



SOLIHULL

Results & Achievements 2016-2017

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-2017

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

A Level & GCSE Results

80% of all A Level passes were achieved at grades A*/A and B.

50% of all A Level passes were achieved at grades A* and A.

34 pupils each claimed 3 A*/A grades.

At GCSE the school achieved 90% of all grades at A* - B.

52 of our pupils achieved 8 or more A*/A grades.

The following pupils achieved 8 or more A* grades and those with an * achieved 10 or more A* grades:

Max Dormon*, Georgina Foster*, Phoebe Harland*, Jack Hughes*, Aishwarya Jagadeeswaran, Isobel King*, James Lewis, Aoife Mackew, Beth Penhallurick, Katie Phillips*, Jenna Plain, Oliver Rooney*, Moiz Sandhu, Mehar Singh, Thomas Williams*

OTHER ACADEMIC AWARDS

Biology Olympiad

The British Biology Olympiad is open to pupils around the world and challenges and stimulates students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals and certificates. More than 7500 students took part in the 2017 British Biology Olympiad.

26 of our Sixth Form pupils entered this competition and gained the following awards:

3 Bronze	Harry Peachey, Eva Penhallurick and Hannah Price
1 Silver	Alistair Bevan
1 Gold	Daniel Sandler
3 Commended	Sam Kandola, Kashee Mistry, Benny Wu
7 Highly Commended	Morven Cameron, Fiona Foulkes, Eleanor Gaffney, Alexander Holland, Beatrix Huissoon, Myles Simmons and Aaron Yip

Intermediate Biology Olympiad

20 of our Lower Sixth Form pupils entered this competition and gained the following awards:

2 Silver	Ziyu Ding, Myles Simmons
3 Highly Commended	Anushka Karandikar, Elisa Mottram and Ellie Richardson
5 Commended	Milad Amel-Kashipaz, Zackee Chughtai, Kiran Thandi, Waqaar Ul-Haq and Ranya Younis

Biology Challenge Competition

Pupils entered the Biology Challenge this year and obtained the following results:

7 Gold	Sophie Borman, Penelope Goodman, Scarlett Humphrey, Lewis Johnston, Ben McHugh, Olivia Mueller, George Sunderland
10 Silver	William DGLISH, George Daly, Thomas Daniels, Amelia Dickin, Liam Johnston, Simran Sahota, Libby Shepherd, Robert Stockdale, Harriet Toogood, Matthew Vaughan

And also 23 Bronze, 15 Highly Commended and 23 Commended awards.

UK Junior Maths Challenge

122 pupils were awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. 11 pupils scored high enough to qualify for either the Junior Maths Olympiad or European Kangaroo Competition. Top scorer in the school was Conor Collins (Third Form). Top scorer in the Shell Form was Ashish Chakrapani and in the Junior School, Hannah Greenwood.

UK Junior Maths Olympiad

In the follow-on round, the Junior Maths Olympiad, Conor Collins was awarded a medal which placed him in the top 100 in the UK.

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

54 pupils were awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. 9 pupils scored high enough to qualify for either the Intermediate Maths Olympiad or European Kangaroo Competition. Top scorer in the school was Max Dormon (Upper Fifth Form) who achieved the second highest score in the UK.

UK Intermediate Maths Olympiad

In the follow-on round, the Intermediate Maths Olympiad, Max Dormon was awarded a distinction and Conor Collins a medal, which placed him in the top 50 in the UK.

UK Senior Maths Challenge

48 pupils were awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. Top scorer in the school was Max Dormon. 8 pupils scored high enough to qualify for either the British Maths Olympiad or Senior European Kangaroo Competition.

British Maths Olympiad

In the follow-on round, the British Maths Olympiad, Maxine Perroni-Scharf was awarded a distinction.

University of Southampton Maths Challenge

The following pupils were awarded prizes in a national maths competition organised by the University of Southampton:

Francisco Campino (Third Form)	Second Prize
Jenny Hodge (Shell Form)	Certificate of Distinction (top 10)
Anton Deineka (Third Form)	Certificate of Merit (top 30)
Ashish Chakrapani (Shell Form)	Certificate of Merit (top 30)

Debating Society

Durham University

Joseph Gilyead and Thomas Williams broke to the Quarter Finals of the competition.

Warwick University

Eve Colyer and Oliver Rooney were placed 5th, narrowly missing out on the Grand Finals. Adam Bruton, Tarran Dhillon, Jim Garbett, and Kashee Mistry all broke to the Novice Finals.

Oxford University

Eve Colyer, Joseph Gilyead, Oliver Rooney and Thomas Williams, having won the regional round, were selected to represent Central England on Finals Day.

Cambridge University

Eve Colyer, Joseph Gilyead, Oliver Rooney and Thomas Williams, having won the regional round, were selected to represent Central England on Finals Day.

ESU Mace

Jessica Browne and Joseph Gilyead, Birmingham Champions.

ESU Public Speaking

Frederick Albrington, Emily Baker and Joseph Morgan, Birmingham Finalists

Rotary Youth Speaks

Solihull Competition: Tegan Gilbert, Kitty O'Sullivan and Jem Perry, Birmingham Champions.

Engineering Education Scheme

During 2016/17, 12 pupils completed the prestigious Engineering Education Scheme. This involved working with professional engineers from Jaguar Landrover and producing reports on 'Improving the aerodynamics of a Land Rover' and 'A power-assisted roof loading device'.

The successful pupils were: Luke Bryant, Chun Yin Henry Chiu, Simon Clarke, Benjamin Evans, Gahan Ganeshalingham, William Hardie, Adam Horsler, Henry Lee, Eleanor Sheils, Thomas Whitfield, Max Wilkinson and Nathan Wright.

Young Enterprise

This year has seen three active companies taking part in the YE Company Programme: Aspiration, Combine and Think.

Aspiration; managed by Eden Lupoli, with strong financial acumen demonstrated by Charlotte Hope, made highly profitable gift jars, containing the ingredients to make delicious cookies. After raising significant funds from their highly successful 'tuck-shop takeover', they went on to make decorative items using recycled bottles.

Combine; managed by James Morrall, designed and created a virtual reality headset. They made a prototype and several production items were sold after orders were generated at the Trade Fair. The innovative approach and ideas from this team were praised highly by the judges at the Touchwood Trade Fair.

Think; ably managed by MD Molly Bate were highly creative and made 3D pictures and Christmas decorations for the PA Christmas Fair. Their main idea, for which they won prizes at both the Touchwood Trade Fair and the regional finals for "Best Product", was the incorporation of a QR code into key rings and stickers. This code was then linked to a database, to allow people who had lost phones and keys to be re-united with them.

Economics and Business Competitions: CIPFA Games

Seven Lower Sixth Form pupils, Thomas Banks, Jim Bate, Zack Bhalla, James Cusack, Daniel Hofton, Lukas Moment and Serena Smith competed in and won the CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants) Sixth Form Games, held at the University of Birmingham Business School. The team played senior management roles in a fictitious NHS Trust and had to make budget cuts to meet government spending targets, by deciding on the appropriate areas to save money.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The following pupils have completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards during the period 10 September 2016 to 7 September 2017:

Bronze Awards

John Abram
Max Adam
Frederick Albrighton
Emily Ashby
Lucy Atkinson
Emily Baker
Joanne Barrett
Christina Bate
Noah Belling
Oliver Bevan
Aman Boparai
Sophie Borman
Bethan Bown
Eden Capewell
Imogen Coane
Beth Currie
Ben Cusack
George Daly
Thomas Daniels
Henry Davies
Thomas Day
Declan Donohoe
Cole Elleman
Lucy Fennell
Daniel Gaffney
Penny Goodman
Toby Hancock
Emilia Harris
Alexander Hart
Zaki Hashmi
Annabel Hill
Imogen Houghton
Jack Hughes
Aishwarya Jagadeeswaran
Tom Jones
Isobel King
Cameron Lo
Morgane Lyko-Edwards
Ben Lyth
Rory Maguire
Brooke Matthews
Mikey McAleer
Charlie McGrellis
Ben McHugh
Mabel Mendonca
Muhammad Husayn Merali
Isaac Miller
James Morrall
James Morris
Elliot Morter
Tom O'Hanlon
Blaise Pingree
Cassidy Pingree
Tiegan Pound
Gemma Radburn-Todd
Izzy Rodriguez-Harris
Fergus Roll
Simran Sahota
William Sargent
Alexander Sasse
Alice Sharpe
Sam Shepherd
Myles Simmons
Matthew Smith
Thomas Smith
Alicia Spencer
George Sunderland
William Thompson
Charlie Tucki
April Urry

Alexandre White
Daniel Withington
Hannah Wolverson
Harry Wu

Silver Awards

Benedict Barker
Jacques Barker
George Barton
Molly Bate
Finley Blake
Tabitha Botterill
Harriet Bray
Luke Bryant
Nathaniel Chan
James Cusack
Mary Davies
Benjamin Evans
Lily Evans
Ellie Featherstone
Gajan Ganeshalingam
Evie Garner
James Halford
Phoebe Harland
Alexander Hart
Annabel Hill
Daniel Hofton
Gwynneth Horbury
Beatrix Huissoon
Joseph Humphries
Sam Kandola
Ayman Kausar
Madeleine Koral
Agathe Le Blevec
Thomas Loughran
Katie Lyth
Emily Moore
Alyssa Morrison
Jack Naisbitt
William Pearse
Yahvin Pillay
Hannah Plumbly
Hari Ramachandran
Alexander Sasse
Max Wilkinson
Bethan Williams
Nathan Wright
Benny Wu
Aleksander Zadunaiski

Gold Awards

Alistair Bevan
Steven Bowland
Beatrice Cowley
Lucy Davies
Fiona Foulkes
Jacob Gilbert
Georgia Greenburgh
Conor Gregory
Meredith Hanson
Alexander Holland
Charis Holland
Grace Lodge
Harry Peachey
Lydia Roll
Charlotte Sasse
James Scagell
Nadine Wilkinson
Megan Woolley

SPORT

Athletics

Boys U14/ U16 Borough Champions
Girls Second Overall

Borough Championship records:

James Dunleavy	U14 800m	2m14.0s
Adam Visram-Cipolletta	U16 800m	2m 06.0s

West Midlands Champions:

Adam Visram Cipolletta	(U15 1500m)
Krystian Shine	(U14 100m)
Harvey Blackhurst	(Long Jump U14)
Erin Troop	(U14 High Jump)

West Midlands Team:

Multi Events: Adam Visram Cipoletta, Tom O'Hanlon

School Records

Erin Troop	U13 Long Jump	4.63m
	U13 100m	13.3s
James Dunleavy	U14 800m	2m09.5s
Mattie Sandford	U14 Shot putt	8.70m
Ella Furber	U15 100m	12.9s
Adam Visram Cipolletta	U15 800m	2m06.0s
	U15 1500m	4m21.9s
Annabel Dalby	U15 800m	2m28.0s
Charlotte Rigg	U16 800m	2m37.0s

Sports Day Records

IIIrds		
ErinTroop	200m	28.1s
	High Jump	1.42m
	Long Jump	4.53m
Shells		
James Dunleavy	800m	2m20.4s
	1500m	4m45.0s
Mattie Sandford	Shot Putt	8.70m
IVths		
Adam Visram Cipolletta	400m	55.9s
	800m	2m12.0s
	Long Jump	5.89m
Harrison Batchelor	High Jump	1.68m
LVth		
Charlotte Rigg	1500m	2m37.0s

This year's Sports Day was won by Shenstone.

Congratulations to Tom O'Hanlon and Adam Visram Cipolletta who have been selected to represent the West Midlands in the English Schools Multi Events Championships.

Canoeing

The Canoe Club has focused on developing the strength and depth in the junior ranks, with the club being run after school in the summer term. This was run in conjunction with the Solihull Canoe Club and Junior School pupils involved were ably assisted by Oscar Huissoon, Jetta Kaur, Ellie Lawley and Freja Webber.

Well done to all of these individuals, as well as Beatrix Huissoon who continued to make great progress on the club circuit throughout the season.

Cricket

The 1st XI recorded another successful season winning 9 out of the 15 matches, which included impressive victories over King Edwards School, Birmingham, Warwick School, Kings High School, Worcester and Monmouth School, before winning the Hugh Cherry County Cup for the 3rd consecutive season.

The U15A finished runners up in the Solihull Six-a-Side tournament.

The U14A won the Solihull Six-a-Side tournament.

The U13A had an outstanding season; winning the Solihull Six-a-Side tournament, winners of the Neal Abberley County Cup and runners up in the National Cup Final after narrowly losing to King's Hall Taunton at Oakham School.

The U12A won the Solihull Six-a-Side tournament.

A special mention must go to Louie Bould and William Rigg who both scored centuries, whilst Ethan Brookes, Fraser Blackhurst, Samuel Graham, Patrick Meigh and Ben Stockdale all took five wickets or more in an innings.

County Representatives include: Dan Bevan, Alfie Blundell, Ethan Brookes, Ashish Chakrapani, Samuel Graham, Louie Green, Declan Kelly, William Rigg and Fergus Roll.

District Representatives include: Thomas Bate, Alex Morrison, Uzair Mir, Ethan Plain, Benjamin Raybould, Pierce Ryan, Zakariya Saleem, Matthew Smith and Benjamin Whitfield.

Golf

After losing a number of key players to university, this season was always going to be a difficult one. Nevertheless, the team, which was captained by Warwickshire player, Victoria Brewer, did commendably well reaching the National Plate Finals held at Magnolia Park, Oxford where they came tenth in a strong field of other schools including Charterhouse and Dulwich. Congratulations to Victoria who is the first female golf captain at Solihull School.

Opportunities arose for some of the younger and less experienced players to represent the school. To this end, Katie Lyth, Liam Scagell and Benjamin Whitfield all impressed. Particular congratulations go to Benjamin who won the School Championship at Ladbrook Park with a gross 87. Thomas Averill won the Best Net with a one under par 70, whilst Warwickshire player, Katie Lyth, was a further shot back. In the annual Golf Match versus the Old Sihillians, the latter were triumphant on the day playing some fine golf.

Boys' Hockey

The 1st XI Boys enjoyed a very good season winning 22 out of 28 games with 1 draw. All 3 senior teams enjoyed winning seasons.

The U12 team were crowned Warwickshire champions and lost in the final of the Midlands tournament on penalties. The U11 team came runners-up at the Warwickshire Championship.

Congratulations go to the following for achieving representative honours:

Warwickshire U13	Samuel Cossey, Joshua Golsby-Taylor, Thomas Nicholson, Pierce Ryan and Charles Villanueva
Warwickshire U14	Harry Higgins and Dominic Lee
Warwickshire U15	William Daghish and Samuel Day
Warwickshire U16	Fergus Roll
Warwickshire U17	Daniel Hofton, Thomas Loughran, Lukas Moment, Calum Rice, Josh Rice and Nick Rice
Midlands U13	Samuel Cossey and Charles Villanueva

Midlands Performance Centres: Samuel Day, Thomas Day and Harry Higgins

Girls' Hockey

The U18 Girls had a hugely successful season; playing 18 matches, winning 12, drawing 1 and losing 5, they qualified for the Midlands Zone Finals after being crowned County Champions. The U14 squad were also County Champions and qualified for the Midland Zone Finals. Our U13 squad narrowly missed out on qualification to the In2Hockey Midlands Finals after three teams all ended up with the same points but unfortunately didn't score enough goals. Our U12s went one better by qualifying for the In2Hockey Midlands Finals as Champions and produced some impressive performances to finish a credible 5th in the Midlands.

Congratulations to Fiona Foulkes, Lydia Roll and Megan Stretton who were all selected for the Junior Regional Performance Centre (JRPC), with Lydia Roll just missing out on final Futures Cup selection despite playing some training matches. Congratulations also go to Annabel Dalby who has been selected for the England Hockey Midlands Performance Centre and Ellie-Mae Beeton who was successful in making it through to the Midlands; recently playing in the U13 UK Regional Tournament and finishing with a bronze medal.

The following players have achieved representative honours:

Sophia Cusack	U17 JAC
Georgina Dalby	U17 JAC
Lucy Fennell	U17 JAC
Fiona Foulkes	U17 JRPC
Phoebe Harland	U17 JAC
Lydia Roll	U17 JAC/JRPC and Futures Cup
Megan Stretton	U17 JRPC
Lily Evans	U15 JAC
Louise Green	U15 JAC
Imogen Houghton	U15 JAC
Libby Shepherd	U15 JAC
Bethan Bown	U14 JAC
Annabel Dalby	U14 JAC /Midlands Performance Centre
Louisa Miles	U14 JAC
Lana Ryan	U14 JAC
Hanaan Welch	U14 JAC
Ellie-Mae Beeton	U13 JAC/Midlands Regional Team
Lauren Besford	U13 JAC
Isabel Fennell	U13 JAC

Paige Fletcher	U13 JAC
Izzy Gardner	U13 JAC
Isabelle Hamilton	U13 JAC
Naomi Morgan	U13 JAC
Lainey Murphy	U13 JAC
Aimee O'Malley	U13 JAC
Isabel O'Malley	U13 JAC
Jessica Toogood	U13 JAC

Netball

This year, our netballers have enjoyed a positive season.

The U12s won the Solihull Borough tournament and were runners-up in the Solihull league.

The U13s reached the second round of the National Netball Cup, also winning the Solihull Borough tournament, coming 2nd in the Borough.

Annabelle Barker was selected for the U17 Wasps Squad and U19 training partner squad.

The following pupils have qualified for Warwickshire and Birmingham Development Academies with Representative Honours: Rachel Chanji, Sofia Cusack, Lily Evans, Izzy Gardner, Louise Green, Georgia Jones, Sophie Lamaison, Louisa Miles, Aimee O'Malley, Isabel O'Malley, Tiegan Pound, Olivia Smith, Georgia Thorpe Francesca Yeaman, Alex Warburton

Rounders

The Summer term was a successful one for our rounders squads. The U14 team qualified for the School Games competition and represented South Solihull in the regional tournament. They finished runners-up out of 16 schools which was a fantastic achievement. The girls produced some notable victories over King Edwards High School, Princethorpe College, Royal Grammar School, Worcester and Bablake School. Our U13 team dominated the matches that they played in, whilst our U12s lost only two of their matches and made huge progress throughout the course of the term. Strong batting from our U15 squad produced some close matches and we thank them for their commitment and effort. Well done to all involved.

Rugby

The 2016-17 season brought a mixed bag of results for our teams but culminated in the 1st XV being runners-up in the National Plate at Worcester Warriors. The U12 squad capped a superb season by finishing the season in the top 3, nationally.

All teams were crowned Solihull Borough Champions, a feat which has now been repeated over the past five seasons. In the seven-a-side version of the game there must be a special mention for the U13s who won all of their matches at Rosslyn Park to finish in the top 16 nationally. The U12s also showed great prowess in their tournaments and the 1st VII claimed a superb victory in the KES Stratford U18 7s.

Congratulations go to the following:

England U17 XV	Alex Bartley
Warwickshire U18 XV	William Rigg, Arthur Townend
Worcester Warriors Academy U18	George Hawkes
Worcester Warriors Academy U17	Alex Bartley, William Knight, Tom Serle, Lorenzo Sinclair
Worcester Warriors Academy U16	Harry Mitcham, Tom O'Hanlon
Worcester Warriors Academy U15	Tom Carter, Mitchell Reeve
Worcester Warriors Academy U13	Louie Bould, Harry Jones

Skiing

It was another great year for the ski team, with boys and girls competing together from J3 to Upper Sixth form.

The skiers have had another successful season competing in The English Schools' Ski Association (ESSKIA) races. The season started with the qualifiers at Gloucester, with a strong performance from the senior boys, who qualified for the British finals. Thomas Lawrence achieved 4th place, narrowly missing the podium.

In March we travelled to Switzerland to compete in The Aiglon Cup, against some incredibly strong competition. For some of our racers, this was their first experience of racing on snow. Ella Giles achieved 3rd place in the U14 ladies slalom at Aiglon and all students performed valiantly.

Swimming

James Morris and Charlotte Rigg have both qualified for the British National and English Championships. James competed in the 200m breast stroke and Charlotte in the 100m and 200m breast stroke and 400m Individual Medley. Charlotte won Gold in her main event the 200m breast stroke, becoming British National Champion in her age group. In addition she has been selected to represent Central England in the School Games at Loughborough University.

Tennis

Both the U13 and U15 Tennis teams had some very competitive matches displaying an excellent standard of tennis, competing in the Aegon Warwickshire Team Tennis Schools League.

The boys' Yrs 7 & 8 team finished 3rd whilst the boys' Yrs 9 & 10 team went one better finishing 2nd and just missed out on going through to the Midlands Round.

The Yrs 7 & 8 girls' teams came up against some very strong county players and finished 3rd in their league. Despite the Yrs 9 & 10 girls' team also finishing 3rd their league was a lot closer with the top 3 teams all on equal points, this meant it went back to sets and games won, Solihull finished 3rd.

SPORTS TOURS

Senior Boys' Hockey Tour to the Netherlands, October 2016

For the first week of the October half-term, 32 boys and 4 members of staff enjoyed a great week of hockey in The Netherlands. The group was split into 2 squads of 16, with both squads playing 3 fixtures each as well as having training sessions. We played 6 and won 3 against very strong opposition, each game was close and very competitive. We had several excursions including watching a Dutch premier league fixture, from which the boys were inspired. We visited Amsterdam, Haarlem, Waalwijk, Capelle and The Hague.

The trip was a great success and all involved will have great memories of what was a most enjoyable tour.

DRAMA

At the start of the 2016/17 academic year, six Sixth Form pupils were challenged with the task of directing their first play, *The Wardrobe* by Sam Holcroft. The play explored key moments in British History, each scene featured a different set of children from a different period taking refuge in the same wardrobe from menaces as diverse as the English Civil War and the Blitz.

Eve Colyer, Emma Hadley, Anna Higgins, Gwynneth Horbury, Elle Miles and Megan Perry created a polished production which demonstrated the real talent emerging from the Lower School. The entire cast deserves enormous credit, but special mention might be given to Mattie Sandford who played an arrogant medieval princess with great conviction; Hiba Sandhu who performed a powerful monologue as a child victim of prejudice in Georgian England; Heidi Atkinson whose fear was chilling during a royalist incursion during the civil war and Megan Davies whose bullied teenager was utterly convincing during a school trip to a museum.

A mere fortnight after *The Wardrobe*, the Bushell Hall saw the completion of last year's epic *His Dark Materials* adaptation, this time performed as a whole school play. The second part of the *His Dark Materials* journey saw Will and Lyra continue their quest to find their way in the universe, whilst Lord Asriel completed his war against 'The Authority'. Nicholas Wright's version of Philip Pullman's masterpiece was entirely epic and demanded an epic commitment from its cast and crew.

Mr Hunton created an awe inspiring set for the production, which filled the large space in the Bushell Hall with a vortex of paint and a cascade of platforms. Dr Jukes painted this space with a lighting design which incorporated a patchwork of ever changing LEDs and helped to delineate the kaleidoscope of places and moods demanded by the script.

The centre of the *His Dark Materials* storyline is the relationship between Will and Lyra and these parts were played with great skill and great conviction by Saul Greenburgh and Olivia Hass, seemingly at home at the head of a full school production. Oliver Daniels reached the considerable pinnacle of his Solihull acting career with a mesmerising and commanding Lord Asriel opposite a glowering and devout Joshua Newby as his enemy Brother Jasper. Gwynneth Horbury created a mysterious and passionate presence as the head witch Seraphina Pekkala and Ellie Ajao twisted her body into all sorts of strange angles to depict the Harpy, no-name. Starting and finishing their too-brief Solihull acting careers, Thomas Mitchell and Harry Goodworth produced startling performances; Thomas summoned great stage presence and shredded his vocal chords to bring life to Lorek Byrnison, the king of the bears; whilst Harry overcame his considerable doubts about puppetry to bring life to Lord Roke, the leader of the Galivespians.

As ever the enormous task of helping the actors into and out of their numerous characters fell to Mrs Thomas and her team of make-up artists as well as Old Silhillians, Miss Surran and Miss Woollaston who tirelessly waded through the costume store in search of the right pieces.

This year also saw the first edition of Solihull's bi-annual House Drama Competition, which challenged each house to produce a performed monologue or duologue from each section of the school. Pupils rose to the challenge and

produced performances of considerable variety and skill with the competition especially fierce in the Middle School and Sixth Form.

The Lower School winners were Courtney Holland and Freddie Truman who received gales of laughter for their spirited rendition of an extract from *The Virtuous Burglar* by Dario Fo. The Middle School winners were Eleanor Berrow and Aoife Mackew with an imaginative and passionate section from '4.48 Psychosis' by Sarah Kane. Emma Hadley won the Sixth Form category with an insightful, nuanced and emotive performance of a speech from 'Streetcar Named Desire'. All three winners later performed their pieces in front of the school in a whole school assembly.

This year we began a new relationship with the Birmingham Repertory Theatre and we were visited by a number of their educators and professionals to work with our Drama pupils on subjects as diverse as, 'learning how to create a good ageing effect using make-up' with Andrew Whiteoak, and 'how to get into Drama School' with Billy Coughlin.

Along with their counterparts in the English Department, our pupils also enjoyed a performance of 'Macbeth' by Splendid Productions and afterwards took part in an excellent workshop on physical performance and storytelling.

This year's musical was somewhat of a departure from previous years in that it took the form of a Rock Opera, The Who's *TOMMY*. Pete Townsend's 1969 masterpiece tells the story of Tommy, who witnesses a murder as a young boy and is shocked into becoming blind, deaf and dumb.

The set for the musical was designed to resemble a pinball machine and it was put together by a great number of people, with Dr Jukes and Mr Hunton playing leading roles as always. A particularly special part in assembling the set, and a sound system capable of doing justice to such iconic rock music, was played by Old Silhillian Mr Bower, whose expertise, contacts, time and effort were utterly invaluable. The constituting of a dance specific chorus was another departure from tradition and Old Silhillian, Mrs Mabon, aided and abetted by Mrs Johnson, drove the group onto success in more and more demanding routines, over ten in all.

James Spence was a fantastic Tommy, whether it was the great energy that he put into his scenes narrating the exploits of his younger self during 'Amazing Journey' and 'Sensation', or his enormous commitment to the role during the gruelling 'Smash the Mirror' scene, he was utterly compelling to watch. Tommy's mother was played by Emma Hadley who elegantly depicted both Mrs Walker's loving support of her husband in 'I Believe My Own Eyes' and her rage and frustration at the fate that life had dealt her in 'Smash the Mirror', a moving and, at times, terrifying performance. Oliver Daniels played the damaged war hero with real aplomb, projecting a reserved exterior during 'Christmas', but hinting at a deep well of emotion which was only revealed during the 'Finale'. There were too many really strong performances during Tommy to mention them all, but it would be impossible to leave out Charlie Tucki's unnerving Cousin Kevin, prowling the stage throughout, revealing the character's savagery through a remarkable physical performance which reached its culmination during the song which bore the character's name. It would also be intolerable not to make special mention of Ellie Ajao, whose 'Acid Queen' was many people's highlight of the show. Belting out the song made famous by Tina Turner, Ellie strode around the stage commanding the chorus with a shake of her head and a flick of her wrist, she was the embodiment of the mysterious and powerful Gypsy Queen.

On the 1st July 2017, the first annual Drama Awards Dinner took place in the Keith Sach Suite. Forty five of the staff and pupils who had been most involved in an extraordinary year of Drama enjoyed a three course meal together to celebrate all that had been achieved.

After the dinner, twelve awards were presented and guests re-performed highlights from the year, to the delight of all. Recognising everything from acting to technical and design achievements, awards were voted on pupils who had participated in Drama over the course of the year.

In January, eighteen members of the Sixth Form began working on a production of *Beasts & Beauties* for presentation at the 70th Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August 2017. *Beasts & Beauties* featured four fairy tales adapted by the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and accompanied by original music composed by pupils Joe Chamberlain, Oliver Daniels and James Spence. Prior to travelling to Edinburgh the company had the welcome opportunity to preview the piece to local primary schools, friends and family in the Drama Studio, where the reception was very positive.

After a single day of rehearsal, Grey Dog Theatre Company (so-called, for the duration of the Fringe) made their way up to Edinburgh by coach. Over the next ten days the company performed *Beasts & Beauties* eight times to full houses (four performances were total sell outs), performed on the Royal Mile stage three times, attended an average twenty five different shows each, received two extremely positive reviews, enjoyed two company dinners and attended two shows at the Edinburgh International Festival.

At the end of it all the company was left exhausted and elated, with the frequently expressed desire to attend every possible Festival Fringe in the future. Throughout the experience the pupils demonstrated the dedication, focus and determination of professionals and were rewarded by the enormously enthusiastic reception that they were given by their audiences.

MUSIC

Musical Highlights

Nearly 10,000 instrumental lessons have been given over the year and over 200 instrumental music exams taken – special congratulations go to those who took their exams in the Christmas term as 30% were distinctions and a further 50% were merits. This has been complemented by many pupils playing in the string, wind and brass chamber ensembles, as well as the eight larger ensembles and six choirs that have met each week. It continues to be a delight to see such commitment and excitement in solo and ensemble performances at all levels – in and out of the classroom, young and old, beginner and advanced. The range of events and successes has been wonderfully wide, the enthusiasm of the pupils and the staff prodigious and the skill consistently impressive. Across the three terms, the five large-scale concerts involved over 300 pupil performers; add to that the whole of J4 in the Junior School musical and the cast, band and crew of around ninety pupils in the Senior School musical, it is clear that music is central to the life of the school. Barely a week goes by without a concert – indeed some have had two. It is not surprising to hear, then, that there were no less than twenty formal concerts over the year, as well as six masterclasses, four performances of the Senior School musical Tommy, two performances of the Junior School musical The Amazing Adventures of Superstan, weekly Chapel services, three Carol Services, two 'Daily Service' live broadcasts on BBC Radio, and the annual visit to St Paul's Cathedral in London. Following the arrival of the three new Steinway pianos in February last academic year, fifteen of our musicians travelled down to London to play in Steinway Hall in January this year – a real treat. A new event this year was the GCSE Composition Concert in September in which a number of coursework compositions were presented to the audience – showing off the wonderful level of creativity in our Middle School student body. Finally, we also had the inaugural recital series linked to Compline services on one Sunday each term: two were organ recitals given by our very own Mr. Irving and Mr. Woodrow; the third was a wonderful piano duet recital by Mrs Martens and Mr. Woodrow. What comes across in all these events throughout the year is a real love of the music and a sense of great enjoyment – running through this, as a central core, is the tangible level of mutual support the pupils afford to each other.

MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Emily Dekker (clarinet) and Charlotte Sasse (viola) both gained their Performer's Diplomas. This post-Grade 8 certificate is rarely achieved by pupils of school age. In the same week, Charlotte also gained a distinction in her Grade 8 singing exam. Earlier in the year, Charlotte had gained the highest mark across the country in Grade 7 singing this academic year.

Joe Chamberlain has been a member of the National Youth Choir.

For the second year in a row Courtney Holland made it through to the Grand National final of the 'Open Mic UK' music competition, held at the NEC.

Following other pupils in recent years, Emily Dekker had the exciting experience of playing an instrumental concerto movement with the Solihull Symphony Orchestra in their 'Rising Stars' concert. She performed with great skill and musicianship.

Congratulations are due to Kaia Berry, Rose Davenport, Max Dormon, Ziyang He and Oliver Palmer, all of whom made it through to the Regional Finals of the European Piano Teachers' Association national competition.

Lichfield Music Festival (Vocal solo)

Shriya Sharma	1st Place: Own choice song (12 years and under) 2nd Place: Song from a musical (12 years and under)
Eleanor Gooderidge	1st Place: Vocal Duet (15 years and under) 2nd Place: Own choice song (13-15 years)
Ella Furber	2nd Place: Song from a musical (13-15 years)
Joseph Wright	2nd Place: Own choice song (16-18 years)
Anna Higgins	1st Places: Song from a musical & Folk song (16-18 years) 2nd Place: Own choice song (16-18 years)
Charlotte Sasse	1st Place: Operatic solo (16-18 years)

Northfield Music Festival

Eleanor Gooderidge	1st Places: Folk song & Musical theatre (14-17 years) 3rd Place: Own choice song (15-17 years)
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Chadsmoor, Hednesford and District Music Festival

Eleanor Gooderidge	1st Place: Girls'/Boys' Own choice song (13 years and under) 3rd Place: Folk song (Open category)
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Music Examination Result Highlights

The following pupils achieved either MERIT or DISTINCTION in their grade examinations this year (or any pass at grade 8 level):

Grade 1

Will Chater (guitar)
Piers Kemp (piano)
Tom King (drum kit)
Thomas Loughran (piano)
Niamh Trainer (singing)

Grade 2

Annabel Bagshaw (singing)
Abi Crampton (oboe)
Louis Garland (drum kit)
Mabel Mendonca (violin)
Liam Scagell (piano)
Lydia Stephens (singing)
Francesca Yeaman (clarinet)
Aleksander Zadunaiski (guitar)

Grade 3

Rose Ainsworth (clarinet)
Millie Dickin (singing)
Eleanor Gooderidge (singing)
Zara Johal (guitar)
Piers Kemp (singing)
Louise Green (music theatre)
Oscar Montgomery (drum kit)
Lauren Raybould (singing)
Hiba Sandhu (piano)
Katy Thomas (clarinet)

Grade 4

India Armstrong (piano)
Raoul Bagga (singing)
Rhea Bagga (flute)
Alexandra Duckworth (singing)
Lily Evans (singing)
Isabel Fennell (singing)
Lucy Fennell (singing)
Yuvraj Gill (singing)
Izzy Rodriguez-Harris (clarinet)
Fleur Street (singing)
Natasha Streeton (piano)
Tara Warrington (clarinet)
Sienna Wilcox (violin)

Grade 5

Asha Abram (jazz sax)
John Abram (piano)
Isabel Fennell (piano)
Ella Furber (music theatre)
Andrew Gach (clarinet)
Olivia Hass (singing)
Cassidy Pingree (flute)
Kirsty Sheiby (singing)
Ryan Stephens (piano)
Ewan Waddell (singing)

Grade 6

Christina Bate (music theatre)
Isabelle Blake (flute)
Jessica Boake (singing)
Bethan Bown (piano)
William Daglish (saxophone)
Georgina Dalby (singing)
Max Dormon (organ)
Isabelle Hamilton (clarinet)
Isabelle Hamilton (jazz saxophone)
Beatrix Huissoon (singing)
Scarlett Humphrey (jazz saxophone)
Emily Moise (flute)
William Pearse (alto saxophone)
Maxine Perroni-Scharf (organ)
Myles Simmons (jazz saxophone)
Cerys Stansfield (also saxophone)
Ned Tennet (singing)
Jessica Toogood (soprano saxophone)
Hanaan Welch (jazz saxophone)

Grade 7

Bethan Bown (trumpet)
Anna Higgins (singing)
Aishwarya Jagadeeswaran (singing)
Yahvin Pillay (piano)
Lauren Raybould (piano)

Grade 8

Jim Bate (organ)
Jim Bate (singing)
Joe Chamberlain (singing)
Oliver Daniels (singing)
Amelia Diccico (alto saxophone)
Amelia Diccico (singing)
Max Dormon (piano)
Meredith Hanson (singing)
Charis Holland (clarinet)
Beatrix Huissoon (piano)
Oliver Palmer (piano)
Yahvin Pillay (drum kit)
Oliver Rooney (alto saxophone)
Alexander Sasse (saxophone)
Charlotte Sasse (singing)
Cerys Stansfield (flute)
Joseph Wright (singing)

Diploma (post grade 8)

Emily Dekker (clarinet)
Charlotte Sasse (viola)

GCSE RESULTS SUMMER 2017

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	U	Entries
Art & Design: Fine Art	7	13	6	2	0	0	0	0	28
D&T: Resistant Materials	2	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	17
D&T: Food Technology	3	3	10	2	0	0	0	0	18
Drama	3	10	2	1	2	0	0	0	18
English Language (iGCSE)	11	18	22	31	20	3	2	0	107
English Literature (iGCSE)	10	22	25	25	18	3	3	1	107
French (iGCSE)	23	10	8	5	4	0	0	0	50
Geography (iGCSE)	25	25	6	2	0	0	0	0	58
German (iGCSE)	8	8	4	3	2	0	0	0	25
History	15	30	6	6	1	0	0	0	58
ICT (iGCSE)	10	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	17
Latin Language	10	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
Latin Literature	2	2	5	2	0	0	0	3	14
Mathematics	42	43	21	1	0	0	0	0	107
Music	7	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	14
Physical Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religious Studies	17	24	11	2	0	0	0	0	54
Biology	16	33	36	18	2	2	0	0	107
Chemistry (iGCSE)	50	24	16	7	5	3	2	0	107
Physics (iGCSE)	44	29	27	7	0	0	0	0	107
Computer Science (iGCSE)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
RS (Judaism)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Classical Civilisation	1	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	9
Spanish (iGCSE)	20	8	8	8	1	0	1	0	46
TOTALS - 2017	307	286	175	73	19	6	3	3	872

2016	458	405	160	45	11	3	1	3	1086
2015	445	484	226	81	18	9	0	1	1264
2014	419	361	206	65	19	2	0	1	1073
2013	423	397	170	57	16	2	0	0	1065
2012	320	429	224	80	21	9	0	0	1083
2011	468	393	262	71	8	0	1	0	1203
2010	366	330	223	92	10	1	0	0	1022
2009	285	293	234	118	13	5	0	0	948
2008	313	343	278	74	17	0	1	0	1026

- 96% Pass Rate
- 90% of all grades at A* to B

- 52 pupils achieved 8 A* grades or better
- Average number of passes per pupil - 9.8

A LEVEL RESULTS SUMMER 2017

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Entries
Art (Fine Art)	5	8	3	0	0	0	0	16
Art (Photography)	2	2	7	8	1	0	0	20
Biology	6	6	4	4	2	0	0	22
Business Studies	4	6	7	6	0	0	0	23
Chemistry	2	15	9	5	0	1	0	32
Classical Civilisation	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Design & Technology	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drama & Theatre Studies	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
Economics	7	12	8	2	1	0	0	29
English Literature	3	6	7	1	0	0	0	17
French	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Geography	5	2	9	2	1	0	0	19
German	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
History	2	7	18	5	1	0	0	33
Government & Politics	1	5	9	3	1	0	0	19
Latin	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mathematics	20	18	10	13	4	0	0	65
Further Mathematics	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	10
Music	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Physical Education	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	7
Physics	5	7	6	4	2	1	0	25
Psychology	1	8	14	2	4	0	0	29
Religious Studies	0	12	5	4	0	0	0	21
Spanish	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	7
TOTALS	68	136	125	67	17	3	0	416

- 100% Pass Rate
- 80% of all grades at A*/B (2016 - 85%, 2015 - 88%, 2014 - 84%, 2013 - 84%, 2012 - 85%, 2011 - 83%)

- 34 pupils achieved 3 A*/A or better
- 75% of the Upper Sixth went to their chosen University

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