

Easter Term 2014

The Greyhound



SOLIHULL



Oxbridge Success

Congratulations to all ten students who have received Oxbridge offers. With offers for Cambridge are Lucy Allen, Tom Griesbach and Jamie Turpin for Engineering, History and Spanish and Portuguese respectively. Alanna Wall has received an offer to study Medicine at Oxford while offers for Engineering have been received by Alex Browse and Sam McCumiskey. Also with offers for Oxford are George Diwaker for Theology, Nick Hooper for Classics, Maddie Lavery for Psychology and a choral scholarship, and Ben Piggitt for Physics.



Chamber Choir

The School's Chamber Choir at St Paul's Cathedral. See inside for full story.



The *Greyhound* Interviews... Ms Trim, Art

How long have you been teaching?

Just over ten years. I left a career in Purchasing and Logistics after my youngest son was born and returned to education to complete my Fine Art degree and teacher training.

What do you most enjoy about your job?

Watching pupils' faces when they suddenly realise that they can draw! I also like teaching Life Drawing to the Sixth Form artists. I really enjoy listening to students' ideas about how they want to express themselves artistically.

Why do you like teaching Art?

I am a figurative painter and I love drawing and painting so it was an easy choice when deciding on my subject. As a teacher I like the flexibility that art and design offers as there are so many different mediums and techniques. It keeps it interesting.

What would you be if you weren't a teacher?

A painter (not the decorating kind!) travelling around Cornwall and Europe in a rickety motorhome painting and drawing everyone and everything.

Who's your favourite artist and why?

That's an impossible question to answer as there are too many to choose from. I appreciate art that makes you think and then makes you want to find out more about the work and the artist. I also love to see work that demonstrates great skill and creativity, particularly painting. I am one of those strange people that you see peering at paintings very closely in galleries to study the mark-making!

What would be your ideal last meal and why?

What a strange question...a large cheese board including smoked brie, mature cheddar, roule, grapes and a case of good Merlot. Well you did say it was my last!

Development and Alumni Relations

Alumni and staff, including Former Choristers, joined the Chamber Choir on 10 March for Choral Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral (see separate article). After the service, current and former staff and a diverse mix of alumni relaxed over drinks in Paternoster Square.

The next London alumni group event will be the Annual London Dinner on Friday 9 May at the Pewterers' Hall. The next event for Former Choristers will take place at School in November.

The first Solihull School Alumni eNewsletter went out in February to all former pupils for whom we have an email address. We have also now formally launched the Net Community part of the alumni web pages, called My Solihull, enabling alumni and others to update their details, register for events, make a donation, join a group and get involved.

Careers News

There are a lot of exciting developments in the Careers Department. As well as hosting a number of careers lunches with speakers from McCann, KPMG and GCHQ, we also hosted the panel of women in business for International Women's Day. A small group of students went to KPMG for the day to experience the atmosphere in a busy global accounting firm. The Fourth Formers spent some time researching the various careers they can choose as a result of studying one single subject and were amazed to find such a broad range of jobs. The Lower Sixth have started researching their options for when they leave School.

We are bringing in some state-of-the-art technology to help students find out more about themselves and to help them make informed choices. Also, we are introducing a society at School to enable students to organise events, meet with companies and improve their employability skills. The next careers lunches will focus on sports science and physiotherapy and blogging.



Mathematics Competition Success

We sent two teams to the local regional final of the FMSP (Further Mathematics Support Programme) Year 10 Team Competition, 2014. They came first and second. The successful A-team comprised Charlotte Sasse, Daniel Sandler, Maxine Perroni-Scharf and Lili Mistry. The event was composed of four rounds of different types of maths problem solving, including an off-curriculum round on Base 6. Thank you to Mr Bishop, Mr Cureton and Dr Atkinson for support.





John Meek (Leaver 1945) and David Meek (Leaver 1978)



School Reunion Day

Former classmates, parents and teachers were able to roll back the years this term at one of the first whole school reunions for decades. Over 500 alumni and staff from the 1940s to the modern day arrived at the School on 22 March, coming from all corners of the UK and from across the world. Visitors were delighted to see the changes that have taken place on the School's campus and were treated to a packed day of activities. Guests enjoyed seeing the new facilities on guided tours, and being treated to a school lunch, before watching final rehearsals for the annual musical *Spamalot*, and taking part in 'back to school' lessons, including Physics, Maths, Psychology, Art and Cookery. One of the highlights was a talk from former master Denis Tomlin, who packed out the Archive Room with his tales of days gone by. There were also rugby, netball and hockey matches between past and present pupils, and the day was rounded off with a buffet dinner, drinks and dancing at the Old Silhillians' Clubhouse.

Former Headmaster Giles Slaughter said:

"Returning to Solihull always stirs so many happy memories and it gladdens my heart to see the School going from strength to strength."

Former pupil Phil Couch said:

"Thank you for making the arrangements for Saturday. Myself and my old classmates had a great day of reunions and it was really good to meet so many former teachers. The school has changed greatly since 1977 but it was nice to see so many of the original buildings still in use and providing character."



Public Speaking Success

This term has been an astonishingly successful one for our Public Speaking Team of Jessica Browne, Megan Lloyd, and Lydia Stephens. Before half term, they won the Birmingham Final of the English Speaking Union's Schools' Public Speaking Competition. They then progressed to the Midlands Regional Final, held at the Birmingham and Midland Institute, and again they emerged victorious. On the day, there were additional prizes for Megan as best questioner, and Jessica as speaker with most potential. They now go through to the National Final which will be held in Cambridge in April. 350 teams entered the competition and the Solihull School team are now down to the last 8! It has been a fantastic achievement so far, and we wish them the best of luck for the final.





The School flag has been flying over Camp Bastion in Afghanistan this week. This has been arranged by former pupil Colonel Glynn Evans, Commanding Officer 202 Field Hospital, Camp Bastion. (5 February)



Debate to mark International Women's Day

On Friday 7 March we celebrated International Women's Day with a lively debate from a panel of women in business. The event was very well attended by boys and girls and the panellists – hosted by Jo Malin of the BBC – answered questions around the subject of women in the boardroom, how to get ahead in business and how to develop a career in broadcasting. Jo Malin talked about her career in the BBC and encouraged students to follow their passion and be prepared to be flexible on their career journey. Among the panellists were Harriet Evans, Corporate Solutions Director of Mitsubishi Electric, Manty Stanley, MD of Teal Patents Ltd and Georgia Adderley, current student at Nottingham Trent University and intern at Capital FM, all of whom are former pupils. There was also Lucy Jaynes, Consultant and business owner and Lucy Lunt, School Governor and BBC Radio Producer.



Fourth Form Latin: a trip to Aquae Sulis

On 15 January the Fourth Form Latin students headed over to Bath to explore the ancient Baths of Aquae Sulis. While we were there we enjoyed examining some real Romano-British artefacts which have lasted hundreds of years. We learned to both read and tell the difference between altars and gravestones of people who lived in the Roman era. The Baths themselves came from a natural hot spring at 47°C and they were thought to have healing powers by the Romans.

Next we looked at the under floor heating system that warmed the caldarium. Finally we toured the museum to find out firsthand what it was like living in Roman Britain. The day was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

Hannah Wolverson, Izzy Conway and Paloma Benjamin



Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition Training

93 Lower Fifth Bronze pupils have spent Monday evenings and Friday lunchtimes during the first half term route planning, organising kit and meals, first aid training and learning how to use stoves and mountain tents. As can be seen in the photograph, the staff too have recently been practising in winter conditions on the summit of Carnedd Dafydd, Snowdonia.



Scholarship: Chris Bevins has received a prestigious and sought after KPMG scholarship to carry him through University before he takes up a position with the firm after graduating! (5 February)



Classics Society

It has been a very busy term, as always, in the Classics Society. We have had a trip to Warwick School to see a performance of the Greek tragedy Antigone, a BMCA (Birmingham and Midlands Classical Association) lecture at the University of Birmingham to hear Professor Ken Dowden speak about the origins of Greek Mythology, a trip to Chester and the BMCA Texts and Topics Conference – the fun never stops!

Art Trip to London

The Sixth Form Artists enjoyed a trip to Tate Britain and the Saatchi Gallery in March to support their exam research. The two galleries offer a wide range of artworks that cover over five hundred years of painting, sculpture, photography and installation.



AAAS Science Conference in Chicago

During the February half term, 17 pupils, accompanied by Miss Ford and Mr Farrington, attended the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting in Chicago. The theme this year was 'Global Challenges: Discovery and Innovation', and the programme highlighted the need to drive solutions to current and future global challenges in order to improve quality of life around the world.

What followed was a fascinating four days of lectures, symposia and seminars, with topics ranging from particle physics to psychology. Students were also given the opportunity to visit Fermilab and meet a theoretical physicist.

As well as attending the conference, we were able to experience the many cultural highlights of Chicago. These included an architectural tour of the city, visits to landmarks, snowball fights and, of course, deep dish pizzas!



Life-Drawing Skills

This term the Sixth Form Artists were treated to a life-drawing workshop run by the Royal Academy of Art in our painting studio. Students spent the day working with one of the Royal Academy lecturers and her model exploring a range of drawing techniques and concepts. The students gained a great deal from the sessions and impressed the Royal Academy staff with their skills.





International School Meals Day

To mark International School Meals Day, A-Level French students helped students of French, Spanish and German in the Fourth Form make a Franco-Belgian classic – Croque Monsieur! The older students demonstrated how to prepare the dish in French and German and the younger pupils took pleasure in serving up a tasty multi-lingual treat!

Thanks to Miss Hallworth for making this cross-channel culinary experience possible!



Château de la Baudonnière 2014

During February half-term, the School undertook its tenth visit to the Château de la Baudonnière in rural Normandy, France. Accompanied by Mrs Black, Mr Thomas and Miss Evans, 18 Third Form pupils took on the challenge of a week of total French immersion in order to improve their knowledge and understanding of French language and culture. In a break from tradition, nine A-Level students also joined the trip. The programme consisted of a variety of indoor and outdoor activities including French lessons, bread making, climbing, archery and a very muddy assault course. We also spent a day out visiting a French market in Villedieu and the world-famous Mont St Michel. In addition, the Sixth Form students visited a local school, spent an evening in a café conversing with the locals and also had to prepare and take a mock speaking examination. The evenings were also jam-packed with fun events including the 'soirée française' where we donned berets and moustaches and sampled snails!





Isaac Webber – Mathematician Extraordinaire!

Isaac Webber in the Lower Sixth competed in the recent British Mathematical Olympiad Round 2 Competition, which is the highest you can enter. 200 of the very best mathematicians in the country enter this prestigious competition, and Isaac secured a place in the top 50. A fantastic achievement!



Visit to German Department by Professor Heinrich Detering

This term, we were pleased to welcome to the School Professor Detering, who is President of the German Academy for Language and Poetry and an eminent poet and essayist. He was writer-in-residence at Aston University and visited our German Sixth Form to discuss his poetry and the reunification of Germany, which is part of our A-Level cultural topic.

Young Enterprise

Three Young Enterprise teams – Aspiration, ComfyCo and Phoenix – took part in the Solihull and National Young Enterprise Trade Fairs in March. All companies managed to successfully demonstrate their personal selling capabilities and persuade customers to buy their products. Creditable profit margins have been realised on the products sold, including decorated plant pots, plants, kitchen gadgets, fancy confectionery, tie-dye t-shirts and jewellery. We now need to work on the volume of items sold! Our next focus will be on the regional competitions and finalising company reports to close off a successful year's trading.



The Society of Local Council Clerks Practitioners National Conference

As Chair of Castle Bromwich Youth Parish Council I was invited to speak at the Society of Local Council Clerks Practitioners National Conference on 28th February and 1st March 2014 on 'How to set up a Youth Council'. It was a privilege to be invited to represent the youth of Great Britain at the conference, especially as we stayed in a beautiful hotel and were treated like royalty. I delivered two workshops, speaking for 50 minutes before taking questions. The session aimed to highlight the opportunities available for young people, practical details on how to start a Youth Parish Council, what actions need to be put in place, what to put in a constitution and what types of projects young people can get involved in.

Jessica Browne



Leticia 'Teas Up!'

Leticia Salmon in the Upper Fifth found the answer to raising money for an African mountaineering and charity challenge in a tea cup. She raised £1,300 to take part in Exercise Kenya Venturer this summer after turning her home into a tea shop. The proceeds, added to those from other fundraising, also netted £900 towards the funding of much-needed new buildings for Thangathi Primary School which Leticia will be helping to build with other cadets during the expedition.

More than 70 supporters, including Solihull Mayor Joe Tildesley and his wife and Lady Mayoress Joan Tildesley, tucked into the full afternoon tea served up by Leticia. She made more than 100 pots of tea and served over 1,000 homemade cakes and sandwiches for over six hours - and even ran a raffle for a dozen donated prizes.





Physics Olympiad: The paper was sat nationally by approximately 1,900 very able Physics students. Well done to – Sam McCumiskey and Alexander Browse (Commendation), Lucy Allen – Higher Accolade of Bronze 2. (12 March)



USA Ski Trip 2014

On Saturday 15 February, 68 very excited pupils and six apprehensive teachers met on the Chapel Car Park to travel to New Hampshire. There was a heavy snowstorm hitting the East coast of America and we were one of the last flights allowed to land at Boston airport. Miss Campbell certainly enjoyed the flight in First Class!

The snow was fantastic all week as a result of the storm although it was very cold for the first couple of days. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the skiing and on Thursday thoughts turned to New York.

We had a fantastic time in New York seeing the sights. The Empire State Building and Times Square made a great first impression.

My thanks to all the staff and pupils for making this such a memorable trip.



German Christmas Markets – 2013

Tuesday 17 December saw 38 pupils, some going for the third time, and four members of staff embark on the biennial pilgrimage to the Christmas markets of Aachen, Cologne and Koblenz. Visits to the various markets in these three cities and guided tours of Cologne, The Chocolate Museum, The Olympic Sports Museum and Marksburg Castle were enjoyed by all.



Junior School: Well done to the 16 athletes who competed in the South Solihull Cross Country Championships yesterday afternoon. (12 March)



Recital by Maddie Lavery and Libby Thomas

On Thursday 13 March Maddie and Libbie gave a wonderful recital of music for voice and flute. Libbie was joined by Abi Smith to play 'Presto' from *Sonata for Two Flutes* by Schultze and Maddie was joined by Chris Bevins for the lovely duet 'That's all I ask of you' from *The Phantom of the Opera*, with Hanlie Martens and Pamela Davies as accompanists throughout. There was a good selection of music with Maddie including both classical and musical theatre songs (including excerpts from *West Side Story*) and Libbie likewise singing 'Can't help lovin' dat man' from *Show Boat*, together with English and German songs and several flute solos. A most enjoyable evening.



Chamber Music Concert

On the evening of 27 February a wonderful selection of instrumental and vocal ensembles performed a concert in the Recital Room of the David Turnbull Music School.

Rehearsals in preparation for this special chamber music event had been an ongoing commitment for many weeks.

The standard of playing was exceptionally high and the musical content was impressive and enjoyed by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

Onatti Spanish Theatre Visit

On Thursday 13 February, all the pupils in the Shell and Fourth Forms who study Spanish had the opportunity to watch an entertaining play performed entirely in Spanish. The title of the piece was "La Habitación de Mateo" (Matthew's Room) and it certainly proved to be both entertaining and very helpful from a linguistic point of view. Such events greatly enrich our Languages curriculum and give our pupils the chance to see the language they study being used in a more authentic setting.

Spamalot

Following the success of last year's musical *The Phantom of the Opera*, this term we brought you 'something completely different' with Monty Python's *Spamalot*. This musical, lovingly ripped off from the film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, provided a wonderfully silly end to the term. This was a fun-packed production involving a cast, orchestra, back stage crew, lighting, sound, costume and make-up personnel of around 100 pupils and staff. Mr Karl Leach created a fantastic set, painted by Kevin Hunton and Laura Adkins which included a 9 foot wooden rabbit! The show was full of energy with sing-along songs and dances of a range of styles, including ballet and tap, and contained many favourite characters from the film, including the Knights of Ni, Tim the Enchanter and the Killer Rabbit. Mr Stephen Perrins, Director of Music and Mrs Jean Wilde, Director, thoroughly enjoyed the whole process from Auditions to Final Night.





Swimming: The girls finished fourth in both of their heats and narrowly missed out on the finals. It was a great achievement and performance by such a young squad. (15 March)

Concert Commemorates Centenary Conflict

On Thursday 6 February, pupils, parents and friends came together as singers and instrumentalists to perform Karl Jenkins's *'The Armed Man-A Mass for Peace'* in the Bushell Hall to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. This moving and powerful performance was made all the more poignant by Dr Jukes's visual images and by John Loynton's foyer display, which also chronicled how the War impacted on the Solihull School community of the day. Olivia Harris, Katy Williams, Hannah Shakeshaft, Muskan Shrivastava, Chris Bevins, Shashank Chaganti and Ben Davidson all performed the wonderfully evocative vocal solos superbly.

The concert began dramatically with trumpets and percussion performing Copland's *'Fanfare for the Common Man'* followed by the String Ensemble playing Karl Jenkins's second most famous piece, *'Palladio'*. The first half ended with a stunning performance by Dominic Martens and the Symphony Orchestra of Haydn's *Cello Concerto in C*.



Chapel Choir

It has been an extraordinarily busy term for the Chapel Choir for who have reached a global audience of 250,000 people via BBC Radio 4's *'Daily Service'* programme, performed the world premiere of music by leading composer Ben Parry (pictured), and sung once more in St Paul's Cathedral. At 6am on 21 January the Chamber Choir departed School for Manchester in order to rehearse and broadcast a service live on the BBC air waves, which they did to critical acclaim. On 9 March the same choir performed Parry's newly commissioned, challenging and endlessly energetic *'Solihull Service'* (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis) for the first time during Evensong, alongside Elgar's *'The Spirit of the Lord'*. Parry, who is the Director of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain, has written for musicians ranging from Paul McCartney to the BBC Proms Choirs and it is a privilege to have him compose music especially for our School. On 10 March the Chamber Choir took the *'Solihull Service'* to St Paul's and performed once more to a supportive congregation of alumni, parents and staff. Thank you to all involved.



Junior School Scholars

Fourteen Junior School pupils celebrated having between them won 12 Scholarships and 3 Music Awards in the Solihull School 11+ Entrance Exam. This was a fantastic achievement which recognises the pupils' hard work in the classroom and their talents in Academia, Art, Music and Sport. Nine Academic Scholarships, two Sports Scholarships, three Music Awards and an 11+ Art Scholarship, in the first year that it has been offered, were awarded to Junior School pupils this year. We will be following their future progress and success as they join the Scholars' programme. Well done to them and all of our other J4 pupils who have earned their place in the Senior School in such a competitive exam.



Ski Team: Training was really hard today. Had a quick photo opportunity in front of Mont Blanc! Worked so hard we had to have another relaxing session in the hot tub after! All ready for the GS races tomorrow. (16 March)



Gold Star

Congratulations to our third set of Gold Star recipients in the Junior School, who were awarded their badges by Mr Penney during this half term's special Gold Star Assembly. Well done everyone!



J4 11+ Celebration Evening

To celebrate their success in the 11+ examination, all our J4 pupils spent a fun-filled evening at Jimmy Spices, where they managed to eat their way through the 'round the world' buffet, and then consume significant quantities of ice cream for dessert! Everyone found one of their favourite foods, and many pupils tried something new. It was great to relax with classmates and friends and have an evening off prep after all the hours of exam preparation and revision! A fantastic time was had by all.





Junior School helps to rebuild Sri Lankan Schools

Largely thanks to the Junior School's exceptional efforts during October's Charity Week, two schools have been rebuilt and reopened in northern Sri Lanka. During an assembly, the children were treated to photographs and video clips of the wonderful work that Assist Resettlement & Renaissance have done since receiving our cheque for £6,400 in November. Without the Solihull School community's support and generosity, none of this would have happened.

Gurdwara Visit

The J2s visited the Gurdwara in Handsworth to find out more about the Sikh faith. Dressed in head scarves and hats, the children entered the Gurdwara and enjoyed experiencing a world of new sounds, smells and sights.



Junior School Council

The Junior School Council has been very busy this term but we have had a fun-filled experience! We started off electing jobs such as secretary, refectory rep and parent liaison officer. The first week we were given the task to prepare for E-Safety day. This is where schools all over the UK learn about how to be safer on the Internet. The School Council made an E-Safety quiz that went down as a success in assembly. The Council has also contacted the refectory, suggesting possible changes that they would like to see.

Junior School Council members are enjoying their roles and are ready for the next challenge!

Ella Furber





Shakespeare Club

The School's new performance-led Shakespeare Club is introducing our Junior pupils to the world's greatest playwright and instilling a love of plays. Many of our ten and eleven-year-olds are exploring the works of Shakespeare on their feet as if they were professional actors during the club's weekly after-school meetings. It is run by Miss Evans as part of her Master's course in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare, at the University of Warwick. Her experience of working with specialist academics and directors has already enabled pupils to gain thrilling introductions to Hamlet and Romeo & Juliet.



J3 Fun with Symmetry!

The pupils in J3 had great fun in Maths this term, working on creating symmetrical shapes, using their bodies. The pupils worked in pairs and small groups and tried to be creative, whilst still being as mathematically accurate as they could be. After creating the shapes, they then looked at the photographs and drew on all the different lines of symmetry.

Junior School Concert

This concert in the Bushell Hall on 5 March featured the Wind Band, Flute Group, Orchestra and String Group as well as many solo instrumental and vocal performers.

Pupils from every year group participated and a wide variety of musical styles ranging from Beethoven to the James Bond theme were thoroughly enjoyed by both the performers and the audience.



J3 Science Day

On 18 March J3 experienced Science Day, a main event within Science Week. J3 pupils were led through a variety of topics on the Earth, Sun and Moon. The National Space Centre came equipped with a Star Dome, where children were able to experience star constellations. Various other activities ran throughout the day with the help of our own Sixth Form pupils. These activities included tasting dehydrated space food, simulating the movements of the planets and designing a space alien.

Learning about kosher food

This term, the J3 children have been learning all about the Jewish religion. Alexandra Jones kindly talked to the year group about kosher foods and explained the kosher rules that many Jewish people choose to follow. The children learned about the meaning behind the different foods and found out which animals are kosher and which are not. Alexandra brought in a selection of delicious foods such as latke, matzoh and challah which everyone thoroughly enjoyed sampling.





Porridge!

The whole J4 year group performed '*Porridge!*' a musical comedy based on familiar fairytales. J4 Drama Club met on Tuesday evenings since September to learn and rehearse the speaking parts, whilst all J4 pupils learned the music and lyrics in their lessons with Mr Phillips. The performances were outstanding on both nights and the children were really excited to see a packed Bushell Hall. The audience commented on the very high standard of acting, singing and comic timing!



Christingle Service

The Junior School had lots of fun making Christingles for the much-awaited special service in Chapel with Father Andrew and a special visitor from The Children's Society. The choir sang beautifully before the candles were lit and sweets were enjoyed by the congregation!





Junior School Sport

Another action-packed term has flown by for Junior School Sport. Earlier on in the term, the girls impressed on the hockey pitch by grinding out a draw with a Bromsgrove boys' team and elsewhere put together impressive performances against Hallfield across the age groups in Netball. In addition the boys also had their fair share of tough opponents, coming out victorious in hockey fixtures against Bromsgrove, Warwick and Foremarke Hall in different age groups.

House competitions also continue to flourish, with all pupils having competed fiercely for the coveted titles in rugby, hockey and swimming.



The real highlights of the campaign came after the half term break when there was a flurry of tournaments in all sports. The U11 football squad reached the League Cup finals competing with over 20 schools as did the U11 Netball squad who narrowly lost in the final. The U11 boys' hockey team had an outstanding run, coming third out of sixteen teams across 8 counties in the Midlands finals. The U11 boys again impressed but this time on the rugby field, winning the Bedford Modern invitational 7s tournament with exceptional performances from the entire squad. These fantastic achievements culminated in both the U11 boys and U11 girls (consisting of a number of U10 athletes) winning their respective categories in the Borough Cross Country Championships, competing with over 300 individuals across both races, and taking home the overall champions accolade.

Thanks, as ever, to grounds and catering staff for their continued support, as well as all members of staff who run clubs and teams.



Rugby Honours

In rugby, Ben Fowles and Charlie Morgan have represented England Midlands 16 group in a victory over England South West. Congratulations to both. Good luck at the Easter International Festival. Hopefully more good news to report in the next edition.



Rugby - U12 Sevens

There was also success for the U12 rugby sevens team. With excellent wins against King's Macclesfield, Nottingham High School, Old Swinford Hospital, Leicester Grammar School and Carre's Grammar School, the U12 VII were duly crowned champions. The boys played some excellent rugby. Well done all and thanks to those parents who supported.



County Champions

This term the U13 Girls' Hockey Team won the County Tournament beating King Edward VI High School for Girls in the final! Well done girls!



Sporting Honours

The following have had their sporting prowess recognised by the Solihull Secondary Schools' Sports Federation. They will be presented with their award at the Council House on Thursday 10 April.

Luke Hoey Borough Rugby/Warwickshire (2013)

William Davies Borough Rugby/Warwickshire
Ben Osborne Borough Rugby/Warwickshire
Liam McStay Borough Rugby/Warwickshire
Ben Fowles Borough Rugby/Warwickshire/Midlands
Charlie Morgan Borough Rugby/Warwickshire/Midlands

Lydia Cross England Netball

Oliver Hayley Warwickshire Cricket/ U18 England Trialist

Charlie Hadley Athletics
Represented West Midlands Athletics at the English Schools Championships – 6th in Triple Jump

Lydia Roll Cross Country
Represented West Midlands Athletics at the English Schools Championships – 111/333

Tommy Godwin Award

Ben Priestley Fencing (Represented England)
{a shared award}

Solihull Boys' Team

Solihull School U18 Cricket Regional Champions



Rugby Honours

Kieran Joyce has been selected to represent Ireland U18 Clubs, and this term has played against Italy U18. In the Easter holiday he will play against France U18 and England U18. Well done Kieran!

Easter Term Teams of the Week

Fourth Form Germanists

First class performance at the Goethe Institute

Oxbridge Preparation Team

Fantastic guidance and support

Girls' U13 Hockey Team

Excellent performance (13-0) versus Arden School

U15 Boys' XI Hockey Team

Superb performance and victory against Nottingham High School

U15 Maths Team

Tremendous performance in the Regional Finals (1st & 2nd)

The German Magazine Team

An excellent 4th edition of 'Das Alles ist Deutschland'

U14 Netball Team

Excellent victory against Heart of England School

Middle School Debating Team

Tremendous victory in the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition Birmingham Finals

U14 7s Rugby Squad

Excellent performance in the Warwick School Tournament

U15 Hockey Squad

Superb performances and victories versus Dean Close School

1st VII Rugby Team

Victory in the Solihull Tournament

U15 7s Rugby Team

A fantastic series of performances

Spamalot Cast and Crew

5 fabulous nights of drama and music

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