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## A message from the Head Teacher



**Mr I Smith**

## Discovery Day

The summer is here again and it has been a fun and extremely busy end to the term. The pupils have all had a great time during Curriculum Enrichment Week whether away in Germany, camping on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions or taking part in Curriculum based activities and trips!

Thank you to all of our staff for the time and effort that has gone into the planning and running of programmes this week and also to parents and carers for your support with early drop offs and late pick-ups. I am sure that the pupils have had a week to remember!

Year 10 have also had a busy week enhancing their employability skills undertaking work experience opportunities. It has been great to see so many of our young people spending the weeks placed in our local community and we are very grateful to employers for all of the placements they have provided. This has been a fantastic opportunity for Year 10 to gain invaluable insights into the world of work and start to think about possible future career choices and aspirations.

Sports Day was once again hosted at the Pingles Stadium on a red hot summers day and saw some amazing team and individual results. Thanks to the all of the staff and competitors for making the event such a success.

The end of term is a time to celebrate the success of pupils but also of staff. I wish those staff moving on all the very best for their new roles and thank them for their dedication and hard work. I must, however, make special mention to Miss Taylor - Head of Phoenix House and Mr Mitchell - Head of Sixth Form who are both moving on to pastures new.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday. I look forward to seeing Years 12 and 13 on 15th August and Year 11 on 22nd August for the collection and celebration of their respective results.

When September comes, I hope that many of Year 11 will decide to continue on into the sixth form to further their education with the staff that will have contributed greatly to their successes.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

**Mr I Smith**  
Head Teacher



On 22nd May, 30 students from across ThinkHigher schools attended a discovery day at the University of Warwick in the School of Life Sciences. The students had to use nets to fish mosquito larva out of the pond, they then took these scoops of water and were excited to find under the microscope more than just the larva, they found pond flees and midge larva as well, after lunch they saw blood smears and human/mosquito tissue infected with malaria. Pupils made the following comments: "Now I'm considering working in a lab", "I will invest more time into biology at school."





# Progress Praise Awards



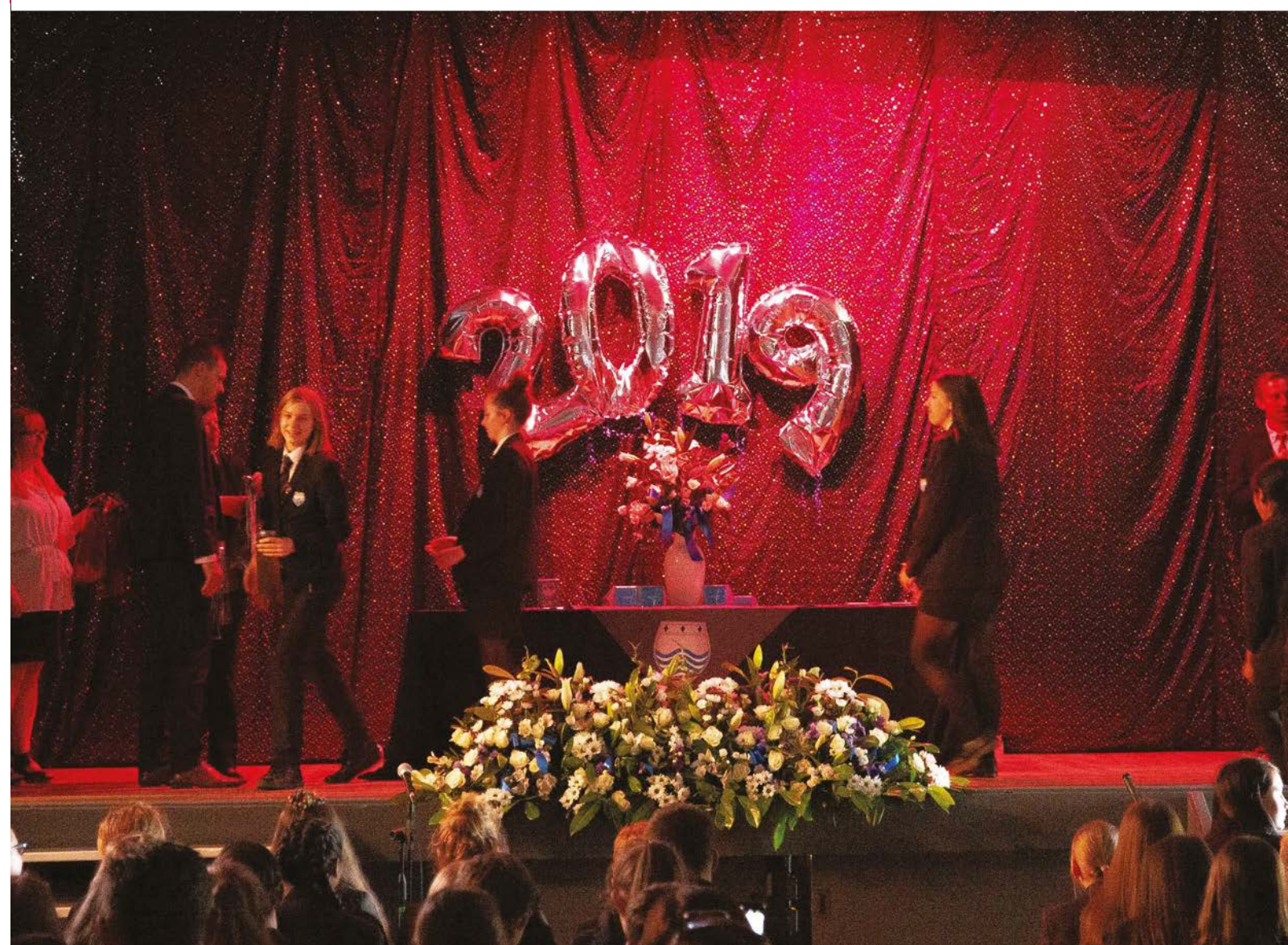
We were honoured to welcome an ex Etone pupil, Dr Shannon Ludgate, as the keynote speaker at this year's Progress Praise Awards on the 3rd of July. She was truly an inspiration, as she shared her experiences in studying for her GCSEs and PhD, to those pupils in the audience who understand the meaning of effort and resilience in achieving, and even surpassing, expectations of their selves. Dr Ludgate emphasised the importance in self-belief and we would like to thank her once again for her time and inspiring words.

This was an evening to celebrate success: pupils from Year 7-10, who have made excellent Progress and have Achieved outstanding attainment over the course of the academic year, were celebrated in front of their parents and carers as well as in front of a sparkling back drop on our beautifully decorated Main Hall stage.

The effort and hard work of these pupils was rewarded with individual trophies which have their name engraved and which they will be able to cherish forever.

As well as Progress and Attainment, trophies and prizes were also awarded for Outstanding Contribution Toward House; Outstanding Behaviour for Learning and 100% Attendance. We also celebrated our most recent Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The theme of the night was clear from the speeches given by our newly elected Head Girl as they praised the hard work and effort that all nominees had displayed in order to achieve nominations for these awards. All pupils who attended will benefit from their hard work, not just tonight, but in to their future lives and careers.





## Combined Cadet Force



This term has seen the launch of an RAF section of the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) at Etone. There are CCF contingents in over 400 secondary schools across the UK, offering young people a broad range of challenging, exciting, adventurous and educational activities.

The aim of the CCF is to enable the development of personal responsibility, leadership and self-discipline. The CCF unit is an educational partnership between the school and the Ministry of Defence. The CCF offers an exceptional range of exciting activities for cadets to enjoy. As well as exciting and adventurous pursuits, many of the activities offered by the CCF are focused on gaining new skills as well as improving; teamwork, communication, confidence and leadership.

Training at Etone will be split over; parade evenings, field days and occasional weekend camps and courses. Parade evenings will take place every Tuesday after school, once a week. This will provide the basic training across a number of different areas and skills, which are then enhanced during field days and weekend training camps, where cadets will spend longer periods of time developing a particular skill, or working towards a qualification.

There will be many opportunities to gain recognised qualifications in disciplines like first aid, and the chance to take part in national programmes like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. There are a number of different vocational qualifications and a residential leadership course.

## Combined Cadet Force



Our new recruits have been involved in a rigorous selection process, starting with a letter of intent, asking pupils to explain why they would like to join the CCF and what they think they will gain by being involved in this exciting opportunity. Recruits that passed this stage were then invited to interview with the Contingent Commander A/Plt Off Mr G Hodgson, as well as having to participate in two evenings after school where the recruits were observed by the CCF's officers to see how they worked together individually and as a team.

Over the next week pupils who have been successful through the selection process will be receiving a confirmation letter of their acceptance onto the CCF programme.

Myself and the CCF team would like to wish all pupils and parents a safe and restful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr Hodgson  
Contingent Commander  
A/Plt Off





## The Globe Theatre



As part of Enrichment Fortnight, a number of our year 9 students were lucky enough to attend a trip to The Globe Theatre in London. Students toured the home of Shakespeare's plays whilst learning new and interesting facts about what life was like in the Elizabethan era. Did you know that during the summer, groundlings (viewers in the 'pit') were often referred to as 'the Stinkards'?

The students then had the opportunity to watch a Stage Fighting demonstration where they learned all about the different sword-types from the time, and what they signified about a person's status. They were also shown a choreographed fight and how important it was to make a fight scene convincing for the audience in the Globe- due to the viewing platforms being nearly 360 degrees around the stage!



## Accelerated Reader News



There are some outstanding achievements in this term within Accelerated Reader lessons. Congratulations to Amelia 7C2 on reaching 5 million words read and passed. Amelia achieved both her fourth and fifth Million certificate within one half term! Kristina 7P2 has now reached 6 million words which is a record amount of words since Accelerated Reader has ran at Etone! She is also working towards her seventh points target and will have multiple chances in the prize draw for an Amazon voucher at the end of term! Molly 7P1 is now a triple millionaire and Paige 7P1, Natasha 7G1, Jasleen 7G1 and Sophie 8P1 are also double millionaires! Grace 7C1 also achieved double millionaire status and hit her fourth target! Jack 7G1 has also hit his fourth points target!

Brand new millionaire certificates were also given to Abdul 7D1, Jasmine 7D2, Louise 7D2, Millie 7P2, Philip 7P1, Naisha 7C1 and Aashika 7G1. Outstanding Honours certification has also been awarded to Kimaya 7C1 who has completed her first ten classic literature novels by passing a quiz on the George Eliot novel, Mill On The Floss. Kimaya has decided to read another ten classic literature books and is currently reading the novel Middlemarch by George Eliot!

All new and multiple millionaires were rewarded by choosing free books from the book fair, as were students who achieved outstanding results in their last STAR test. Kimaya was also rewarded with £10 worth of books.

With so many outstanding results, there will be three Amazon voucher prizes this year. The first name drawn will win a £15 Amazon voucher and there will be two runners up winning £10 vouchers. Well done to everyone and congratulations on all your hard work both within your library lessons and your extra reading at home.



June's book fair was yet another success with sales of over £770. Throughout the year, Etone has run three book fairs with sales totalling over £2000. This has generated commission of over £700 which is used to refresh and re-stock our library with the latest fiction and non-fiction books and teenage reads.



# Prefect Team 2019



Etone's new prefects for 2019-2020 are now fully trained and ready to go. After their fun filled team building day at Blackwell Adventure Park on Monday 1st July they spent the day on Tuesday exploring how to develop their role in school. Prefects are now fully prepared to work with younger pupils, support in extracurricular clubs and at parent events and to model the high expectations we have of all pupils here at Etone.

They received their black prefect ties at Progress Praise Evening on 3rd July so they will be easily recognisable in and out of school. Our team of prefects this year have already proved themselves to be committed and hardworking. We look forward to the positive impact they can have at Etone next year.





## Spanish Success



Recently the MFL department have been working with some local primary schools as part of our primary curriculum liaison work. We aim to encourage a love of language learning from early on. We have visited Middlemarch Junior School to deliver some beginners' Spanish to Years 4 and 5, and also to Queens CofE Academy to do some more Spanish with Year 4. While we were there, the students learned some Spanish greetings, how to introduce themselves and how to count by taking part in a range of speaking activities, songs and games. The response from both staff and students has been overwhelmingly positive and we have been extremely impressed, not only by the students' high levels of enthusiasm towards language learning, but also their budding linguistic talents – we're very much looking forward to welcoming them into the MFL department at Etone College.



## Shrek the Musical



On the 23rd Of May a number of year 7 students were transported the wonderful world of fairy tale when we went to watch Shrek the musical at The Belgrade Theatre in Coventry. The magical sets, laugh out loud humour and a dance in the aisle end song gave our students a memorable experience.

"It's the first time I have ever been to the theatre...I love it!"

**"My favourite character was the Donkey; I loved his song at the end."**

"The dragon was awesome and she had the best singing voice.

I wondered how they were going to portray her."

I personally was thrilled to see the Etone students showing the Etone spirit: not only were they impeccably behaved and well-mannered but it was clear by their reactions of laughter, dancing and panto style 'booos' that they fully enjoyed the experience.





## Making the right choice

PC Rob Pedley arrived at our school to talk to us in an assembly about how one choice can change your life forever. He spoke to us about this by telling how he had the choice to either go and drink coffee with his friends during his time at the Alps, or to go skiing by himself. So by himself, he went skiing and placed his phone in his front pocket for easy reach. Whilst he was skiing, an accident occurred and he fell 240ft off a mountain, breaking his spine in four places, smashing nine ribs and puncturing both lungs – but survived to tell the tale! One thing that helped him to survive was the phone within his front pocket, which he reached for and managed to tell his friends, who called the emergency services. His life changed forever that day, in just a few minutes that would soon bleed to years. One thing us students admire him for is for continuing to be a police man and the way he takes time out of his life to educate students and adults alike about choices. One valuable lesson he taught was: the choices one make today, tomorrow, next week or next year will impact one for either a few minutes, a few hours, a few days, a few weeks, a few years or the rest of one's life.

Not only did he give us a valuable lesson in choices within life, but he also managed to educate us about choices – especially choices in something called Joint Enterprise - a common law legal doctrine that allays criminal liability to the participants in a criminal enterprise for all that results from that enterprise. This means the law allows several people to be charged with the same offence, even though they may have played very different roles in a crime. Joint enterprise can apply to all crimes. He gave us one example of someone stealing a bike – the person who steals the bike, the person who stands on lookout, the person who accompanies them and the one who comes up with the idea. Each of these will be charged due to stealing the bike – they all played a part. Linking back to choice, if you choose to accompany a crime you can still be charged because you were there and you were involved. Make the right choice.

Moreover, he linked the choices with the rise in knife crime. He helped us to understand the choices we make by giving another example: two groups are having trouble; there is a rivalry between them and suddenly... a fight occurs. By the end of the fight, one or two would be dead due to the devastating fact somebody carried a knife. PC Pedley told us that you are more likely at risk for carrying a knife.

## Making the right choice

Overall, the main factor of this all travels back to one word. Choices. Choices can affect today and tomorrow and it is vital to think twice about the actions you are taking. If you know someone is planning a crime or a bad deed, report it – or your choices will haunt you. Make the right decisions and whatever you decide to do, make sure it makes you happy. Make sure it keeps you safe. Make sure it keeps others safe.

By Zoe Y10





## Sea Life Centre Trip



On Friday 17th May, year 10 BTEC Art students visited the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham to assist with our BTEC coursework about Sea Life and what the centre do to prevent plastic pollution in our oceans. Whilst visiting, we took many photos of the animals to resource our project and collected lots of information. We also had the opportunity to visit behind the scenes and see the laboratories and nurseries and learn about what the staff feed to animals and how they nurture the babies. I was particularly interested in how global warming effects coral how learning about a process called 'bleaching' where it turns white. This opportunity helped us with our coursework, especially with our research on the animals since we were fed lots of information by very knowledgeable staff members and multiple information signs around the centre. This enabled us, during our art lessons, to produce art work based on the photographs we had taken and the information we had learned.

Ruby 10D2





## Year 10 Photography



This term we created our own photography portfolios towards our BTEC qualification. We chose from different themes such as: Nature photography, Fashion Photography and Sport Photography. This meant we could choose our own style and influences and everyone's work was different.

We had to present our photographs, research, edits and best pieces on A2 black boards in the style of professional photographers. They displayed our experimental photoshoots and camera techniques. It was very enjoyable discovering our own photographic styles.

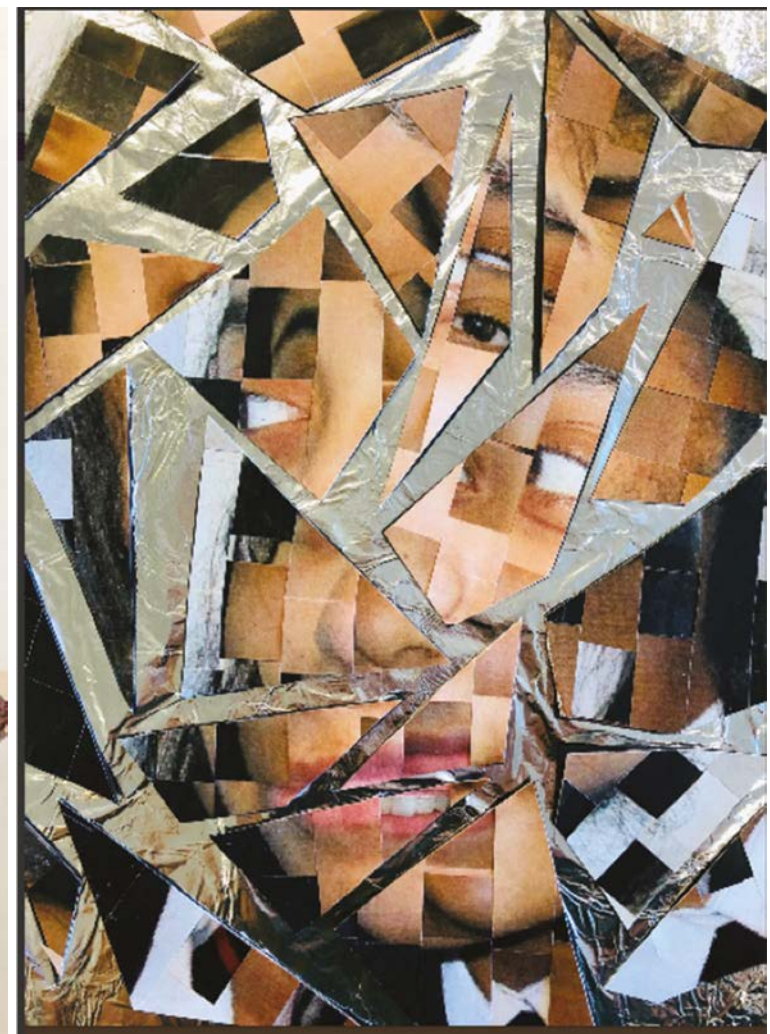
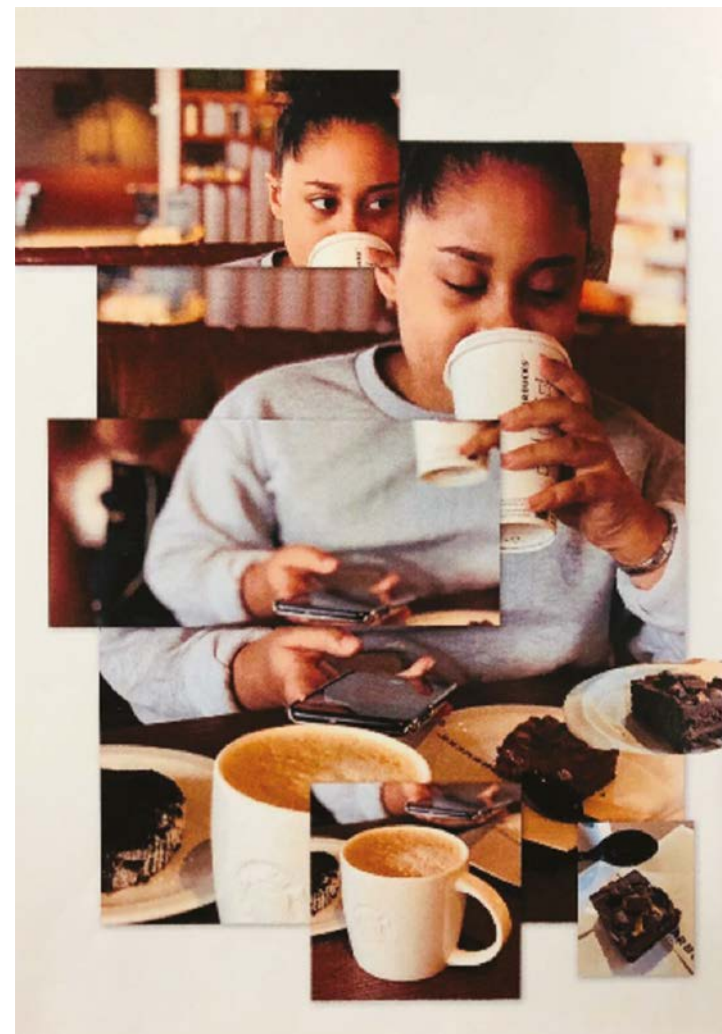
Chloe 10G1



## Year 9 Photography



Year 9 were introduced to the artist David Hockney who explored the idea of narratives within photography. He did this by taking photographs from lots of different angles. BTEC Photography students were challenged to create their own narrative by experimenting with angles, movement and facial expressions. I think you can agree, they came up with some very interesting concepts! Well done year 9, some impressive pieces of work have been created! - Miss Palmer





## Etone Takes on Berlin



On the early hours of 8th July, 31 students gathered at Etone College to set off for three days packed with culture, history and experiences that we definitely won't forget. After six long and exhausting hours, we safely arrived in Berlin, dropped off our bags and were ready to start the day of exploring the city. We were soon navigating the streets and the complicated transport systems, mainly thanks to Mr Hope, our own personal tour guide.

Our first stop was Checkpoint Charlie, a significant part of Berlin's history as it acted as a secure passing during the division of the city following the start of the Cold War. After a short break for lunch, we guided our way past the glorious Berlin Cathedral, we made our way to the DDR Museum which painted a clear image of life in East Berlin under Soviet control. We were shocked to discover the appalling quality of life of the citizens, their lack of freedom and the power that Soviet's had over them, which amplified our understanding of the tensions during the 1960s. We finished our day with a thrilling trip to the iconic TV Tower, from which the views of the city stretched before us, we were able to locate popular landmarks from the Reichstag Dome to the Brandenburg Gate – some were even able to find an infamous Soviet Spy base which had a peculiar shape.



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After a well-earned rest, we were able to start our next day, first stop: the Berlin Wall.

We were given a thorough tour of the remains of the wall, our guide detailed the devastating events that happened after the wall was built in 1961 and how lives were impacted by the tensions that occurred between the East and West. We were told the tragic stories of people who were directly impacted as they tried to escape the terrors of East Berlin, and the news that the youngest victim of this horror was just six years old was horrifying to us. We continued by visiting the Topography of Terror, and were intrigued by the reality of Nazi control and the measures they took to protect their ideology. We finished sightseeing on a lighter note, by visiting the Olympiastadion, an important part of Germany's history as it was used as propaganda for Nazi Germany but also how in recent years the stadium hasn't been used to fuel an ideology, but instead has become a vital part of Germany's society. After a short stop at the hotel, we set out for bowling, which was a compelling and rewarding finish to the day.





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On our last day we began with a short shopping spree, Miss Dunkley and Miss Kelly-Smith were most excited to take on Sephora whilst Mr Hope was hoping to expand his collection of football shirts - and was not disappointed! Next we carried on our historical tour towards the Palace of Tears where we furthered our knowledge of the division of Berlin, the life for its citizens, and the fall of the wall in 1989. This was followed by a trip to the Stasi Museum, we were fascinated to see how the political police oversaw the lives of six million people and how they feared elimination from the police. On our way to the Holocaust Memorial, we passed the Brandenburg gate, a monumental part of the falling of the Berlin Wall but also a perfect picture opportunity. The Holocaust Memorial was a series of concrete blocks all different sizes, representing the many lives lost from the catastrophic actions of the Nazi Party. Our trip ended by a visit to the Reichstag building, where we once again were amazed by the magnificent architecture of Berlin.



After days of sightseeing, socialising and tasting the most popular dishes of Germany - including the currywurst which was highly recommended by Mr Hope. Moreover we were eager to spot all the different colourful bears dotted around Berlin, which totalled to fourteen bears! We also gathered bags full plastic bottles as we learnt about the eco-friendly approach to recycling in Berlin and we earnt over €7! Early Thursday morning we set off back for England, a calm and quiet journey as 31 students were ready to return to the comfort of their own homes. Although we were exhausted, this experience has been an enriching and memorable experience and we're all very thankful for this opportunity.





## Netball Trip

A number of our students recently took part in the PE Netball trip to Boreatton Park PGL Centre in Shropshire on Friday 10th May to Sunday 12th May 2019.

We would like to say a big well done to all of the pupils for their excellent behaviour and for giving it their all. A special congratulations, however, must go to our Year 10 and Year 8 teams who won medals for placing 3rd.



## Food Preparation



Year 7 and 8 students were involved in a day of practical food preparation which included making garlic bread from scratch, home- made meatballs and a ragu sauce. During the afternoon session students baked and decorated a cake. Lots of practical skills were utilized during the day long session including chopping, dicing, grating, simmering, bread making, kneading, melting and using the creaming method to make the cakes. Some excellent outcomes were achieved for students to take home to enjoy.

"I had a lot of fun in Food today. I made meatballs and a ragu sauce. I found some parts of the task challenging so I had to persevere and be patient especially whilst I was waiting for my cake to bake."  
Aafiyah S

"It has been fun to experiment with different methods and use tools such as knives and saucepans to create some nice food." Millie K





## Centaur News



The Summer Term has been another fantastic period for students in Centaur House, both collectively and individually. As publicised outside House office, Centaur won 'the quadruple', attaining the best B4L scores across all Year groups for Progress Report 4. Not only does this make us the best behaved House in the school, but we are also now officially better than Manchester City, who could of course only manage 3 accolades this year!

I was immensely proud of the recognition deservedly received by our students at the recent Progress Awards Evening. As rewards for highest attainment, progress, effort and behaviour were handed out, student-after-student stepping onto the stage was from our House. Massive congratulations to all students and their families present at that evening.

Most recently we stepped out in blistering conditions for our annual Sports Day at the Pingles Stadium. Huge thanks to Sports Captains Ashleigh and Davina for making sure all Centaur athletes and supporters stood out from the rest due to the fabulous blue-glitter face paints. I am always left in awe of the fantastic performances of our students on days such as this. I am also equally taken-aback by the willingness of students to step (sometimes very far) out of their comfort zones to fill spaces in events for our House, ensuring we do not miss out on points. You guys in particular are an inspiration! On a final note regarding Sports Day a great deal of thanks must go to our Tutors, Sports Captains and our very own Queen of Centaur, Mrs Morton, for going above and beyond the call-of-duty to ensure we were well organised and fully represented in all events.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of Centaur House collectively, to wish you all a sun-and-fun-filled Summer holiday.

**Mr Astall**

## Phoenix News



This has been a very busy half term and Phoenix House has lots of exciting news to share as we build up to the summer break. Year 10 Phoenix pupils have excelled in their applications to become prefects this year and selecting the final candidates has been a tough task. The applications were very strong and candidates really took the whole interview process seriously. There were some nerves as we interviewed in the conference room but this will have been a valuable experience for you all, the interview process will hold you in good stead for later life when you apply for college, University and jobs. Therefore, we are delighted to announce that the Phoenix Prefect team for 2019-20 are: Sophia Parish, Abbie Owens, Tia Tomes, Misam Gurung, Andrei Argeanu and Inti David-Tabango. Congratulations: Phoenix Prefects give nothing less than their very best!

In addition to this good news, we yet again celebrate more success in our Progress Praise celebrations for Progress Report 4. Once again, we are extremely proud to see such a significant contingency from Phoenix House collecting certificates for attainment, progress and attendance. We were also able to celebrate further success in Phoenix House during the second Progress Praise Awards Evening on July 3rd. Congratulations especially to Sophia Parish who won the Outstanding Contribution towards House.

Finally, I now say a fond farewell after 7 amazing years at Etone College as I move onto a new role. It has been an honour to be Head of Phoenix House and I shall miss the pupils and staff who make Etone College such a great school. I am delighted to hand over to Mr Baggott, whom I know will take Phoenix to even greater heights of success. Remember Phoenix: 'never less than our best'.

We are 'Team Phoenix', we support each other and work together to achieve 'nothing less than our very best,' we ensure we are organised, punctual and committed to our future.

**Miss Taylor**

*Phoenix House is proud to support Young Carers as our chosen charity.*

## Dragon News



I honestly don't know where the year has gone! I hope all the Dragon students have a delightful six week break and enjoy the glorious sunshine! This term has been an extremely busy one for all students, especially year 10 who completed their mocks.

A total of 22 year ten Dragon pupils applied to be a prefect and their letters of application and interviews were excellent, they should all be very proud of themselves. This was a very hard decision to make but I would like to congratulate the successful pupils who were chosen and I look forward to you representing Dragon House and Etone College. The chosen 14 prefects that were successful enjoyed a team building away day where they all excelled in orienteering, team challenges, zip wiring, the climbing wall and abseiling, a great day was had by all.

There have been a number of activities happening in and out of school. Dragon house students have represented the school at hockey, football and athletics. A number of students have been involved in dance competitions, events and shows across the UK with a high number winning medals and trophies, they should be very proud of their achievements.

During enterprise week the year 10's are experiencing the world of work and we have received some very positive feedback so far which is fantastic. Years 7, 8 & 9 are enjoying Humanities, PE, Science and English days and some students have been to London and Berlin. I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to students coming back in September with a positive work ethic.

I hope you all have a delightful summer and enjoy your holidays. As always I will leave you with a Joke:

Q. Why did the lobster blush?

A. Because the seaweed!

Mrs Price

## Griffin News



What a fantastic year Griffin students have had, you have made the most of so many opportunities that have been offered to you. I can't quite believe that we are breaking up for the summer holidays already but I'm sure that many of you are ready for the well-deserved rest, there has been a lot of hard work this year for sure!

Year 10 have been working hard for their mock exams, well done to all those students who have put so much effort in and have attended revision sessions, I'm sure your hard work will have paid off when you get your grades in September.

It has been a pleasure to have conducted the prefect interviews, well done to everyone who applied and was interviewed, it was a very difficult decision to make as the standard was so high. Everyone represented themselves fantastically and I was very lucky that I was able to pick 6 fantastic students to represent Griffin. I am confident the students chosen will do a great job and they have certainly shown how well they can work as a team already when we went for our team building day a Blackwell Adventure.

It's been a busy half term with many trips and activities going on, it's been great to hear how much you everyone has enjoyed the experiences and I am proud that the students have represented Griffin and Etone College so well.

I have felt extremely proud of the sporting success that Griffin students have had this year, a Amir Nazari and Cole Sephton were both chosen to represent the MATRIX Academy and play football in Holland. Sports day was extremely successful for Griffin, it was great to see so many students get involved, the support and encouragement you are gave each other was wonderful. (We were by far the loudest supporters with the best banners!)

One last mention needs to go to 7G1, they have had the most fantastic start to secondary school, they settled in incredibly quickly and have shown what great attitudes they have from their first day here. They are more than ready to go into year 8 and I look forward to hearing about how successful they will be in their future achievements.

I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and that you are ready and refreshed to return in September. Happy Holiday!

Miss Bailey