



## KING EDWARD VI CAMP HILL SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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# SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you at the end of a short but intense term. In these last 10 weeks we have squeezed in mock exams, university applications, sports tours, drama and musical productions and concerts, careers events, academic trips, a ski trip, a languages homestay, more Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and a multitude of competitions. The response from students and staff has been impressive – our students have got stuck in and fully understand the principle of the more you put in, the more you get out, and the staff have given up hours, days and weeks of their time to support these amazing events. I am truly grateful to be a member of this wonderful family and witnessing all of the richness of the daily lived experience that this brings.

I am pleased to say that the Development Office goes from strength to strength and many alumni events have taken place. If you are in touch with any former students of the school please direct them to our website alumni pages here: <https://www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=Alumni&pid=50> for a selection of latest events, future events, and newsletters.

Our Careers support team have been extraordinarily busy, with careers interviews for Year 11 and Year 12, UCAS information evening for Y12 and their parents, Higher Education Day, Lecture visits to Universities, mock interviews, and university masterclasses.

Sport continues to flourish in all domains. The matches at Camp Hill Rugby Club, the annual battle against KES, and the Foundation XV against Solihull were spectacles of a highly successful rugby season. We have also enjoyed the Rosslyn Park Sevens tournament and school fixtures across all year groups. We look forward to the annual swimming gala early next term.

The highlight of the sporting term has to be the Junior and Senior Rugby, Football & Hockey Tours. The feedback from teachers, parents, hotel staff and the opposition staff was delightful – the boys clearly worked hard and played hard and were outstanding ambassadors for the school. It was an emotional final hurrah for the Year 13 students after an exceptional 7-year career at CHB – we will miss them!

The music and drama departments have been busier than ever. The annual trip to Symphony Hall was another great success. We had the Tea Time Concert which was well supported by you the families. Many students have recently taken their ABRSM instrumental or singing examinations.

As I write I am looking forward to the Senior Production of Little Shop of Horrors – if it is anything like last year's Spring production then I am sure that the audience will love every moment. Well done to the plethora of students and staff involved in all of the rehearsals, stage management, music, costumes, props, set design, sound and lighting. This is a huge project and my congratulations and thanks to Mr Dowling and Mr Watters for masterminding it.

Parents Evenings continue with our hybrid mix of face-to-face and online meetings. Your feedback has been almost literally split down the middle. We know that many of you prefer the personalised nature of face-to-face meetings but an equal number of you prefer the convenience and efficiency of online meetings. We continue to work hard to listen to your feedback and achieve a satisfactory balance between the two approaches.

On the subject of feedback, I wanted to thank the attendees at our recent Parents Focus Group meetings where we focused on communication, electronic systems, homework, parents' charter and behaviour policy. Your feedback is helping us to formulate our policy and practices, and it also helps us to strengthen and protect all of the good things we are already doing. When we invited parents to take part in these meetings the response was overwhelming, so apologies to those who have still not been invited – we are working through the list of volunteers and you will get a chance to join us in one of our future meetings.

The Association of Friends of the School (AFS) ran another highly successful Quiz Night and it was great to see families, staff and friends battling with the questions set by our very own quizmaster Mr Hill. My thanks to the AFS team and particularly Mrs Crutchley who was at the centre of another highly successful and well-organised event. Please watch out for future events, and do consider offering your time to volunteer to help run some of these events. The AFS have been working hard on building community and raising money for the school. Recently they have generously supported funding for The Chronicle, cameras for Photography Club, support for Y13 Prom tickets, Music folders, a replacement for our tired old cricket score board and a similar one for rugby. Finally, please be reminded of the excellent work going on with our Pre-Loved Uniform sales – see here for more information: <https://www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=Pre%2DLoved+Uniform&pid=148>

Our new behaviour code, based on the three pillars of being Ready, Respectful and Responsible seems to have hit the spot. Students tell us that they are really clear about the expectations that we have for them and on the odd occasion that a student makes a poor choice, the restorative nature of conversations held are focused on these Three Rs. We also appreciate the invaluable support that we get from you, the parents, in these matters. Nothing is more effective than consistent messaging around community cohesion and high expectations and we recognise the vital importance of conversations that happen at home.

I'll finish by saying another thank you for your support in our recent OFSTED Inspection. You will remember that we surveyed you back in October 2023 and your feedback was hugely positive. Then when the inspection team arrived in the following month, you sent similar positive feedback to them. We acknowledge that we are not perfect, and we have taken your suggestions on board and will continue to work on improving, but I wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for your enduring support for the school.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday with all the peace and happiness you deserve. I hope that you all manage to stay safe and well, and I look forward to being with you again at the start of the Summer Term.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Bowen  
Headmaster  
March 2024

## African-Caribbean Society Conference.



On the 23rd February, 10 students in Upper and Lower Sixth participated in the inaugural King Edward's African and Caribbean Society Collaboration event at KES. The students had a fantastic day partaking in workshops exploring their own identities, investigating Black pre and post-war history with specialist Gary Stewart and conversing with peers about their lived experiences. They also had the opportunity to enter a Q&A session with guest speakers such as; Mr Wade Lyn the High Sheriff of the West Midlands and Hannah Joseph who is a professional Netball player that has captained 12 games for England Vitality Roses. During the panel discussion, students across the Academy Trust were able to learn more about the lives of these successful role models and exchange viewpoints on how best to celebrate diversity, who their inspirational figures are and how best to seize employment opportunities! The ACS society looks forward to celebrating the achievements of Black individuals again next year - **Miss Cave**

*"The King Edward's ACS conference was a very stimulating experience. The gathering of so many successful people of African-Caribbean heritage allowed for an educational day in which we not only learnt a lot at the conference, but were encouraged to conduct independent research about various topics discussed during the thought-provoking speeches and Q&As delivered by guests, such as Black British history and history of our countries of origin, our identity, and plans for our ideal future. We were also able to have our own personal conversations with role models such as Stuart Lawrence and Celia Fraser during which we learnt about their personal experiences and could receive helpful advice to assist us on our paths to success"* - **Simon Mebrahtu U3**

## Active Travel Ambassadors - Council House Trip

### Ayan Butt (L4)

Since December, Camp Hill's Active Travel Ambassador (ATA) team has been working on designing a campaign to promote more sustainable travel habits and road safety.

Once this was finalised, the ATA team travelled to the Birmingham City Council House on Wednesday 28th February, where we pitched our ideas to representatives from Living Streets, Modeshift, Bikeability and the Council. We were competing with 4 other schools from Birmingham for funding.

By the end of it all, we successfully secured £200 (well done to the team!) which will go towards delivering the campaign. As part of the campaign, we'll be launching a competition in the coming months, where form groups and individuals who walk the greatest distance to school will be awarded with prizes! We'll also be producing even more detailed maps of walking distances to each Camp Hill gate.

A massive thank you to Miss. Marston and Mr. Cattermole for supporting us with the ATA programme and sustainability initiatives, as well as Mr. Brear and Mr. Watkins for facilitating the trip.



## **British Biology Olympiad**

Earlier this term, 48 Y12 biologists took part in the British Biology Olympiad.

15,000 worldwide competed in this and from our school students achieved 7 commended, 7 highly commended, 14 bronze, 7 silver and 2 gold awards.

Only the top 5% were awarded gold so well done to Arnav Aphale and Kailash Balamurugan.

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## **Physics**

This term has been a very busy in Physics.

The British Physics Olympiad runs many competitions. 126 students in Y11 and Y10 took part in the BPhO Intermediate Physics Challenge online quiz with 32 achieving Gold. All of Y12 took part in the BPhO Senior Physics Challenge online quiz with 18 achieving Gold (a new record for the school!). 81 students across Y10 to Y12 took part in the harder problem solving versions of these two competitions and we are awaiting the grade boundaries. Many students from these year groups also took part in the Experimental Challenge which saw some extraordinary reports produced. We are also waiting the results for our best Y12/13 project (Shrikannan Selvaganapathy, Sujay Aggarwal and Sushant Shyam) and our best Y10/11 project (Adwaya Gupta, Alexander Hopkins and Haoran Bai).

In the main British Physics Olympiad competition, Louis Bailey achieved Gold while Sam Nouhov, Sasan Hapuarachchi and Ben Hone won Top Gold and progressed to Round 2 where they all won Silver placing them within the top 93 students in the country. Those three students, plus Raphael Mahgerefteh also took part in the British Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad Round 2 where all four students achieved Bronze which places them within the nation's top 74 students.

Three Y9 teams have been getting ready for next term's Physics Big Quiz at the University of Birmingham.

Following last year's enormous success for our Physics groups participating in the Institute for Research In Schools' ATLAS Project, three more Y12 groups are taking part in original research using data from the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Switzerland. They participated in a very interesting Particle Physics masterclass at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and are looking forward to presenting their work at a conference next term.

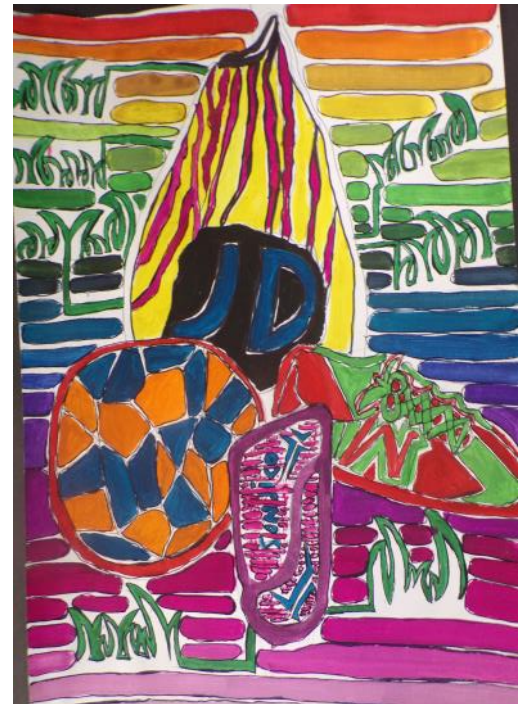
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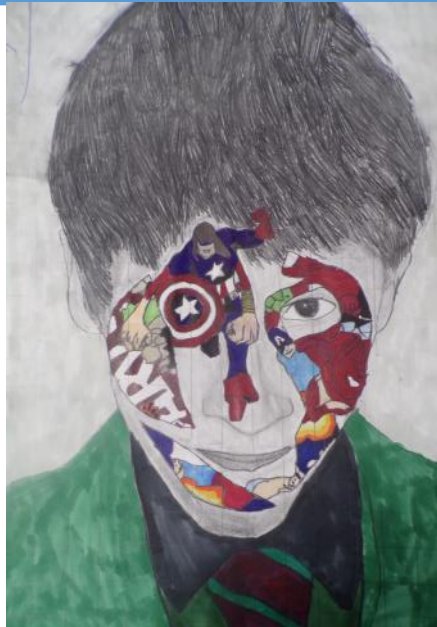
We look forward to our annual year 8 Harry Potter studio trip after Easter. Please see previous emails for details on dates and times.

Here is some of the lovely work our Key Stage 3 students have been creating in their most recent projects. Enjoy and have a lovely Easter break!

### **YEAR 7**

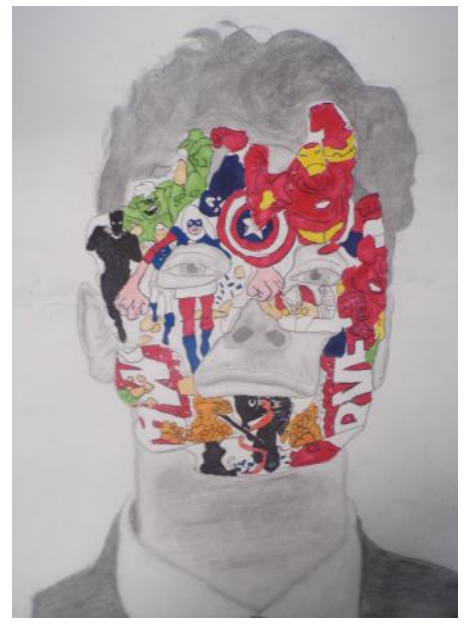
Abstract still life paintings inspired by the work of Patrick Heron





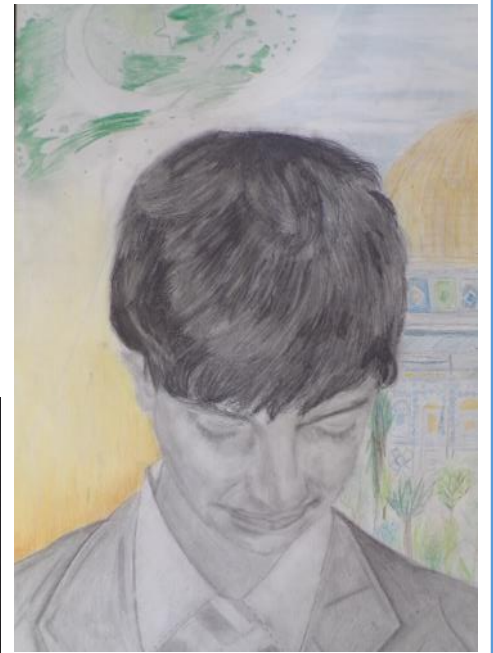
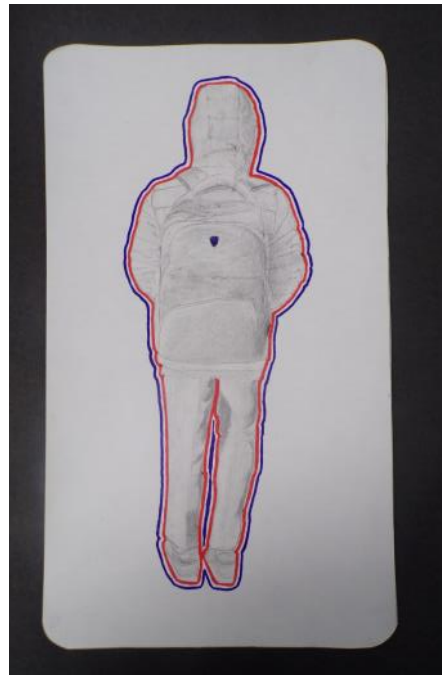
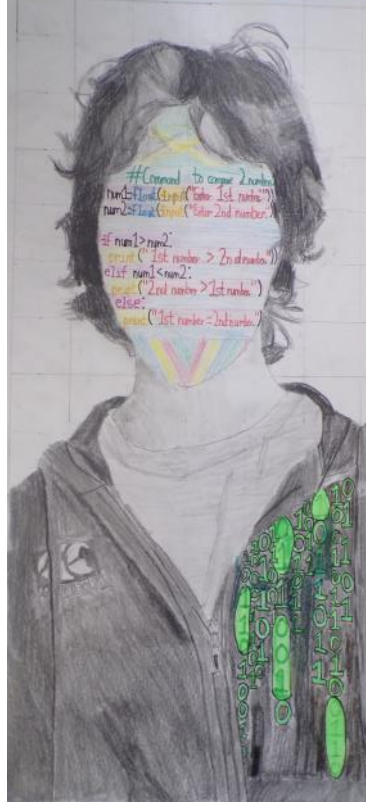
## COMIC BOOK PORTRAITS BY YEAR 8

Inspired by the art of Sandra Chevrier



# CULTURAL IDENTITY BY YEAR 9

Inspired by Bisa Butler and Barbara Walker





## English Department – Spring Newsletter 2024

In January, we were pleased to welcome Hannah Robertson as a new member of the English Department replacing Mr Wilkins who left last term. She is already proving to be an asset to both the school and the Department.

In December, our Year 7 and 8 students took part in another successful Readathon and raised over two hundred pounds for the excellent charity: 'Read for Good'. In addition, also in December, we found out that two of our Year Seven students had been successful in making it through to the first round of the BBC 500 Words short story writing competition: Elias Halimy with 'The Glasses' and Muhammad Suhaib with 'Alexander and the Curse of Reichenstein Castle Part 1'. A number of Camp Hill Boys' students entered short stories and the quality of work was fantastic. We look forward to hearing whether Elias and Suhaib have progressed to the next round!

Our senior debating team had some great success this year with the ESU Schools' Mace competition. The main team, composed of Sushant Shyam, Muhammad Sikandar, and Raphael Mahgerefteh, won the first round, successfully opposing the motion, 'This House Would broadcast court cases in the British justice system'. The semi-finals were hosted at our school, where our team served as the proposition for the motion 'This House Would give all prisoners the right to vote'. Alan Coffin, Jayan Luharia, Seok Hun Kang also volunteered as a swing team, opposing the motion, 'This House Would abolish the House of Lords'. *Although neither team went through to the finals, they acquitted themselves brilliantly and got excellent feedback from the judge.*

This term, our Public Speaking competition is underway and the quality of the speeches have been, as always, exceptional. The final is due to take place at the beginning of the summer term and we will publish the names of the winners then.

## International Women's Day—08/03/2024

Stefan is Romanian and on this day, virtually every woman in Romania is given flowers. He bought each of his female teachers a bouquet in celebration - such a lovely idea! Thank you Stefan.



## Music

Spring Term in the Music Department has continued to be lively!

### Year 7 at Symphony Hall

It was a real pleasure to be able to take the whole of Year 7 to Symphony Hall, Birmingham to listen to the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. As a city, we are so fortunate to have one of the best orchestras and concert halls in the world right on our doorstep. For many pupils this was the first time they had listened to a live orchestra and I hope it helped them put their current *learning into context*. *For some, I also hope it may have ignited a musical flame within them. The programme was varied from repertoire relating to the Western classical tradition to music from Angry Birds. If any pupil left this experience wishing they could learn a musical instrument, they are very welcome to come and talk to me about what we offer!*



### Spring Recital

This year was our first Spring Recital. This is a new event designed to provide opportunities for soloists to have a formal but supportive platform on which to practise their performing skills. We were treated to an excellent standard of performance across the school. Well done to: Jay Lee (Y7), Daniel Lo (Y9), Akbar Butt (Y10), Noshua Chau (Y12), Ayaan Mehmood (Y12), Harvey Murray (Y12), Dhanvin Narendra (Y12) and Ren Zhi Howse (Y13).

### Teatime Concert

The Teatime Concert took place on Tuesday 12 March and was our third joint event with the girls' school this year. This concert featured performances by the Cello Ensemble, Electric Guitar Ensemble, Flute Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Oboe Ensemble, String Orchestra and Training Wind Band. Well done to all involved!

### Little Shop of Horrors

Although there is a separate article on our production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, I want to say a particular 'well done' for the musicianship of all involved. An enormous amount of practice goes into putting on a musical and it has been a pleasure to have worked with all the cast, band, tech team and everyone involved. Well done to everyone involved and remember: don't feed the plants!

### Solo Performances

We are fortunate that we have enough musicians in the school to have regular solo performances in our assemblies. This term we have been treated to some wonderful piano solos from Noshua Chau (Y12), Nisith Fernandez (Y11), Sushant Shyam (Y12), Ryan Bahmani (Y11), Ayaan Mehmood (Y12), Oskar Pineau (Y7) and Thomas Badenhorst (Y7). We were also treated to an impressive performance by the Clarinet Ensemble just after the half term break.

## Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils who successfully passed graded music examinations this term:

<b>Prabhav Emani</b>	7	ABRSM	Flute	Grade 1	Merit
<b>Benjamin Atkin</b>	8	ABRSM	Violin	Grade 4	Merit
<b>Henry Bloomer</b>	8	ABRSM	Trumpet	Grade 2	
<b>Arish Hassan</b>	9	ABRSM	Flute	Grade 4	
<b>Christopher Moore</b>	9	ABRSM	Clarinet	Grade 5	Distinction
<b>Hemakesh Muddha</b>	10	ABRSM	Flute	Grade 5	Merit
<b>Alexander Hopkins</b>	11	ABRSM	Violin	Grade 6	Distinction
<b>Joel Skaria</b>	L	ABRSM	Violin	Grade 8	Distinction
<b>Caleb Wilton</b>	U	ABRSM	French horn	Grade 6	Merit

Please note that, due to the short term, we have not yet received our exam results from Trinity College London have been released at the time of writing. We look forward to celebrating these in the summer term.

Congratulations also to pupils who have entered and passed music examinations outside of school: **Rupert Bowler** (Grade 5 theory), **Kevin Cao** (Grade 8 piano - merit), **Rahul Chauhan** (Grade 7 piano), **Rishi Chauhan** (Grade 7 piano), **Kenny Lau** (Grade 8 Piano - distinction), **Oskar Pineau** (Grade 5 piano - distinction) and **Gus Loevgren Tremlett** (Grade 5 theory - distinction).

Please do remember to let me know if your child has musical achievements outside of school, so that we can celebrate them.

### Next Term

We look forward to a similarly busy summer term. Please join us for the events below:

Tuesday 30 April      Senior Concert      (featuring CHB Choir, Concert Band, Concert Orchestra and Swing Band)

Tuesday 18 June      Summer Soiree      (featuring Intermediate Orchestra, Intermediate Wind Band, String Orchestra and Training Wind Band)

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout a busy and music-filled term. On behalf of the Music Department, we wish you all a restful holiday.

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## Little Shop of Horrors

There are too many staff and students to thank for the success of this year's senior musical of Little Shop of Horrors, but I would like to acknowledge the immense work that went into putting on the show and to thank everyone for their time, enthusiasm and good will. I would also like to give a special mention to the year 13 students who took part in their final school production this week, some of whom have been in five shows since drama productions returned to the school stage after the pandemic. This is a phenomenal achievement and shows great levels of commitment to drama at Camp Hill, so it is with great sadness that we bid farewell to the talents and humour of Matt Holland, Caleb Wilton, Jonah Kippax, Archie Holding and Ivan Brosnan, when he could be bothered to turn up to rehearsals. I would also like to thank the outgoing tech team of Maheen Ahmed and Tommy Fakeye, who I hope will be coaxed into treading the boards once more when he heads off to university in September. You will all be missed. Thank you and please come back to help out with CHAOS 3.0 next summer.





## Record breaking children's author comes to King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys

Globally bestselling author A.F. Steadman visited King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys to speak to students about her international fantasy franchise series *Skandar* on 31st January 2024. The event was part of the UK-wide Tour for the paperback launch of *Skandar and the Phantom Rider* (book 2).

King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys welcomed local primary schools and year 7 students from around our Foundation as they listened to A.F. Steadman talk about where the idea for the *Skandar* book series came from, what inspired her to become an author and learn more about the blockbuster fantasy series.

Students were then given the opportunity to create their own unicorn, to possibly feature in a future book within the series, by choosing different qualities and a name.

Waterstones booksellers were also on hand to sell books, to those that didn't already come armed with their well-read copies to be signed by A.F. Steadman after her talk.

*Skandar* has rightfully taken the world by storm with the first book in the series being Children's Book of the Year in 2023 and is already paving the way to be as iconic as Harry Potter or Percy Jackson.

A.F. Steadman comments: "It was an absolute joy visiting Camp Hill Boys – the children were hugely engaged with reading, thanks to their passionate and committed librarian. And it was wonderful that surrounding schools were invited to join the *Skandar* fun, which made for excitement and enthusiasm all round. Thank you so much for inviting me to speak."



## An Audience with Chris Fitzgerald

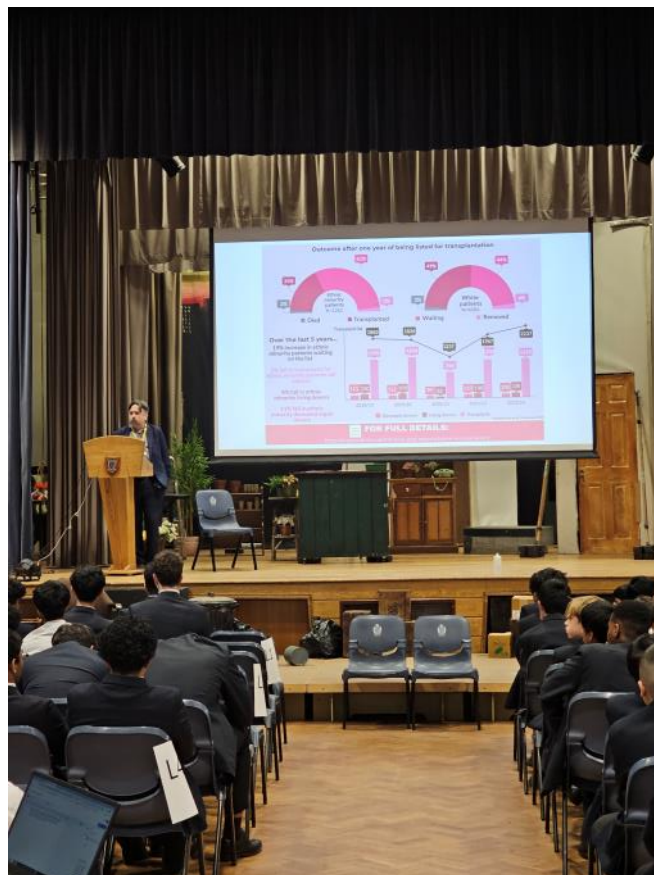
Students were joined by Chris Fitzgerald, Deputy Private Secretary to King Charles I. Chris regaled his formative years at Camp Hill Boys, such as his passion for Rugby and the joys of a school trip to Paris. Outlining his journey to Oxford University to study English Literature and subsequent Master's in Diplomacy and Statecraft at the University of Birmingham, Chris also spent time at Al Akhawayn University studying Arabic, French, Islamic Studies and international relations, and teaching Comparative Politics. Chris provided a snapshot into his career in the F.C.D.O which has taken him to New Delhi, Kabul and Brussels, as well as roles in the Middle East, and in the National Security Secretariat as Senior Middle East Advisor and Principal Private Secretary to the National Security Advisor.

In addition to this, students submitted various questions which provided them with various insights into Chris' career in the Royal Household and beyond.



## Organ Donation and Transplant Surgery

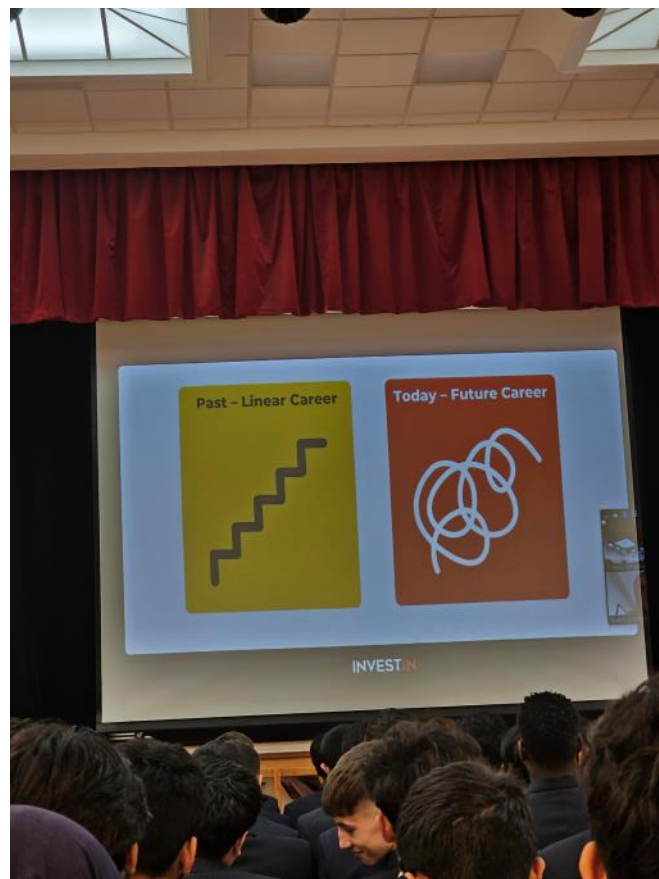
Students were joined by Liam McCarthy, Consultant Paediatric Urologist and Renal Transplant Surgeon, Birmingham Children's Hospital. During the talk students were made aware of the importance of Organ Donation, the law regarding this and the process of transplant surgery. The talk was part of a wider initiative by Ladywood and Perry Barr Locality Partnership.





## Higher Education Day

On 6<sup>th</sup> March Year 12 students at Camp Hill Boys and Girls combined forces for the Annual Higher Education Day. Students attending talks by an array of professionals and academics from Banking to Medicine, Engineering and Architecture. Students also had the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair which was attended by Universities such as Cambridge, Nottingham, Newcastle, Kings College and Exeter with further exhibitions by the Royal Air Force and Army.



## The Philosothon

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, ten students from across Year 9 to the 6<sup>th</sup> form travelled to King Edward's VI High School for Girls to participate in the annual Philosothon. The aim of a Philosothon is to promote philosophical investigation by having students engage in 'communities of inquiry.' This approach discourages combative debate and promotes meaningful discussion coupled with attentive listening.

This year the students were provided with stimuli that asked them to consider the replacement of classroom teachers with AI, the ethical implications of fast fashion, and public discourse around geriatric parents. The boys from Camp Hill proved themselves to be insightful and considerate. They also demonstrated a high standard of philosophical analysis and spoke with confidence to students from other schools in the local area.

While the Philosothon is not strictly a point scoring event, visiting judges from The University of Birmingham were present to assess who provided significant contributions and who was able to successfully facilitate the discussions. At the end of the night, Camp Hill Boys were awarded two prizes. Mohamed Eltair in Year 11 won an individual award for his efforts across the evening and all ten students helped Camp Hill Boys to be named joint overall winners alongside King Edward's VI High School for Girls.

The boys were excellent ambassadors for the school and rightfully deserved to be recognised for their efforts.

Co-winners of the West Midlands Philosothon:

Emil Dinkov

Ayaan Mehmood

Zuhayr Damji

Kumayl Vanat

Ishan Gautam

Kareemuddin Mohammed

Mohamed Eltair

Amen Tomas

Sachit Sharma

Nikhil Gilliam



## Senior Rugby and Football Tour to Edinburgh

A bright and early 6.45 meet on Thursday morning saw 60 odd players set out for the inaugural Senior Rugby & Football tour. A brief 8-hour journey up the road to Edinburgh initially met with mixed reactions, but as everyone slowly woke up, the coach became a bit more lively. With resident Year 13 DJs and the Year 11 students stuffed into the minibus, both parties found ways to have fun.



After such a wonderful journey, the 1st XV, 2nd XV and 1st XI all disembarked to play Stewart's Melville College. Under the banner of our school's proud colours splashed across our custom tour playing shirts, our talented players showcased their skills on the fields of Edinburgh. The 1st XI came away with a win, 4-1, with Man of the Match Ren Zhi Howse coming away with two goals and two assists. It seems neither rugby team shared the same luck as they both came away with resounding defeats. This pattern seemed to repeat itself for the second match. Emotions were high as many senior players had their last cap for the school. This seemed to motivate the footballers playing George Heriot's School, namely Ali J Ibrahim and Ren Zhi Howse, who led by example with 7 goal contributions each across both games. The 2nd XV also came out with a win against George Watson's College.

A highlight of many Senior Rugby tours is the international stadium tours. The experience was first class, learning about the deep and rich history of Murrayfield Stadium and Scottish Rugby History. A true torch-bearer of history was our tour guide, Graham Young, who was an ex-international for Scotland. We then swiftly made our way to a fun selection of activities ranging from mini-golf to a 5-a-side football match played by the Year 13s. A truly unique and captivating experience was watching local team Fife Fliers play the Coventry Blazers in a physical and spectacular game of ice hockey. While many may not have fully grasped the rules, I am sure all enjoyed the atmosphere and resonated with the passion of the local fans.

On behalf of all the students, thank you to the people behind the scenes. Not enough thanks can go out to Mrs Crutchley, who tirelessly worked to organise this and sort out the seemingly endless admin work. Our heartfelt gratitude to all the staff who came along to coach and support, such as Mr Hill and his managerial prowess and showing the talent in Camp Hill Football. Thank you to the Best Western Kings Manor and their staff, whose warm hospitality provided our team with a comfortable home away from home during our stay in Edinburgh. Of course, all this would not have been possible without the great support and leadership of George and Craig. Our Tour Rep and driver respectively. This hardworking duo did so much and went above and beyond to make this tour such a memorable experience for us. And thanks, Mr Burgess.



## Junior Tour 2024

As per tradition, the first weekend of March brought our annual Rugby & Hockey Junior Tour to Carlisle. The Junior Tour brings a brilliant close to the rugby and hockey seasons, giving the students an enjoyable curtain call for the year.

We arrived on Friday afternoon, after a smooth journey up north, to play Cockermouth school with all three teams. The weather was challenging in typical Carlisle fashion, with low temperatures, high winds and sideways rain. Nevertheless, the boys headed out to the pitches with victory in mind. A great start for both U15 teams was unfortunately scuppered by the weather, which took a turn for the worse, forcing the games to be called off. This time, they still managed to put on a good performance, so we'll count it as a win anyway! The U14 rugby team managed to stick at the game a little bit longer, and even though they also were called off part way through the second half, they had already gained a 30 point lead on the opposition, with excellent performances from Sebastian Robotham and Daniel Lo in the centres. The take away from this fixture was definitely one in preparing for the worst, especially with having warm clothes ready for after the game!



Luckily, a new day brought much better weather, and after some free time to explore the town centre in the morning, we headed down to Carlisle Rugby Club, to support the U14 Rugby team in their second and final fixture of the 2023/24 season. Carlisle Rugby Club had warned us about the quality of their U14's so the challenge had been made!

I think it is fair to say that the U14's put on the best performance from any age group this academic year. Every single person involved in the game put in a man of the match performance, even Sebastian Robotham who had to go off injured towards the end of the first half. The U15's on the sideline suddenly realised how good the U14's were, and gave them the support they deserved.

On the attacking front, Basheir Said led the way with his magic feet, stepping anyone who tried to tackle him, making them look silly as they fell to the ground in his wake. Barachel Ankrah broke tackles and made metres every time he got the ball in a dominant performance against a physical side. Rafe Sullivan and Ollie Smoldon proved to be a slick partnership and 9 & 10, controlling the tempo of the game, making the right decisions at the right times and bossing the forwards around well. Daniel Lo proved once again that he is the hardest man to tackle in Camp Hill, by refusing to go down each time he got the ball, as well as making every conversion that fell his way. Zain Shah proved extra tricky, ducking and diving around tackles and putting his pace to great use.

On the defensive side, not one person missed a tackle. In fact, there weren't many tackles by us that weren't considered dominant. This was led by two players who have done this all year, giving energy and belief to the rest of their team, each time they put in a huge tackle or cause disruption at the breakdown. Jiale Chen and captain Alex Innocenti showed the strong mentality and never say die desire that coaches always look for, and almost by themselves, made it near impossible for the opposition to score against us.

Mushaf Mir was another standout performer in both attack and defence, showing a great understanding of the game, as well as never shutting up so his team and the opposition knew that Camp Hill weren't stopping until the final whistle had gone.

The game finished 26-12 in Camp Hill's favour, with tries from Basheir Said, Mushaf Mir & Barachel Ankrah, as well as conversions by Ollie Smoldon and Daniel Lo.

An excellent performance all round, played in the right spirit of the game, without taking a backwards step.

The whole touring group stuck around to support Carlisle Men's 1st Team, before heading back to the hotel for some time in the swimming pool, out in the town and then finally some dinner later on.



Sunday, again brought good weather for the U15's final fixtures. The Hockey squad headed over the Wigton Hockey Club, while the Rugby squad went back to Carlisle Rugby Club to face their counterparts.

The U15 Rugby faced tough opposition this afternoon, but raised their game to match them for the most part. Lemuel Adjei gave a typical standout performance in both attack and defence, leading the way with how the team should play and fight through adversity. Hassan Malik pulled strings at number 10, introducing kicking into his game very successfully, giving Camp Hill another way of attacking to our benefit. Raees Latif put on a show with his pace as he has done for the previous 4 years and Abdul Hadi let no-one past him, dumping anyone who tried back into the ground.

So many of this team have come so far in a rugby sense, and the more they can stick together and continue playing, the better they will become. Having Joel Fletcher back in the side was a huge bonus after a long time out with injury. Isam Ahmed proved to be a handful when having to defend against him with strong carries that improve every game.

Three quarters of the way through the game, we were well matched but unfortunately, as we started to tire, Carlisle ran away with the game, but nonetheless, the boys did not roll over and accept defeat lightly.

A great game overall and a good finish to Junior Rugby, before they start as seniors next academic year. A bright 3 years ahead!



U15 Hockey has had a challenging year to say the least, with the majority of their games being cancelled due to weather or opposition pulling out, and without a home ground to rely on, fulfilling fixtures is made all the more difficult in this sport.

This however did not deter our boys from entering the tour with a fantastic attitude and willingness to win. As mentioned above, they had a great start to the tour with their performance against Cockermouth which unfortunately was cut short due to weather conditions, although if Hrish Narayanan had his way, they would have played the whole game! They clearly had a point to prove and with the bit between their teeth, they went to the game against Wigton, ready to play.

Sathya Vaidyanathan had an excellent performance in goal, winning him 'Defender of the Day' and kept us in the game. At the other end of the pitch Hrish Narayanan and Aadil Kapasi scored two goals each, making sure we were threatening going forward at all times. Danyaal Bader did an excellent job controlling things in the middle of the park but a stand out performance of the day went to Ben Law, covering every inch of the pitch during the game, as well as contributing brilliantly with his skill.

The final result was 4-2 and was a fantastic finish to the season. Much like the U15 Rugby squad, they have a bright future in the senior team, especially if they stick together, playing and training regularly.



The final part of the tour, after the bowling and more free time, commenced at the formal dinner, where everyone put their best suit on, and we sat down for one final evening meal together. After we had eaten, each team captain and coach gave a speech about the season, their memories, highlights and any other pearls of wisdom they had to share. Season awards were given out and the boys who won them, well and truly deserved them.

It was a quality tour, and an even better season. Everyone involved I hope enjoyed themselves, and will continue to make such a positive contribution to Camp Hill Sport.

Mr. Rees.





## Beaufort House Report

At the time of writing, Beaufort have continued their success throughout the Spring term. After finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> position in the Winter Term House Leadership (although promptly overtaken by Howard), we have paved the way with House Points, proving it's not just on the muddy fields that we succeed, but also in class.

Beaufort boasted this academic prowess by performing magnificently in Mr Hill's super tough Intermediate Quiz, with our team finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place – quite the achievement considering some of the team members were bribed with chocolates into joining the team on the morning of the quiz (sorry Sachit!). Well done to Nikhil, Yusuf, Arish, Sachit, Ritvik and Kezi!

Beaufort staff and students alike have celebrated International Women's Day recently in a beautiful assembly, talking about the women in our lives or in the media who inspire us daily, from our Mums to our Nans to Reece Witherspoon! In addition, our Deputy Captain, Eesa, presented an inspirational assembly to the whole of the House about failure being a natural part of success. We've also discussed birdwatching, storytelling, the history of Braille and the Bystander Effect...

We've yet again celebrated many triumphs in sport, finishing in Joint 1<sup>st</sup> place in Handball (a special shout-out to the Y7s and Seniors who came 1<sup>st</sup>) and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Table Tennis (again well done to the Y7s and also the Year 8s for being top of the podium)! The Rugby 7s are yet to take place but I know we'll do wonderfully.

Well done to everyone who's been involved, proud of you all! Keep an eye out for a Photography competition next term which myself and Mrs Smith will be organising, as well as House Hockey and the Swimming Gala. Looking forward to longer days, lighter evenings and the warmth of the Summer Term!

Thank you for all of your hard work, and I wish you a relaxing Easter break with your families.

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## Seymour House Report

When Leicester City won the Premier League in 2016 with a squad of mostly Championship players, few criticised the team for failing to replicate their success the following season. So it is with Seymour's current cohort of students, who, after massively outperforming themselves last year to clinch the house championship amid inflammatory accusations of match tampering, now find themselves firmly seated in last place in this year's competition. We lost a few notable characters last year, with the likes of Vernon Kenworthy, Seymour's answer to Riyad Mahrez, making a big money transfer to the admin office, swapping the football field for the photocopying room. My surprise as head of house is not that we have struggled to maintain our winning ways, but that we have failed to beat Tudor on a number of occasions this year. This really is the litmus test for a poor run of form. Tudor, for the longest time, have been the house that you can always guarantee a result against, but the green machine has oiled its wheels, or, as Mr Rees prefers to put it, they've greased their skids, and they have routinely beaten us into last place this year. An otherwise dire term has been saved by a few noteworthy performances, including Bawan Ahmed's outing in the senior house table tennis competition, which won the age bracket and earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the house in the overall competition. The year 8s continue to carry the house on their shoulders, most recently by taking first place in the house rugby 7s competition, despite Ollie Hancock's best efforts to avoid putting the ball down having crossed the try line. Finally, Lemuel Adjei, who continues to carry year 10 on his shoulders, put in a stellar performance in the year 10 rugby 7s competition to help earn second place for the house. If these results can translate into a good result overall in the rugby competition, with house music and cricket on the horizon in the summer term, historically, happy hunting grounds for Seymour students, we may yet save our blushes in this year's competition.

## Howard House Report Spring 2024

In what has been an action packed (but a short as I can ever remember it being) term, it has been fantastic to see the continued progress made by Howardians over the 2023-2024 iteration of the House Championship. Unabashed by being evicted from the relative charm of the school hall into the salubrious though shrunken confines of the Dining Hall, Howard have continued to impress with a number of notable performances and lots of still pending points to be scored in Rugby, Swimming and Hockey.

So far in 2024 Howard have managed to finish second in chess and I wish to thank Karan Kukreja and his team for continued inspirational performances in the House format, unfortunate only to be beaten by the House of the (ahem) Head of Chess. Howard also continued to be top of the "balls" with an outright win in Volleyball and joint win with Beaufort in Handball. Thanks also to all competitors in Swimming standards, intermediate quiz where the team emerged victorious and in pole position to claim top spot after the juniors at the end of term. Well done to Year 10 rugby 7s for their win too!

We have lots to look forward too in the summer term, especially as Tudor are starting to find some form and Beaufort continue to be strong in all areas, it seems like we are seeing less threat from reigning champions Seymour, but an awful lot can change in a term with many big ticket events like Cricket and Athletics still to come.

GNH

## Tudor House Report - Easter 2024

In the new calendar year, Tudor hit the ground running with House Table Tennis and House Chess, two sports we historically do very well at! Having this to start our term, meant it put us in a healthy position from the very start, and we are still in the hunt for the House Championship!



Volleyball and House 7's followed shortly after the half term, and another good showing from Tudor meant that our confidence was still high and belief was beginning to grow about the possibility of ending the year victorious.

As always, the biggest contributors to the points system are the events where every single person up to Year 10 contributes and swimming has been brilliant for us this year! Many of our students have improved on their standards from last term, boosting our points tally in the swimming standards!

Not only have we performed in the House Championship, we have had so many students of Tudor House represent the school and beyond in sport this year. Starting with Jacob Hanratty, who as well as playing in basically every house event, he is competing in Trampolining at a national level!



In the Senior Rugby Squad this year, Tudor has made up the majority of the players that have performed well this year. As they have done for the past 7 years, Tommy Fakeye, Emile Lone-Ebrahim and Tom Dainty have been mainstays in the Camp Hill 1st XV with plenty from the year below, also occupying spaces in the team. Jack Hogan, since coming into the sixth form, has put in Man of the Match performances every single week, without ever showing a sign of slowing down or stepping back. It will be a shame for Camp Hill Rugby as well as the school community as a whole, that we are saying goodbye to such talented individuals and team players. A final mention needs to go to Matthew Dainty. As a Year 11, he has been an integral part of the 1st Team this year, putting his body on the line for the school, showing the attitude that I hope everyone takes a lesson from.

Well done to everyone in Tudor that has contributed to the House this year so far, and we are now only one term away from hopefully causing a big upset for the rest of the school. Let's keep it going!

Congratulations to Mr. Bowen, the teaching staff team, school staff, and the exceptional students at King Edward VI Camphill School for Boys on achieving an Outstanding result from Ofsted in November this year. The dedication and hard work of everyone involved have truly paid off, and this remarkable achievement deserves to be celebrated.



The AFS extends its heartfelt congratulations to the entire King Edward VI Camphill School community for their commitment to excellence in education. Attaining an Outstanding rating from Ofsted is a testament to the collective efforts and passion for providing a high-quality learning environment.

Mr. Bowen's leadership, along with the dedication of the teaching staff team, has undoubtedly played a crucial role in fostering a positive and enriching educational experience for the students. The commitment to academic excellence, personal development, and creating a supportive atmosphere has been recognized and acknowledged by Ofsted.



To commemorate this special recognition, the AFS has commissioned a **Limited Edition** mug for parents to purchase and celebrate along.



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