetic session. It was excellent and we started to look into patterns in modular arithmetic multiplication tables which was very interesting. We continued this investigation back at CH during Maths Club. The day was a wonderful experience and helped me to gain a further understanding of the research work being undertaken and options available at the University."



# SPORTING SUCCESS

## BADMINTON

This has been the most successful season on record for the senior badminton squad. Success on the court this year has been due to the depth of talent within the squad. In the match against Charterhouse, Chelsea Lam, Gavin Ma, Rashaine Weekes, Charlene Chow and Osman Kwok all managed to secure critical points when it mattered most. Their performances ensured that CH kept an undefeated record against Charterhouse this season with the match finishing in an 8-8 draw.

## FOOTBALL

CH football continues to go from strength to strength. Sean Thomson captained a very talented 1st XI playing a stylish brand of attacking football, built on well organised defending, to become champions of the Sussex and Kent Independent Schools League. The 1st XI were unbeaten in the league. In fact they only lost one match all season, achieving the second best results of any 1st XI team since football was introduced to CH in 1972. Sam Winsbury also set a new 1st XI goal scoring record with 20 goals.



## SWIMMING

This term the elite senior boys competed in the Bath Cup and Otter Medley at the Olympic Pool in Stratford. Henry Watts, Ross Gilding, Nikita Kunzli,

Corey Gowans and James North represented CH. They had a very successful day, narrowly missing out on the finals.

## SQUASH

In the last game of the season against Sevenoaks, the senior boys were narrowly defeated by four games to three with the number two and three seeds Xarius Dalal and Peter Batchelar both playing excellent squash. The senior girls had a fantastic 5-0 victory. However, the individual matches were close and our girls demonstrated determination and tenacity to secure their wins. A huge thank you to our Grecian squash players who will be leaving us in the summer: Xarius Dalal, Robbie Annand, Ashley Carter, Lucent Ting and Ching Ho Wan – they have all made a memorable contribution to CH Squash.

## FIVES

The highlight of the last two weeks of term was the memorable match at St Paul's. A hybrid U16 and U15 team won the match 119 to 84 points. Joshua Fetuga-Joensu scored a great singles win, Archie Bridgeman ground them down ruthlessly and then Murray Dare and Joshua James sealed the win.

## HOCKEY

This term under the reliable captaincy of Clemens Vogt, the 1st XI boys have won two, drawn two and lost two and finished a credible fifth at the Lord Wandsworth 7s Tournament, after only conceding one goal. Newly created this year, the Development XI won both fixtures, scoring nine goals in the process. Individual performances of note include Nikita Kunzli who has been a consistent presence in goal with several outstanding saves, Tom Carter who top scored with nine goals and Carl Koester who displayed calmness and maturity in his play. Many of the U12 girls have been given an opportunity to represent CH in fixtures.

## NETBALL

This year has proven to be yet another successful season with attacking play and linking being a key focus, resulting

in a combined total of 1466 goals scored against the opposition. There has been some excellent and exciting netball played by all of the squads, with some convincing wins and competitive matches against some very tough opposition.



## RUGBY

The Year 7 (2nd Form) season finished with two good victories against Tanbridge House and Vardean. The three mixed teams have proven most successful with the Players of the Season being David Asamani, Marcus Mebenga-Taylor and Odafe Obadior. The three Most Improved Players were Erik Chapman, David Analogbei and Josh Horby. The U13 7s travelled to Trinity School and won the Spoon Competition. The leading light was Bunkuyi Olagunju, whilst Lucca Green's kick offs were a key aspect of the success. The U14 7s performed really well at both the Sussex and Surrey tournaments. Stand out performers were Travis Suckling, Guy Schlaefli, Tom Goldman and Oscar Rowland-Clark. The girls had an encouraging day at Uckfield where they won both their matches. Their stand out players have been Ellie Alywin and Sarah Yalekhue. The Senior 7s performed very well in their only tournament of the season, the National Sevens. They won three of their four group matches but just missed out on qualifying for the second day. Sam Winsbury was outstanding throughout with Lennox Anyanwu and Hareef Asunramu both very destructive in defence often turning the ball over, enabling more attacks for the CH boys.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

CH Librarians organised a 'Shelfie' competition to celebrate World Book Day on 2 March.



Fiona MacKenzie, Library Director said: "The 'Shelfie' competition asked pupils and staff to send a picture of them with a favourite or most appropriate title. Entrants included the Head Master, through to our youngest Year 7 (2nd Form) readers."

The winners were:

Junior boys: Gregy Waduge

Joint senior boys: Neo Caine and Finlay Sellwood

Junior girls: Sarah (Toluwani) Agbedu

Joint senior girls: Allannah Ritchie and Lily Smith

World Book Day is a worldwide celebration of reading, authors, illustrators and books. Now in its 18th year, it aims to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading.



## VISITING SPEAKERS THIS TERM

Some distinguished names have crossed the CH threshold this Lent term under the umbrella of the Visiting Speakers Programme for Senior Pupils organised by Amlan Saha. These have included:

A Classics Lecture by Old Blue Dr Tristran Franklins on 'How we know what Virgil wrote: (manu) scripts; Grecians' Lecture by Peter Tatchell 'Gay Rights Are Human Rights'; English Talk 'In Conversation' with Alan Hollinghurst; a Law Debate with Old Blue Lord Justice Jackson. Lord Jackson was joined by five other Old Blue lawyers and barristers for a careers panel following the debate. A Grecians' Lecture by Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles 'Understanding the Middle East' and last but not least, a Classics/Theology and Philosophy Lecture 'Battling the Gods: Atheism in the Ancient World' by Professor Tim Whitmarsh.



In addition to the lecture programme, the CH careers' department has hosted guests throughout the term to offer advice to junior and senior pupils. Speakers were Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne; the renowned journalist and producer, Chris Birkett; Old Blues from the legal profession, Lord Justice Jackson, Andrew Cosedge, Tamas Lorinczy, James Dawson, Abigail Li and Palomi Kotecha; Nicola Todd from the Thales Group who spoke about the world of engineering; Jon McLeod, Old Blue, who is one of the top 10 public affairs professionals in the UK and self-starters, Rachel Wang and Dominic Carolan who gave a presentation on 'entrepreneurialism'.



# POKÉMON CRAZY



Bosch, Max Ernst and Charles Avery.

The pupils worked hard on their designs, creating and designing their own Pokémon, a mask based on this design and a 3D ceramic model.

Rosanna said: "The pupils responded really well to this idea and we were really impressed by their originality and creativity."

The results of the Pokémon project undertaken last term by the entire group of Year 8 (3rd Form) pupils are now proudly on display in the Art School at CH.

The three Artists-in-Residence, Rosanna Caterall, Amelia Phillips and Kit Mead, came up with the idea in response to the 'Pokémon Go' craze of last summer. Throughout the project, the pupils also looked at artists who have created their own creatures, including Hieronymus



# BAND AT ARUNDEL CASTLE



On 17 March, 40 musicians from the CH Band performed at a major charity fundraising event at Arundel Castle 'Celebrating Sussex Childhood'. In aid of local children's charities, the event was held in the Baron's Hall and was hosted by the High Sheriff of West Sussex, in the presence of Their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk and Henry, Earl of Arundel.

Molly Sellors, 13, who plays the oboe commented: "Our musical programme consisted of a wide range of pieces, from both the classical and modern eras, including a Jackson Five medley. My personal favourite piece was Farandole by Bizet which was arranged for concert band. I like this piece because it is bold with a fast pace. The audience seemed to especially enjoy the 1960s Beach Boys medley; people even started to sing along and dance."

# NATIONAL WINNERS

Year 13 pupils (Grecians), Andrea Barbeau and Jacob Nomafo won the National Spanish Debating Competition held at Sevenoaks School on 25 January.

As a prize for winning the competition, Andrea and Jacob will be spending an all-inclusive week in Salamanca, studying Spanish and taking part in different cultural activities and visits.



# POETRY BY HEART

Poetry By Heart went head to head with 'affairs of the heart' on CH Valentine's Day.

In a fiercely-contested Poetry By Heart recitation competition held on 10 February the five finalists tackled some challenging material with real heart.

The senior competition was won by Marina Kisliuk, while in the intermediate contest, Dare Hastrup came out on top. Dare, the youngest competitor, showed her experience as a spoken word performer in coming just five points behind the eldest and the overall winner, Indigo Douglas.



## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY ACTION

Established in 1987, the Community Action programme at CH was formed by a handful of pupils who were part of the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) at the School. The CCF was at that time compulsory and some of the pupils wanted to do something different. They began helping in a nursery school which was hugely successful and with the expertise and drive of teachers, Muir-John Potter (former Head of Community Action at CH) and the late Vicky Askew, the programme took off.

Today, 30 years on, the Community Action programme has between 100 and 200 pupil members, aged from 14 to 18 who dedicate their time to projects in the community for two hours on four afternoons per week during term time. CH has established 35 different partnerships and new ones are always being initiated. It is the largest and most comprehensive outreach programme of any independent school in the country and a model adopted by many schools across the UK and abroad.

The diversity and longevity of the partnerships makes the Community Action at CH very special, as well as the fact that it is pupil led and matched very much to the needs of people in the community.

Of the 60 different co-curricular activities offered at CH, the Community Action is one of the biggest, alongside the Combined Cadet Force (no longer compulsory) and is now a totally 'self-recruiting' programme as pupil members share their experiences and encourage others to take part.



CH mini buses leave the School to deliver pupils to the partnerships that have been established in the local community – as far reaching as St Barnabus Day Hospice in Worthing.

Year 11 (GE) pupil, Angelle Roberts spoke about the mutual benefit in response to need: "I've really enjoyed myself going to the day hospice and the patients there are so lovely. They are all really interested in what life is like at CH, likewise hearing their stories is very refreshing. I always feel



really good when we leave because I feel as though we've made a difference. I'm glad I have the chance to do this as it's another great opportunity to meet new people and make a difference to their lives."

The overarching strategy is to build partnerships with nursery schools, primary schools, those with special needs, hospices and the elderly. Pupils can choose which day and preference according to their areas of interest. Longstanding partnerships have been with primary schools such as Shelley in Broadbridge Heath where the pupils have participated in a Key Stage 2 and 3 after-school drama club and in response to the refugee crisis, the pupils have offered language support at a local primary school to Syrian refugees and children who speak English as their second language.

Head of Community Action at CH, Graham Chandler, has been involved since the beginning, working alongside Muir-John and Vicky. He has been a keynote speaker on starting up similar projects in other schools. He spoke about the pupils and their work: "At the beginning of each term, the pupils are given an induction which helps to build their confidence and provides awareness surrounding safeguarding, ethics and confidentiality. This is themed around the strategic strands of activity. There is a debriefing, within the bounds of confidentiality, following their visits. Pupils

are actively encouraged to work their way around the different strands of the programme and some pupils after two years have experienced four of the five strands. Prospective medical students find the diversity of the CA invaluable – nurturing empathy and the opportunity to interact with the different sectors of the population.

"This work also benefits sixth form pupils at CH who are studying for their IB Diploma Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) module. In particular, a new CAS project has begun this term in a primary school. A group of IB Diploma Year 12 (Deputy Grecians) who study English as an additional language have led seven sessions with 16 children who have 11 different home languages. This has proved to be a great success.



"Another CAS project has involved a group of Year 13 (Grecians) pupils devising a response to a plea for help building a playground for children at the local Natural Nurture Nursery in Billingshurst. The children at the nursery, who learn all about the outdoors, animals and growing food, are part of generation nine billion. It is vital that they grow up understanding the fundamental connection with the earth.

"We are always very pleased to develop new partnerships and have been approached by the Phoenix Stroke Club to enhance our commitment to working with the elderly and frail in the community. Plans are also afoot to explore a collaboration with local care homes with a view to developing the therapeutic use of music and poetry to deliver a better quality of life for those living with dementia."



## CO-CURRICULAR AT CH

CH's co-curricular programme provides a great balance to our pupils' academic studies and we continuously encourage and help each pupil to identify new interests and talents. Photographer Carlotta Luke captured just some of the activities earlier on in the term.



## GEOGRAPHY SKILLS

The British Cartographic Society ran a workshop themed 'Restless Earth' for 40 Year 9 (LE) pupils at CH on 6 February. The children pored over a variety of maps to co-ordinate the reconstruction of the search and rescue mission following the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster in Japan.

Almost 10% of GCSE geography examination is based on the study of maps. The volunteers from the British Cartographic Society, who run a variety of workshops for schools, talked about the importance of understanding maps. They also spoke about the study of geography generally and how their interest in the subject had led to their own careers in the MoD, at High Speed Two and in the field of geology. The results of the workshop will be put forward for the Annual Schools Award for Best and Commended Cartography organised by the British Cartographic Society.



## DRAMA WORKSHOP

Comedy improvisation performers Kepow Theatre Company, Kevin Tomlinson and Abi Hood ran a workshop for GCSE and A level drama and theatre pupils at CH on 24 February. The workshop took place before a performance of 'On the Edge' in the CH theatre that evening.



## GRECIANS COMMIT TO GIVING



Current Year 13 (Grecians) are making a real difference by making their own personal gift to the Blue Fund, to help support another child to attend CH. CH pupils know the value of a CH education better than anyone, and we are delighted that many of this year's Grecians have committed to a gift of £1, £2 or £5 a month before they have even left school. Their generous support has demonstrated an incredible commitment to the charitable mission of

CH and, together, they are helping to offer other young people the benefits and opportunities that they themselves have received.

Last year, the class of 2016 started this tradition of Grecians Giving; to encourage philanthropy as they prepare to make the transition from pupil to 'Old Blue'. As the tradition continues, we hope that the Class of 2017 can top their predecessors' success.

### How can you help?

If you have been inspired by the generosity shown by the Grecians, you can make your own gift to the Blue Fund, to help offer a life-changing education to another child in need. To make a gift online please visit: [bluefund.christs-hospital.org.uk/donate](http://bluefund.christs-hospital.org.uk/donate) Alternatively please contact the development team on T: 01403 247519 E: [development@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:development@christs-hospital.org.uk)

## MP MEETS MEMBER OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Jeremy Quin, MP for Horsham, visited CH in January to meet Marv Jibogu, 15. Marv has been elected to the Youth Parliament, a national forum in which young people air views and concerns. The annual highpoint of the Youth Parliament is a debate in the chamber of the House of Commons itself. The Youth Parliament has decided to focus this year on the "Curriculum for Life" and the proposal to lower the voting age to 16.

Jeremy was delighted to meet with Marv and looks forward to remaining in touch during Marv's time in post. He commented: "Momentous events are happening in global politics - re-shaping the world for future generations. I am delighted that Marv and many of his contemporaries are taking a very active interest in politics and I look forward to helping foster that engagement."

Marv said: "It was great to have the opportunity to meet Mr Quin. We discussed a range of topics but the top issue was the lowering of the voting age. I was able to get some valuable insight into this. I hope the Youth Parliament's focus will help with the national campaign and, hopefully, in the long run, help to improve the lives of young people across West Sussex and the UK."

## STEEPLECHASE

It was again most impressive to see the enthusiasm and energy on show, with 647 runners taking part and many others helping to marshal. This was a great whole school event watched by over 250 parents. The winners were:

Juniors: Amy Johnson & Otto Jakubowski

Intermediates: Lucy Lui & Tom Johnson (retaining his title)

Senior A: Lucy Ramshaw & Julius Sessler

The Matt Leonard Trophy is presented annually to the winner of the Senior Boys B race and this year was awarded to Remus Goldsmith. The Senior girls B race was won by Rosie Vallance. The overall winners of the Steeplechase Cups were Peele and Leigh Hunt, which continues to prove that living at the furthest ends of the avenue is excellent practice for steeplechase.



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