



SOLIHULL

Results & Achievements 2014-2015

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS: 2014-2015

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

OXFORD

The following pupils won places at Oxford University:

David Clarke	Mathematics	Madgalen College
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CAMBRIDGE

The following pupils won places at Cambridge University:

Caroline Camm	History	Clare College
Emily Burbidge	Anglo Saxon, Norse & Celtic	Clare College
Isaac Webber	Mathematics	St John's College

A LEVEL & GCSE RESULTS

88% of all A Level passes were achieved at grades A*/A and B making Solihull the best school for A Level results in the entire region.

54% of all A Level passes were achieved at grades A* and A.

37 students each claimed 3 A*/A grades.

90% of pupils were awarded places at their chosen university.

At GCSE the School achieved 74% of all grades at A*/A and 67 of our students got 8 or more A*/A.

The following students achieved 8 A* grades or more:

Edward Bates, Victoria Brewer, Eve Colyer, Ben Crocker, James Davenport, Emily Dekker*, Tarran Dhillon, Kerri Donohoe*, Eleanor Gaffney, Olivia Gordon, Emily Graham*, Meredith Hanson, Charis Holland, Chloe Horsburgh, Agathe Le Blevec*, Kashee Mistry, Lili Mistry, Bartholomew Payne, Eva Penhallurick, Maxine Perroni-Scharf, Hannah Price*, Charlotte Sasse, Samuel Sherman, Oliver Ward, Harvey Wilson.

(* New pupils to the school)

OTHER ACADEMIC AWARDS

Biology Olympiad

A number of pupils took part in the prestigious Biology Olympiad this year:

Caroline Gerard	Commended
Amanda Kaur	Highly Commended
Joanna O'Sullivan	Highly Commended
James Sutton	Highly Commended
Harry Sharpe	Bronze
Matthew Sargent	Silver
Olivia Eguiguren-Wray	Silver
Lewis Gordon	Gold

Biology Challenge Competition

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

Gold	3
Silver	17
Bronze	19

British Physics Olympiad

Pupils entered the British Physics Olympiad this year and obtained the following results:

Jack Hines	Commendation
Samuel Manek-Robinson	Commendation
Richard Bradley	Bronze I
Isaac Webber	Bronze I
David Clarke	Bronze II

Maddie Browse was invited to attend a Physics Summer School at Cambridge University having been one of the top students in a highly competitive national competition.

Maddie Browse, Isabel Lury and David Thomas were awarded coveted places on the Head Start programme.

Magazine Creative Writing Competition

Jack Edge won the Solihull Magazine Competition and subsequently had his article published across the Borough.

UK Junior Maths Challenge

166 pupils were awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. This is a record result both in terms of overall certificates and number of Golds. Fourteen pupils scored high enough to qualify for either the Junior Maths Olympiad or Junior European Kangaroo Competition. Ben McHugh was top scorer in the Shell Form (and the School) and Joseph Morgan in the Third Form.

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

62 pupils were awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. Maxine Perroni-Scharf was the highest scorer in the Upper Fifth (and the School), Aleksander Zadunaiski in the Lower Fifth and Jack Hughes in the Fourth Form. Fourteen pupils scored high enough to qualify for either the Intermediate Maths Olympiad or European Kangaroo Competition. Aleksander Zadunaiski, Chun Yin Henry Chiu and Max Dormon achieved a merit in the Intermediate Olympiad.

UK Senior Maths Challenge

62 pupils were awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. Richard Bradley was top scorer in the School and qualified automatically for the British Maths Olympiad.

British Maths Olympiad

Isaac Webber was awarded a Distinction in this incredibly difficult examination.

University of Southampton Maths Challenge

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

Junior Competition

Adam Nazarali (Shell Form)	Certificate of Merit (top 30 in UK)
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Senior Competition

Max Dormon (Fourth Form)	Third Prize (3rd in UK)
Chun Yin Henry Chiu (Lower Fifth Form)	Certificate of Distinction (top 10 in UK)

UKMT Team Maths Challenge

The School Maths team of Max Dormon, Jack Hughes, Georgina Hart and Joseph Morgan won the Regional Finals of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge and qualified for the National Finals in London.

Year 10 Maths Feast

The School Maths team of Matthew Bond, Chun Yin Henry Chiu, Benny Wu and Aleksander Zadunaiski won the Regional Final of this Competition.

Debating Society

Birmingham University

Megan Lloyd and Richard Bradley were Finalists.

Durham University

Maxine Perroni-Scharf and Eveline Townend were Novice Semi Finalists.

Nottingham University

Lydia Stephens and Isabel Lury won the Novice Final.

Warwick University

Caroline Camm and Zershaaneh Qureshi, and Harriet Marshall and William Talbot-Davies were all Finalists; Harriet was awarded the Best Novice Speaker Award.

Oxford University

Zershaaneh Qureshi and Angus Young represented Central England at the Oxford Finals Day.

Cambridge University

Caroline Camm and Zershaaneh Qureshi, and Megan Lloyd and Angus Young represented Central England on Finals day with Megan and Angus ranked in the top 20 teams in the country.

ESU Mace

Darius Shoja-Assadi and Áine Maher were Regional Finalists.

ESU Public Speaking

Edward Bates, Jessica Browne and Eve Colyer broke to the Birmingham round.

Taylor Trophy

Eloise Burchell and Cerys Stansfield were finalists.

Young Enterprise

This year saw a few changes in Young Enterprise after selection criteria were imposed to ensure that the LV pupils involved could make a full commitment to the activity. This resulted in the formation of team "Evolution" under the guidance of Hannah Currie as Managing Director. We also insisted that the students developed products rather than buying and selling stock obtained online. This was successful and we saw some real creativity. This started with prototyping of decorative glass made out of recycled bottles. Whilst this proved to be an unfeasible and unreliable process, a huge amount was learned. In the end, Evolution settled on making scatter cushions and hair scrunchies; utilising the equipment in the Design Technology Department. They were able to make some good margins and won a prize for "Best Product" at the Touchwood YE Trade Fair.

Again, the team was ably assisted by our ever-supportive volunteer Business Advisors: James Murray and Bryan Thomas. At the Solihull Area competition, Hannah Currie won an award for her performance as the MD of Evolution and the team delivered a highly professional and confident presentation, while standing up to the harsh scrutiny of the judging panel.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The following pupils have completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards during the period 4 September 2014 to 10 September 2015:

Bronze Awards

Asha Abram
Yahia Affi
Michael Balfour
Edward Bates
Finley Blake
Matthew Bond
Harriet Bray
Jessica Browne
Georgina Brownsword
Ramyank Chaganty
Tom Chambers
Simon Clarke
Eve Colyer
James Cusack
Mary Davies
Matthew Deakin
Tarran Dhillon
Michael Earle
William Farnworth
Matthew Farrow
Ellie Featherstone
Eleanor Gaffney
Isabel Gaffney
Emma Hadley
Meredith Hanson
Daniel Hofton
Alexander Holland
Gwynneth Horbury
Joseph Humphries
Lily Jackson
Helena Jones
Luke Kent
Gemma Kentish
Madeleine Koral
Jayant Kumar
Eamon Martin
Kashee Mistry
Harry Peachey
Megan Perry
Rebecca Rodwell
Ella Talbot
Joseph Treanor

Silver Awards

Alistair Bevan
Alex Bevans
Eloïse Boblin
Rebecca Bradbury
Sam Brown
Jessica Browne
Beatrice Cowley
Oliver Daniels
Henry Eaton
Shona Eaton
Alexandra Finnegan
Sophie Fowler
Benjamin Fowles
Isobel Fuller
Eleanor Gaffney
Isabel Gaffney
Georgia Greenburgh
Imogen Hanson
Freya Harding
Marie Hill
Rodan Holland
Alexander Holland
Isabelle Kent
Camani Lall
Joseph Lankester
Alexander Lavery
Megan Lloyd
Sam Mills
Bradley Monk
Charlie Morgan
Helena Newbould
Maxine Perroni-Scharf
Aled Phillips
Jacob Piggan
Lydia Roll
James Scagell
Isobel Serle
Celine Simmons
Lydia Stephens
Vini Vinod
Crystal Wilkins
Nadine Wilkinson

Gold Awards

Christopher Bevins
Annie Bewick
Campbell Binning
Philip Blenkinsop
David Clarke
Liam Deane
Bernadette Farnworth
James Green
Imogen Hanson
Lottie Harland
Jessica Lawton
Alex Levey
Sarah Lloyd
Samuel Manek-Robinson
Sam McCumiskey
Joseph Price
Adam Smith
Luca Walker
Katie Williams
Angus Young

SPORT

Athletics

A successful season for the U14 Boys' Athletics team saw them become Borough Champions and when combined with the U16 Boys' team, the School became overall Boys' Champions.

Individually, Phoebe Harland won Silver in the U15 Girls' High Jump at the English Schools' Championship; she jumped the same height as the winner but lost out on countback. Phoebe now holds the West Midlands Championship Record for the U15 Girls' High Jump. Adina Bailey has also been selected for the West Midlands Multi Event team in the English Schools' Championships.

This year's Sports Day was won by Jago.

Canoeing

This year the Canoeing team have been successful in the Regional Hasler Series with many students gaining well earned promotion.

In the Senior School, Isaac Webber leads the group by competing in Division Five over an eight mile course. The K2 pair of Beatrix Huissoon and Thomas Gill were rapidly promoted in the summer to Division Seven after dominating the racing around the region. Freja Webber and Eva Penhallurick have gained valuable points for the team in Division Nine.

This year also sees the strengthening of our Junior School Canoe Team with regular participation from Jem Perry and Ellie Lawley in the Lightning Class, racing over a distance of two miles.

Clay-Pigeon Shooting

The clay pigeon group has had another successful year with numbers and experience both growing. The teams competed in various competitions including the Millfield Invitational and the Butler Cup competitions with teams consisting of both ladies and gentlemen. The team came 10th in the Millfield Invitational Competition. The team came 15th in the Oxford Gun Club Schools competition & the Ladies team came 3rd in the Ladies competition. Lauren Packham won the High Gun for the ladies competition at Hereford & Worcester shooting ground in the Butler Cup. Thanks must, once again, go to the Parents Association who have kindly provided the funds to purchase a further gun so that clay pigeon shooting can be offered to the Middle School as well as the Upper School from September 2015 onwards.

Cricket

The 2015 season proved to be very successful once again.

The 1st XI despite losing several key players at the end of the 2014 season, had a successful campaign culminating in a last over victory against Monmouth School in the two day fixture. With the team captained by William Talbot-Davies, we saw the emergence of a new generation of senior cricketers who stepped up to replace those who had left, notably Ethan Brookes, Fahd Janjua and William Rigg; while senior players Richard Bradley, James Hart and Joseph Lankester, all had good seasons.

1st XI were winners of the Hugh Cherry County Cup Final.

The U15A narrowly missed out on a trophy as they finished runners up in both the County Cup Final and the Solihull Six-a-Side tournament.

The U14A won the Solihull Six-a-Side tournament and were crowned County Champions.

The U13A won the Solihull Six-a-Side tournament and were runners-up in the County Cup.

The U12A won the Solihull Six-a-Side tournament and were crowned County Champions.

A special mention must go to Ethan Brookes x 3, William Rigg x 3, Fahd Janjua x 2, Ikhlaas Ahmed, Oliver Bevan, and Matthew Smith who all scored centuries, whilst Max Penney, Matthew Rice, Fergus Roll and Guy Tomlinson all took five wickets or more in an innings and Ethan Plain took a hat-trick.

Alfie Blundell, Daniel Bevan, Oliver Bevan, Ethan Brookes, Jacob Gordon, Fahd Janjua, Ethan Plain, William Rigg, Fergus Roll Matthew Smith and William Talbot-Davies all represented the School at either County or District level.

Fencing

Ben Priestley is currently West Midlands U18 Champion and is in the top 40 Senior GB rankings. He has also been placed in the top 3 at a number of senior competitions this season including the Hereford and Worcester Open, the Shropshire Open, Merseyside Open; he also won the Wenlock Open (part of the Wenlock Olympic Games).

Ben has also represented Hereford and Worcester at the Excalibur Competition (a multi regional event held over two days) where the men's foil, of which he was apart, were undefeated; the team won the overall event for the first time in over fifty years.

Golf

2014/2015 was another successful year for Golf at Solihull School. The 'A' team became Regional Winners of the ISGA Plate after defeating RGS Worcester in the Final. As a result of this they went on to represent the School in the National Finals at Essendon Golf and Country Club in Hertfordshire. In the National Finals, the team comprising of Andrew Hooper, James Scagell and Thomas Brewer, came a commendable 7th place. In the HMC Foursomes, the squad got through to the Regional Semi-finals but faltered before a strong Warwick team.

For the first time in over a decade, the School Championship was played. This event took place in April at Olton Golf Club; Andrew Hooper became the Champion Golfer of the Year with a striking 74 gross, whilst James Hall won the Best Nett prize with a score of 69. In the School v Old Sils match, the latter were triumphant by the close margin of a single point. For the first time in the fixture's history, there were three girls representing the School; Victoria Brewer, Katie Lyth and Gwynneth Horbury made their debut in School colours, and all three played masterfully. We look forward to them competing again next year.

The Tuesday lunchtime sessions continue to run throughout the year under the guidance of the Warwickshire Coach, Stuart Bottrill. Emerging through the ranks are a number of talented players who are set to make the squad in the coming year; amongst these are Thomas Averill, Daniel Withington and Harrison Kentish who have all shown much promise.

Boys' Hockey

The 1st XI Boys enjoyed a good season with the team being competitive in all fixtures played, 15 matches were won and 5 were drawn.

The U11 team came runners-up at the Warwickshire Championship but were crowned Midlands Champions for the first time ever; this was a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations must go to Samuel Day who was selected for Warwickshire U13 and the Midlands Elite Training Squad; to Fergus Roll for being selected to represent Warwickshire U14 and JRPC Birmingham (Junior Regional Performance Centre); to Thomas Day for playing for Warwickshire U14; Finley Blake represented Warwickshire U15 and JRPC Birmingham; Adam Beaumont, Daniel Hofton, Lukas Moment and Thomas Loughran who all played for JAC (Junior Academy Centre) U15; to James Cusack who played for Warwickshire U16; to Luke Kent and Harry Peachey for selection at Warwickshire U16 level and to JRPC Birmingham; to Charlie Hadley for representing Warwickshire U17; to Cameron Blake for Warwickshire U16 and JRPC Birmingham and to Edward Bowen for JRPC Birmingham.

Girls' Hockey

The Bigside girls had a hugely successful season; they qualified for the Midlands Zone Finals along with the U12, U14 and U16 squads after being crowned County Champions. Our U12 and U13 girls made it to the Regional Finals for the In2Hockey Competition and produced some performances to be proud of. Laura Daglish represented the West Midlands in the Futures Cup as part of the HiPac Training Programme whilst Clara Miles and Sofia Cusack were accepted on to the JRPC Regional Programme. Annabel Dalby, Georgina Dalby, Phoebe Harland, Georgia Brown and Louisa Miles all represented the JAC Squad whilst Sophie Besford, Bethan Bown, Lucy Fennell, Louise Green, Imogen Houghton and Rebecca Toher all played at JDC (Junior Development Centre) Level.

Netball

This year, our netballers have enjoyed a positive season. The 1st VII made it to the final of the Regional Netball Competition only to miss out on the National Finals by three goals. This is the furthest Solihull School have achieved in this competition and will come back fighting to make the finals next year. They were crowned West Midlands South Champions and Adina Bailey, Lydia Cross and Kiant Lightbourne, all had England trials this year.

Our U15 squad won all but one league match after Easter, whilst the U14 team were County finalists. Annabelle Barker, Phoebe Harland, Sofia Cusack and Tabitha Botterill all gained representative honours whilst Clara Miles was made part of the U17 Regional Screening Programme; a huge achievement considering she is only 14! The U12 team were Borough Tournament Champions as well as Warwickshire School Games and show good promise for the future.

Lydia Cross	West Midlands U19 Netball Performance League Squad & West Midlands U19 Regional Performance Academy
Kiant Lightbourne	West Midlands U19 Netball Performance League Squad
Clara Miles	West Midlands U19 Netball Performance League Squad, West Midlands U17 Regional Academy & U17 Netball Performance League Squad & West Midlands U19 Regional Performance Academy

Adina Bailey
Hannah Clarke
Annabelle Barker
Sophie Shakeshaft
Tabitha Botterill
Sophia Cusack
Phoebe Harland
Louisa Miles
Tiegan Pound
Libby Shepherd

West Midlands U19 Netball Performance League Squad
West Midlands U19 Regional Academy
Warwickshire U16 Academy
Warwickshire U16 Academy
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Rounders

The U14s and U13s were runners-up in the Borough Championships, losing out only on rounders scored. The U12s won 8 out of 10 matches which is reflective of their hard work and efforts. They were also crowned Borough Champions after convincing wins over every opposition, beating Saint Martin's School for Girls in the Final. They defeated a tough RGS Worcester team on their home ground after catching the whole team out after only twelve balls! The U15s recorded some pleasing results including wins over King's High School for Girls, Warwick School and Princethorpe College.

Rugby

The 2014-15 season proved to be another successful one across the board as sides earned a top 15 place in their respective National Rugby tables. All teams were crowned Solihull Borough Champions, a feat which has now been repeated over the past 3 seasons. Both the 1st XV and U15 XV were knocked out of the Natwest Cup at a late stage by eventual finalists. In the 7-a-side season version of the game there must be a special mention for the U13s who won our own prestigious tournament for the first time in 26 years. Alongside this, the U16s won the Nottingham 7's and a very spirited U15 VII reached the Semi-finals of the Warwick Tournament.

Congratulations should go to the following:

England U13 Independent Schools' Barbarians:	Mitchell Reeve
Midland U13 Independent Schools' Barbarians:	Mitchell Reeve, Daniel Gaffney
Midland U16 Trialists:	Alistair Bevan, Sam Kandola
Warwickshire U16 XV:	Alistair Bevan, Sam Kandola, Oscar Blundell, Charles Davies, Harry Manek-Robinson, Joe Church
England U17 Training Squad:	Benjamin Fowles
Welsh Exiles U18 XV:	William Talbot-Davies
Warwickshire U18 XV:	Luke Hoey, William Talbot-Davies, Will Cutbill
Worcester Warriors Academy U18	Benjamin Fowles, Moses Fakatou, Charlie Morgan, George Hawkes
Worcester Warriors Academy U16	George Armstrong, Tom Serle
Worcester Warriors Academy U15	Cole Ellerman, Harry Mitcham, Tom O'Hanlon

Skiing

The ski team increased this year to over forty pupils participating on a regular basis. Our Senior Girls' and Boys' teams both reached the English Schools Dry Slope Championship finals, where Helena Newbould finished first overall in the girls' competition. Both the boys' and girls' teams also qualified for the British Schools Championships in Edinburgh. Three students, Ella Giles, Thomas Lawrence and Helena Newbould were selected for the ESSKIA English Training Squad. We entered a team in the Aiglon Trophy in Switzerland and finished fifth overall; the highest placed UK team. In the Regional competitions Solihull continued to have much success at all levels.

Swimming

Our opening gala was held at Warwick School in September for the U13/U15/ U18 Girls and Boys. For the first gala of the season, the squad swam well and produced some good performances finishing 2nd overall. We then travelled to Stowe for our second gala of the season where we took three age groups of boys and girls teams to compete against Stowe School and Loughborough Grammar School. We produced some brilliant performances in the individual races with our Inter girls finishing 1st overall and Senior girls 2nd. Our third saw us return to Warwick for the 4th 50m Annual Warwick Individual Championships; all of the squads efforts kept Solihull School in contention with the other strong schools from the midlands. The final gala of the year was held at Bromsgrove School for the Medley and Freestyle relays where our Inter girls swam very well.

Abigail Humphreys swam at the British National Summer Championships at the end of July, taking part in five events, achieving personal best times in four of them and winning 2 Bronze medals in the 800m Freestyle and 200m Butterfly. We hope that the times Abigail achieved will qualify her for the GB Olympic trials next Easter, which will be held at the Commonwealth pool in Glasgow. She is currently ranked 1st in GB for 1998 born girls for the 200m butterfly and in the top 5 for her other best events.

Tennis

The 1st VI have had a successful season coming second in the West Midlands group in the Aegon Competition. In total they have won five matches including victories over King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys and King Edward VI School, Stratford and losing just two matches to strong Rugby School and King Edward's School teams.

SPORTS TOURS

U15 Rugby

At Easter the U15 rugby squad enjoyed another fantastic tour to Archachon, in the south-west of France. Two tough matches, beating Le Bouscat by nine tries and then a narrow defeat by USS Salles, were topped off with an entertaining Sevens tournament. Off the pitch the boys enjoyed a beach football tournament and the annual trip up the Dune du Pyla. Tremendous tour spirit was evident in abundance throughout the week, making it a truly pleasurable experience for all involved.

Senior Boys Cricket Tour to Barbados

The tour party consisted of Mr Jackson, Tour Manager, Mr Maddy, Cricket Professional and 18 boys ranging from 15 to 18 year old. Tour Captain, Anthony Szarmach and On-field Captain, Fahd Janjua, both played their part in uniting such a vast range of boys and the team spirit and camaraderie were exemplary throughout.

Early morning runs along the beach, pool sessions and dips in the sea were the ideal way to start each day during the 3 week tour. However, don't be fooled as this was no holiday.

In hot humid conditions, playing on cricket grounds that had cracks you could put your foot into and wickets that would had no grass on, the boys quickly learnt what playing cricket in the Caribbean was all about. There was no greater example of this when the very first ball of the tour, bowled by a big 6ft 5 Trinidadian fast bowler from Vishnu Boys College, nearly took Benny Watson's head off and put him on his behind! The cricket was indeed competitive; every school would have one or two medium to fast bowlers which you would expect in the Caribbean; however it was the quality of the spin bowlers that caused us the most problems. Athletic in the field and with batsman who hit the ball out of the ground by some distance, it was a great learning curve to play against boys with such natural ability who didn't have the luxury to play on a ground as aesthetically pleasing or practise in facilities as good as ours. Sixteen teams entered the competition from around the Caribbean which included only two from the UK.

There were plenty of highlights during the tour, notably the batting from Fahd Janjua who scored a brilliant hundred against Presentation. Thomas Brewer took a wicket with the very first ball of the match against Sedburgh and claimed another in that over and we saw the emergence of several younger players who all left the island with a stronger interest to play more.

William Rigg and Thomas Brewer both attended a training session held by Sir Garfield Sobers and other cricketing legends, whilst Fahd Janjua was selected to play and represent the school in the Masters game.

DRAMA

In the Christmas Term, Lower School pupils presented, *'Outbreak'*, an evening of poetry, sketches, speeches and songs to commemorate the start of World War 1. As part of the evening Lower Fifth Form GCSE pupils presented three original short plays, devised and performed by themselves. The piece was compiled and directed by Mrs Wilde, assisted by Mr Dowsett and Miss Crowther. Live music to accompany the show was provided by Mr Cureton and Mr Dowsett. Dr Jukes was Production Manager and provided a slide show to accompany the acts. The production was thought provoking and in places very moving.

For two nights towards the end of the term, the Senior School presented Lorca's *'Blood Wedding'*. Áine Maher and Oscar Haynes were impressive as doomed lovers, The Bride and Leonardo, whilst David Herriotts created a warm and sympathetic Bridegroom. Francesca Phillips excelled in the powerful role of the Mother, whilst Alice Mann gave us a gentle, yet determined Wife. Harry Sharpe was superb as the Moon injecting his very physical performance with energy; his scene with Helena Jones who played the Beggar Woman/Death was suitably surreal. Helena's own performance was very strong and compelling. Kim Tomlins, Eve Colyer and Thomas Clayton-Wright had the perfect degree of dignity as the Mother-in-law, the Neighbour and the Father respectively and Megan Perry was a delight as the Servant. Each character was well drawn and engaging. Thomas Carson, James Newman, James Green, Cerys Stansfield, Georgia Greenburgh and Olivia Gordon were all excellent in the supporting roles of guests, girls, youths and woodcutters. Make-up was designed and applied by Mrs Thomas and her team of helpers; this added greatly to the effect and was significant in creating the Spanish feel to the production. The make-up created for the surreal characters, Moon and Death, was superb. Music and Dance

were integral to the production and we were fortunate to have the input of Ana Garcia who taught the cast the art of Flamenco dance and also Mark Brown who played Flamenco guitar during the performances, singing *'Let the Bride Awaken Now'* in the original Spanish version. Lower Fifth Forms pupils, Ellie Ajao, Nicola Frankland, Emma Hadley, Gwynneth Horbury and Eleanor Shiels recorded a beautiful interpretation of the Spanish Lullaby *'Nana Baby'* which added to the haunting atmosphere of the production. Backstage and technical support were as ever superb; many thanks to Dr Jukes, the Production Manager and Joseph Hadley, the Stage Manager.

In the Easter term, Mrs Fair, with Mr Perrins as Musical Director, directed *'Les Misérables'*. Over 100 pupils were involved in the production, either on stage, in the orchestra pit or working backstage. Pupils performed for five nights and the show was a sell out. Oscar Haynes showed his versatility by moving from the ridiculous (Patsy in *Spamalot*) to the sublime (Valjean); the vocal range and emotional intensity required put him to the test every night, but he proved more than up to the demands of the role. Javert (played by Joe Chamberlain) left many of us spell bound in rehearsals and we knew the audience was in for a treat as he played the role with just the right amount of menace and stage presence. The student group, led by Oliver Daniels, grew ever more confident especially after the masterclass with a West End star and they proved to be a real hit with the audiences. No less impressive were the female leads of Cosette (Katie Williams), Fantine (Maddie Browse) and Eponine (Olivia Harris) who stole the show with her powerful, emotive rendition of *'On My Own.'* This is one of the most demanding shows a young cast can perform and it is a true ensemble piece: everyone from urchins (played by members of the Lower and Middle Schools) to the principals makes a difference to the production. Particular mention needs to go to David and Olivia Hass, as Gavroche and Little Cosette, also played brilliantly by Eleanor Berrow. The whole show is nearly three hours long and sung all the way through and for this the musicians and cast all need to take a bow: the quality of the music was superb. Thanks to Mr Perrins and Mrs Fair for all their hard work.

Lower School Drama Club has continued to be popular with many pupils regularly attending on Tuesday lunchtime. Lower Fifth Form pupils, Isabelle Conway, Emma Hadley, Madeleine Koral and Eleanor Shiels ran the club, leading sessions and encouraging the younger pupils to give free rein to their imaginations through improvisation.

In the Spring term, former pupil George Haynes visited the school and ran acting workshops with Drama GCSE pupils and A level Theatre Studies students. Whilst at Solihull School, George appeared in several school plays including *'Romeo and Juliet'*, *'Tom Jones'*, *'My Fair Lady'* and *'The Scarlet Pimpernel'*. After gaining a degree in Mathematics from Durham University, George did a Postgraduate year in Acting at the Drama Studio in London. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed George's workshops and learned new and useful techniques.

Local drama group, Advo-Acts, also came into school to present a short play to pupils which helped raise awareness of the issues which affect people with learning disabilities. This was an excellent piece of drama, created from the personal experiences of the performers; it highlighted powerfully the issues and barriers to the inclusion of people with learning disabilities in society. Advo-Acts is part of a charity that provide advocacy support to adults who have a learning disability and who live in Solihull.

MUSIC

Musical Highlights

Solihull School joined the Steinway Initiative by purchasing three world-class Steinway grand pianos. A wonderful opening ceremony was held in February, with special guest, international pianist Peter Donohoe, CBE.

Solihull Sings! Outreach programme featured Acocks Green, Chapel Fields, Mapledene, Sharman's Cross, St. Alphege, St. Augustine's primary schools, as well as Solihull Junior School. We also welcomed children from Reynolds Cross School for a morning musical workshop.

Saint Cecilia and Summer Concerts: performances of a huge range of styles, genres and periods by instrumental and vocal ensembles including: Symphony Orchestra, Intermediate & Advanced String Ensembles, Intermediate & Senior Wind Bands, Big Band, Percussion Ensemble, Junior & Senior Guitar Ensembles, Saxophony, Clarinet & Flute Ensembles, Jazz Singers and The Twelve.

Opportunities for all pupils to perform as soloists: 4 informal Concerts; 1 Keyboard Concert held in Chapel and Music School; 1 Chamber Music Concert; 1 Vocal Concert; and the first Jazz and Light Music Concert in aid of Marie Curie Hospice.

Solo Recitals were given by: Philip Blenkinsop, Joseph Price, Amy Parry, Muskan Shrivastava, Katie Williams and Benjamin Davidson.

Between them, the three Chapel Choirs sang for most Sundays throughout the year and at the two Carol Services in December; performed Mozart's 'Requiem' with Parents' Choir and local choral societies, accompanied by The Orchestra of the Swan and professional vocal soloists; sang alongside the professional

choir Tenebrae at their concert of 'Russian Treasures'; sang on 5 broadcasts of the BBC Daily Service on Radio 4; sang Evensong in St Paul's and Gloucester Cathedrals and entertained visitors with Christmas Carols at the NEC Antiques Fair. They also commissioned a new anthem by composer Will Todd, entitled Ave Maria.

Masterclasses led by Nigel Short (choir), Luan Shaw (woodwind), Peter Donohoe (piano), Erin Headley (strings) and George Pooley (voice).

Musical Achievements

Dominic Martens gained a place as a cellist with the National Youth Orchestra.

Jacques Barker performed as Treble soloist in Mendelssohn's Elijah with the Halesowen, Brierley Hill and Elmdon Choral Societies alongside professional soloists and the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra in April.

Solihull Music Festival

Joseph Wright	1st Place: Vocal Solo age 14-17; 2nd Place: Show Songs age 14-17
Christina Bate	2nd Place: Vocal Solo 11-13 years; 3rd Place: Show Songs 11-13 years
Fleur Street	3rd Place: Vocal Solo 11-13 years

Burton upon Trent Vocal Festival

Anna Higgins	2nd Place: song in a language other than English – Open class
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Lichfield Music Festival

Jessica Boake	1st Place: Folk Song (12 & under); 2nd Place: Own Choice (12 & under) 3rd Place: Own Choice (12 & under)
Ella Furber Benedict Barker Joseph Wright	3rd Place: Own Choice (12 & under) 3rd Place: Boys' Treble Solo 1st Place: Solo from a Musical (13-15 years); 1st Place: Folk Song (13-15 years); 3rd Place: Own Choice (13-15 years)
Charlotte Sasse	2nd Place: Solo from a Musical (13-15 years); 2nd Place: Own Choice (13-15 years)
Isaac Wright	3rd Place: Solo in a Musical (13-15 years); 3rd Place: Boys' Treble Solo (13-15 years)
Alexander Lavery	1st Place: Own Choice (16-18 years); 2nd Place: Solo from a Musical (16-18 years)
Hannah Shakeshaft	2nd Place: Own Choice (16-18 years); 2nd Place: Solo from an Opera (16-18 years)

Northfield Music Festival

Eleanor Gooderidge	1st Place: Folk Song 10-13 years
Christina Bate	1st Place: Favourite Song 12-14 years; 1st Place: Musical Theatre 12-14 years
Joseph Wright	1st Place: Folk Song 14-17 years

Leamington Spa Music Festival

Ellie Ajao	1st place: String Recital class; 1st place: Viola Class age 12-15;
Winner of the Barbara Thoday Cup for the most promising viola player.	
Charlotte Sasse	1st Place: Violin Class age 15-18; 1st Place: Viola Class age 16-18; 1st Place: String Sonata Class;
Winner of the Lena Wood Trophy for best string player.	
Ellie Ajao & Charlotte Sasse	1st Prize: String Quartet 12-18 (for the 4th year running)

Music Examination Results

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

Grade 1

Christina Bate (singing)
Millie Dickin (singing)
Oscar Huissoon (singing)
Morgane Lyko-Edwards (singing)
Jack Rootkin-Grey (drum kit)
Alexander Sasse (piano)

Grade 2

Thomas Averill (saxophone)
Jessica Blissitt (singing)
Andrew Gach (clarinet)
Emma Hadley (singing)
Meredith Hanson (singing)
Luke Horgan (trumpet)
Mabel Mendonca (piano)
Eva Penhaurick (singing)
Kavya Thomas (singing)

Grade 3

John Abram (piano)
Emily Baker (trumpet)
Cayla Balfour (piano)
Benedict Barker (singing)
Jacques Barker (singing)
George Daly (saxophone)
Lucy Fennell (singing)
William Pearse (saxophone)
Fleur Street (singing)
Rebecca Vidal (flute)

Grade 4

John Abram (viola)
Annabelle Barker (singing)
Isabelle Blake (flute)
Tom Carter (clarinet)
William Daglish (saxophone)
George Daly (saxophone)
Olivia Hass (cello)
Aishwarya Jagadeeswaran (singing)
Jacob Langford (trumpet)
Maxine Perroni-Scharf (organ)
Katie Phillips (clarinet)
Kouros Shoji-Assadi (flute)

Grade 5

Edward Bates (guitar)
Bethan Bown (piano)
Bethan Bown (trumpet)
Annabel Dalby (saxophone)
Georgina Dalby (singing)
Oliver Francis (piano)
David Hass (piano)
David Hass (theory)
Anna Higgins (singing)
Charlotte Hope (flute)
Imogen Houghton (flute)
Beatrix Huissoon (singing)
Niall McManus (clarinet)
Lauren Raybould (piano)
Lauren Raybould (violin)
Lydia Roll (theory)
Liam Scagell (trumpet)

Grade 6

Alexander Lavery (singing)
Mark Lawrence (singing)
Oliver Rooney (saxophone)
Alexander Sasse (saxophone)
Oliver Rooney (saxophone)
Alexander Sasse (saxophone)
Charlotte Sasse (singing)
Rebecca Timperley (singing)

Grade 7

Max Dormon (piano)
Maxine Perroni-Scharf (singing)
Oliver Rooney (saxophone)
Aviva Sandler (violin)
Charlotte Sasse (piano)

Intermediate Certificate

Crystal Wilkins (singing)

Grade 8

Philip Blenkinsop (piano)
Philip Blenkinsop (organ)
Eloise Boblin (viola)
Benjamin Davidson (singing)
Caroline Gerard (singing)
Mark Lawrence (saxophone)
Tuo Tuo Liao (cello)
Megan Lloyd (piano)
Abigail Moise (saxophone)
Abigail Moise (singing)
Hari Ramachandran (saxophone)
Joseph Sherman (trumpet)
Muskan Shrivastava (singing)
Muskan Shrivastava (flute)
Katie Williams (singing)

GCSE RESULTS SUMMER 2015

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	U	Entries
Art & Design: Fine Art	9	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	27
D&T: Resistant Materials	1	8	7	2	0	0	0	0	18
D&T: Food Technology	2	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	13
Drama	1	2	6	3	0	0	0	0	12
English Language (iGCSE)	39	74	11	0	0	0	0	0	124
English Literature (iGCSE)	44	70	10	0	0	0	0	0	124
French (iGCSE)	14	17	13	7	4	2	0	0	57
Geography	18	23	14	3	1	0	0	0	59
German (iGCSE)	10	7	4	5	1	0	0	0	27
History	37	42	15	5	0	0	0	0	99
ICT (iGCSE)	20	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	29
Latin Language	22	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	28
Latin Literature	12	11	3	1	0	0	0	1	28
Mathematics	39	50	30	5	0	0	0	0	124
Music	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Religious Studies	12	14	9	1	0	0	0	0	36
Biology	37	41	31	13	2	0	0	0	124
Chemistry	52	31	17	13	5	6	0	0	124
Physics	52	38	21	12	1	0	0	0	124
Chinese	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Classical Civilisation	5	8	4	3	1	0	0	0	21
Russian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Spanish (iGCSE)	16	12	18	7	3	1	0	0	57

TOTALS 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

- 98% Pass Rate
- 74% of all grades at A*/A

- 20 pupils achieved 8 A* grades or better
- Average number of passes per pupil - 10

A LEVEL RESULTS SUMMER 2015

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Entries
Art (Fine Art)	0	8	10	0	0	0	0	18
Art (Photography)	4	3	10	0	0	0	0	17
Biology	6	5	5	4	2	0	0	22
Business Studies	0	18	11	2	0	0	0	31
Chemistry	6	7	6	1	1	0	0	21
Classical Civilisation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Design & Technology	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Drama & Theatre Studies	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Economics	9	8	4	1	0	0	0	22
English Literature	5	8	10	3	1	0	0	27
French	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	9
General Studies (A2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geography	2	7	9	1	0	0	0	19
German	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
History	4	8	16	2	1	0	0	31
Government & Politics	0	6	2	1	0	0	0	9
Latin	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mathematics	10	14	9	1	5	0	0	39
Further Mathematics	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	7
Further Mathematics (Additional)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Music	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Physical Education	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	8
Physics	4	5	5	3	3	0	0	20
Psychology	10	15	15	3	3	0	0	46
Religious Studies	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	7
Spanish	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5

Totals **67** **132** **129** **30** **17** **0** **0** **375**

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

- 54% of all grades at A*/A
- 37 pupils achieved 3 A*/A or better
- 90% of the Upper Sixth went to their chosen University.

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