



WINCHESTER
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

5th July 2019

I: News, Sacred and Secular

Work on the **Southern Campus**, which will give the school unrivalled sports facilities, has begun. Temporary sports facilities will be provided. The Governing Body Development Committee, under Mr Nick Ferguson, has already raised £17.5m in donations and pledges. At Winchester Match began the campaign to raise the remaining £7.5m. Work on the **Outdoor Classroom** has also begun. It will be named in memory of Cameron Bespolka (C, 2011-13), who was passionate about the natural world around him, and has been funded entirely by donations. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. Not everything at Winchester, of course, is new build: the BBC used the Physics Lab for *Victorian Sensations*. The link is [here](#), and few adaptations were required.

Our Heritage. The Lord Lieutenant hosted an afternoon for local dignitaries in the archive before dinner in College Hall. When parents of leavers were offered a similar opportunity for this year's Domum, all places were taken within 12 hours. Dr Foster, our Keeper of Collections, has edited not only *The Duberly Collection of Chinese Art*, but also *Fifty Treasures of Winchester College*, in which 50 different members of our community each explain a Winchester treasure. Both books will be available online from September, and in the meantime can be purchased at Treasury or P&G Wells. Those interested in Roman Catholic education in England may like to know that Dr Galliver's new book, *Ampleforth College*, will be published by Gracewing next term. Dr Cullerne, who is on sabbatical in the Maths Department at Oxford University, has published with Dr French and Om Kanchanasakdichai (OW) two papers in *Physic Education*: 'Iterative calculus methods and the epidemiology of Eyam', and 'Numerical methods as an introduction to calculus'.

Services. Confirmations have taken place at Douai and in College Chapel. The Chapel Choir joined the Cathedral Choir for the Cathedral Sung Eucharist for Corpus Christi, and the choirs of Eton College, New College and King's College Cambridge to celebrate the **Amicabilis Concordia Evensong**. This was the precision of a chamber choir with the volume of a choral society (but without the age profile). A memorial service for former Director of Chapel Music, Julian Smith (1929-2019), was held in Chapel on 29 June. The final hymn certainly raised the roof (in itself a welcome contribution to the current restoration project) and could be heard on Lords.

Last year a committee looked at **Religious Observance**. Some changes were made; other suggestions were put on hold. The committee has now agreed current JP/MP services are unsatisfactory, and that there should be some weekday occasion for all year groups, regardless of faith, at 8.20am, once per week. It can be difficult when on duty in a boarding house simultaneously to give adequate time to one's tutor group. The altered arrangements will *de facto* introduce an optional and discretionary time when tutors may, if they wish, see their tutees as a group or individually. From Short Half, afternoon lessons will start at 4pm (or 2pm), enabling House tea to take place at the same time all year, at 6pm, allowing more time between tea and toytime for clubs, societies and meetings.

II: Academic News and Awards

Public Exams. 5,417 exams have been sat this term. Congratulations to Mrs Ridley, who organises them. The exam inspectors arrived unannounced on 14th May at 1pm, with a focus on Special Needs. Mr Schofield was at

lunch. Piqued, they left, returning at 9am next morning to find only one candidate, who was sitting GCSE Portuguese. The candidate was Mr Schofield, who would like to converse better with his wife in her native tongue. The inspectors were satisfied.

Twelve boys in JP, MP and VBk earned distinctions in the **Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad**. In the **Royal Institute of Biology Olympiad** Rob Truell, Tele Agosto, Max Falk, Freddie Brown and Nathan Lam all won gold medals, with Rob also qualifying for the International Olympiad. Three VIBk2 pupils (Ben Fawcett, Adrian Tsui and Jacob Mallabone) were also awarded gold. In the **Biology Challenge** 46 MP boys won gold medal certificates. Max Wong was the reserve for the **British Astrophysics Olympiad** team. In the **Cambridge Chemistry Challenge**, Carson White, Max Wong, Rtvik Patel and Adrian Tsui won Roentgenium awards, thereby equalling our record, and putting themselves in the top 56 of the 9,000 competitors. All four are a year younger than is usual.

Arguably our most distinguished OW, Nobel Laureate **David Thouless**, died in April. An obituary is attached.

III: The Arts

Selected Highlights: Art and Design: marquetry jewellery box by Daniel Rebolini; Inigo Selwood's sintered stainless steel watch with LED display; the Drew Travel Award entries by Debo Laoye (Frame-Obscure-Reveal, mixed media assemblage); and Takenori Murayama (Liminal State, oil on canvas). **Drew Travel Scholarships** were awarded to Takenori Maruyama, John Julius Schwabach, Debo Laoye, Freddie Byers, Seb Longman, George Coombs, Patrick Whelan, Romarho Ibru, Jacob Mallabone, Oliver Roberts, Jeyoung Lee, and Basil Barter. **Music:** Peter Costello's Mozart Horn Concerto; Alfie Fardell's Berg Piano Sonata, and the Symphony Orchestra's performance of Sibelius' First Symphony. **Music Diplomas** have been awarded to Joel Fernandez, Tom Haines-Matos, John Johnston, Luke Mitchell, Christopher Leung, and Finn Tellwright; the first four with Distinction. **Drama:** performances by Jeshaiiah Murray and William Thomson in the Junior Festival, in which Beloe's were triumphant; and an Urbi et Orbi from the (spiritual) director of *Twelfth Night*, the beretta-wearing Mr Baddeley, playing the part of the priest under Tomas Sergeant's excellent direction.

IV: Sport

Cricket. Lords and the Yearlings A team have had bumper seasons. Lords, in their best season for ten years, have won 13 and drawn one of their 20 games. Highlights have been wins against Eton, and against St Edward's in the National Schools T20. The Yearlings A have won 11 of their 13 games, their win against Eton meaning that they have beaten their main rivals at both football and cricket this year. They also won the U14 John Harvey Cup. For Lords, John Figy has scored 109* and four 50s. James Flatt has taken 30 wickets, returning 6-10 against the Rifles, and Freddie Egleston took 5-13 against Hampshire Cricket College. Wilf La Fontaine Jackson and Zain Malik put on 237 runs for the first wicket against Dauntsey's, whilst team mate Callum Whillock took 6-6 against Dauntsey's followed by 6-17 against Bradfield. Wilf La Fontaine Jackson has scored unbeaten centuries against Dauntsey's, Eton and KES and therefore currently averages 198. In other teams, Charlie McMillan scored 118 from 57 balls for the 3rd XI against Bradfield; and Oscar Henshaw took 5-11 for the U14B team against Canford.

Selected highlights. The Boat Club is at its largest ever. Two eights raced at Henley: the 1st VIII battled superbly but went down by half a length to Westminster. The **Golfers** reached the ISGA National Finals at Royal St George's. Olly Dickman won the ISGA HG Trophy event, finished fourth in the Delhi cup at Hockley, and has qualified for the Brabazon Trophy, one of the most prestigious men's amateur tournaments in the country. Joseph Oluwabusola has been selected to represent Nigeria in the U17 **Soccer** World Cup. Yearlings 1st **Tennis** pair, Christopher Lee and Freddie Van Every have lost only one set all season. The **Sailing** team has won two regional team racing championships: Southern and Thames Valley. Some 50 boys have been **Fly Fishing**. On **Sports Day** Cook's came away as convincing winners. 11 boys competed in the district athletics trials, with 10 first and second places collectively. William Richards and Oliver Mackay gained black belts in **Karate**, and William St John Butler passed his Sandan (3rd dan black belt), which is the highest grade ever awarded to a WinColl pupil. Teddy Wilmot-Sitwell and Hugh Travis have achieved their black belts in **Aikido**, giving them the rare "double" achievement, whilst still at school, of black belts in both Karate and Aikido. **Fencer** Richard Discombe-Short came 2nd in the Welsh U18 Men's Sabre, 3rd in the Hampshire Men's Sabre, and 2nd in the Sabre Team event. In the **Rifle Shooting** teams, Arnold Kwok and Louis de Robert Hautequère are averaging 93% on a regular basis. Top shot is William Griffith, who scored 99% on one

occasion, and Jacob Mallabone has the highest average of 95%. The Hampshire Megafinal in the UK **Chess** Challenge was held here in April; we will also be hosting the Hampshire Junior Chess Congress in October. Gwilym Price (OW) won his game in the 137th varsity match, playing board 4 for Cambridge, whilst Gabriel Weaver has been selected to play adult league international chess for Jersey.

Roll on that new sports facility.

V: Charity and Community

The **Beloe's Moonwalk** raised a total of £16,988.59 for breast cancer charities. Dr Romans would particularly like to thank Mrs Clair Willis and Mrs Clare Cadogan for their encouragement and help. There was admiration at the Boarding Schools' Association's annual conference for the presentation given by Mr Hart about Winchester's work with the **Lotus Trust**, for which boys have raised approximately £275,000 over the past ten years.

CCF. On 5 June, Admiral William Warrender CBE RN, Flag Officer Sea Training, inspected the CCF. The parade was led by Cdt CSgt H Davis, RM Section. The boys demonstrated the diversity of the programme, culminating in an Army assault on Flint Court. Heavy casualties were expected in the English Department, and the Medical Centre remained on full alert.

Community Service. There have been plentiful encores at the County Hospital for *Have some Madeira, m'dear*, perhaps a nod to alternative medicine, more probably a reference to NHS cuts, but most certainly a tribute to the stylish performances of the CS Entertainers: Tom Haines-Matos, Izaak Hayward, Ali Jivraj, John Johnston, Jeyoung Lee, Luke Elkington and Ben Manson. Mrs Hepworth and senior boys have initiated a foreign language course for primary school pupils; 250 local pupils have participated in our Rivers Project in the College Nature Reserve; and the Maths Department continues to provide Maths lectures and lunches, as well as a summer residential course for students from across the UK. The Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Eleanor Bell, brought more than 20 fellow Mayors (known as The Chain Gang or A Night of Mayors) to see the College on 27 June, having previously (despite her youth) put in a celebrity appearance at our Summer Tea Party for the elderly. Guests included a former Quirister (proudly wearing his tie); a lady who had provided logistical assistance for D-Day; and a 93-year-old who ended the party by taking to the grand piano (expertly).

Heritage Open Days. September 2019 will mark the 25th year of the HOD festival, with a national ten-day programme of events, aiming to give the general public free access to sites they might not usually see. The school, as principal sponsor, will host various events from 19-22 September. These include guided tours of the College, War Cloister, Archives, Fellows' Library, and Science Collections, as well as an open rehearsal with the Quiristers. There will also be four talks in New Hall: 'Shifting Sands in News Coverage' by ITV's Alastair Stewart; 'A Tale of two Royal Charters' by Professor Simon Keynes of Cambridge University; and 'The Black Death' by Professor Mark Bailey – a distillation of his lectures given at Oxford University last year. I will be talking about 'Winchester Poet Power: The Path to Keats' Autumn'. All [tickets](#) will be available from early August.

As a prelude to the HOD festival, we are delighted that Professor Sir Jonathan Bate, Provost of Worcester College, and Professor of English Literature at the University of Oxford, is coming to give a lecture on the life and work of Keats to mark the bicentenary of Keats writing 'Ode to Autumn' while walking between the College and St Cross. There is no charge for the lecture (in New Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 11th September), but tickets must be booked [here](#). Eton College has kindly offered to loan their death mask of the poet for an exhibition in Treasury, which will be open for an hour before Professor Bate's lecture. A first edition of Keats' 1820 poems will also be on display. From 1st September, Treasury will be open 7 days a week, and entry will be free of charge; opening times are [here](#).

VI: Common Room

'Ille terrarum mihi praeter omnes angulus rident' (This corner of the earth pleases me more than any other), wrote Field Marshal Lord Wavell about Winchester College. Nowhere is the Winchester night air more richly sound-scented than in Witham Close, neighbouring the garden of **Dr Peter Cornish** (joined 1987). As the birds settle down to sing, Dr Cornish settles down to practise. And practice means practice. No Weber, no Brahms, no Schubert, and certainly no Mozart. The somnolent bird life hears only long-held notes, scales, arpeggios, extract books; they perhaps imagine examination of the embouchure in the (otherwise redundant) shaving mirror. In Maths, Dr Cornish, Head of Department since 2013, has pursued the highest standards in the most

commendably modest way. His department has a morale like no other. He has been a House Tutor in Cook's, and a keen contributor to Community Service, winning the Mayor of Winchester's Award for his work at the Night Shelter. For many years **Mrs Nicky Cornish** taught Art and Ceramics. They now go north-north-west, to Mr Cornish's home county of Herefordshire. The Three Choirs Festival will not take long to find its Principal Clarinet; the SAS will need little time to locate the best local tutor in trigonometry.



Dr David Ceiriog-Hughes is scholar, sportsman, and former Housemaster. For three years he was Head of German, and for many years was in charge of squash. He has been Link Governor at Midhurst Rother College, where his expertise has been greatly appreciated. He is a first rate Europhile, setting up many exchanges and visits, not always in the most uncomplicated venues (e.g. Romania). In the classroom he exhibits a well-stocked mind, a wicked sense of humour and a complete academic mastery. He coached 2nd XI cricket for 10 years, and led Kenny's to 10 consecutive victories in Rendall Pot, as well as completing the unthinkable treble of Rendall Pot, Flower Pot and Chawker Pot. In a rise in the Exchange Rate, Dr Ceiriog-Hughes, who joined in 1989, now sets off for Romania, where he will be starting his own language school and helping look after a vineyard.

Mr Adrian Adlam, an OW brought up in Central Europe and fluent in three languages, is an instrumentalist of the highest order. A professional reviewer once commented on his "almost superhuman strength and virtuosity". But now he is off to purer professional pastures, having been Head of Strings here since 1999. A long-serving member of the London Symphony Orchestra, contributing therein to the sound tracks of *Star Wars* and *ET*, Mr Adlam will also now have more time to develop his music festival in Germany, the Internationale Fredener Musiktage. Any orchestra depends on its string section, and most of all on the person who sits at the front of it. In Mr Adlam, generations of Wykehamists have found a role model of total professionalism and virtuosic technique, and an inspirational soloist.

Mr Matthew Winter and his wife Anna took over Kenny's in 2010. Mr Winter has juggled family, sport, teaching, pastoral care, play direction and much else with aplomb. Mr Winter now starts a sabbatical, before returning to Winchester in January, with a special brief for admission to US universities. **Mr David Yeomans**, accompanied by his equally devoted wife, Charlotte, took over Phil's in 2007. Along with all current and past members of Phil's, we wish them much happiness in future years – if the wood of the backbenches is uncomfortable, no one will be better than Mr Yeomans at fixing it.

Mr Richard Stillman finishes his distinguished tenure as Head of English. He has been remarkable for his commitment to the rigorous, if sometimes capricious, demands of exam board mark schemes, yet at the same time leading by example with regard to creative endeavour. **Dr Richard Foster** has guided the fortunes of the History of Art Department for two years: he now has more time to pursue his work with our Collections. Finally, **Dr James Webster** reaches the end of his term as Head of VIBk Div. His variations of tonsure, waistcoat and pocket handkerchief bespeak the variety of subjects and interests he has successfully and enthusiastically encouraged. Dr Webster has undertaken many academic roles over the years, including that of Director of Studies. All parties know his commitment to the liberal academic principles of the school and his multiple talents, and thank him greatly for them.

Ms Rachel Poole, regarded by her colleagues as an expert in cryptic conundra, becomes Head of Biology at the Portsmouth Grammar School. In her six years with us, she has put great energy into swimming, and been a highly effective Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. **Ms Eva Ridout**, who joined in 2003, will be sorely missed by the German Department, and remembered fondly for her unmistakably Austrian exactness, not to mention her Vanilla Kipferl. The College is deeply fortunate in former dons who are happy to return irrespective of the number of times they have retired previously. In this category come the evergreen **Mr Tony Ayres**, back to cover the sabbatical of Dr Cullerne, the scholarly and inspirational **Dr Barbara McKinnon**, and Div doyenne **Dr Marjorie Huntley**. We wish them goodbye cheerily, in the pretty sure expectation of their returns. **Ms Sophie Glenny**, whose fluent woodwind talents have adorned many a chamber concert, completes her year as Junior Music Fellow. **Ms Eszter Backhausz** moves to join her husband in London,

taking up a post at Latymer Upper School. **Ms Heather Wagstaff** has nobly and expertly held the fort in Economics, and **Ms Charlotte Roland** leaves to study for an MSc at St Antony's College, Oxford. We also lose College Librarian **Mrs Martina Fitzgerald**; Curator of Treasury **Mrs Rachel Wragg**; HM Secretary's Assistant, **Mrs Lucy Simson**; IT brainbox **Mr Matt Fawcett**; Works Manager, **Mr Kevin Coates**; Costume Supervisor, **Mrs Jenni Sundheim**; and Phil's Matron, **Mrs Alison Miller**.

The New Dons. A list of New Dons and some background information is attached.

The New Arrivals. Mrs **Giddings** gave early birth to Edward James Archibald on the last day of Common Time; Mr Giddings hoped the resultant reduced demands for cover would draw greater approbation from the Second Master. Last week Mr and Mrs **Rowland** celebrated the arrival of baby Eliza Mary Theresa – also a third child. Mr and Mrs **McKinnel** finally have a firstborn. Due date was Winchester Match, and some colleagues stood ready to make an announcement on the tannoy. Others anxiously observed Mrs McKinnel watching the Field Gun Competition, fearing lest the starter gun be imaginatively interpreted by the embryonic McKinnel, and a spare Field Gun limber stood ready for delivery to the maternity unit. In the end, Jonty Nicholas William arrived, in his father's words, on the morning of 29 June, 'fashionably late (bordering on rather rude).' Further problems – with his cover drive – are already in receipt of paternal attention.

VII: Governing Body

Mr Charles Sinclair was elected a Fellow in 2010 and became Warden in July 2014. He had a distinguished career at WinColl, ending up as Sen Co Prae, then VSO and Oxford. He was a Director of several FTSE companies for some 30 years, both as an executive and as an Independent Director and Chairman. He has been a totally dedicated attender of multiple committees, conscientious in investigating and understanding each aspect of all of them. The Governing Body has given him life-long fishing rights on the Itchen, as well as life membership of what will be his greatest contribution to the College, the Kingsgate Park Development. A dinner was held in his honour, see below.



Recruitment consultants Egon Zehnder assisted in the search for the new Warden, **Sir Richard Stagg**, at different stages WinColl pupil, parent and Fellow, his birthday falling serendipitously on Founder's Obit. He read History at Oxford, before a lifetime of service in the FCO, which included high level postings in Bulgaria, India and Afghanistan, and finally the overall responsibility for managing the FCO's 16,000 global personnel. Since retirement he has been Chairman of Rothschild and Co in India. He is also on the board of several corporate businesses and charities, as well as a trustee of the School of Oriental and African Studies. We greatly look forward to welcoming him, and his wife Arabella, next term.

VIII: Administrative

Medical records need to be up-to-date. Please notify the Medical Centre, wcmc@wincoll.ac.uk, annually, of any changes.

IX: Using the Holiday: Words of Wisdom

Dr Magnus Ryan, a Fellow of Peterhouse and also of WinColl, offers this advice: 'Often, you get the best idea of undergraduate potential by asking not what has happened in term but what has happened in the holiday. What you do in the holiday defines what your interests are and what you like to do with your time. September depends on July and August. So spend the summer reading, learning and studying. Always read with a pencil in your hand, and think of reading as both foil fencing and heavy lifting. Heavy lifting means reading a lot. Foil fencing means reading some things extremely carefully. Many of the best students have a particular interest or research project entirely separate from what they are studying for their Pre-U. Try to identify and complete

such a project, asking your dons for advice. These days at Cambridge, however, such research is not in itself of such interest to interviewers as perhaps it should be, whereas excellent GCSE grades and the ability to talk in an informed, critical and articulate way about Pre-U work is absolutely essential. So, especially in VI Book II, have a detailed reading list, based on your dons' advice'.

X: Conclusion

'At Winchester, everything is antique but nothing is antiquated' commented Asquith's Headmaster, visiting the school in the heyday of George Ridding. A lot has happened this year. We have revised our entrance procedures to cope with high demand, reviewed our sporting provision, and instituted Learning Lunches at which dons have discussed teaching methods. There is a new website. Parents are tweeting enthusiastically. Two year groups are using Surfaces. And the WiFi now works. Hallelujah.

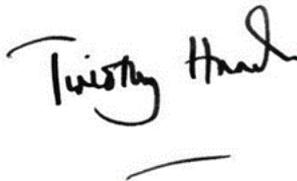
But the antique remains treasured, ever present, and inspirational: 'Our visit to Winchester College was a big and wide eye opener for us', wrote in a prospective parent from Italy this month. 'We have been visiting many many schools, but for the very first time I felt the honest soul of the school coming out rather than being exposed to the usual economic display and expenditure ... Having visited school after school one learns to read into the finest threads of the fabric each school is made of, and what we saw and what we felt has conquered our heart [sic]. At this point', they concluded, 'we leave it to the school's clemency the choice to select its precious minds.'

Professor Freeman Dyson, OW, describing Einstein's Winchester visit, puts it differently. Einstein was taken into Chamber Court and blundered into First Chamber, used as a changing room. He observed the tablets on the wall and the football clothes hanging on hooks underneath, remarking 'The spirits of the departed enter into the trousers of the living. That', proposes Professor Dyson, now in his 96th year, 'is a remarkably accurate description of a Winchester education'.

So here is a concluding thank you to all those who conserve and renew our unique traditions, and every best wish for a summer of relaxation and enjoyment. Term begins on Sunday 8th September. Short Roll dates are available on the [website](#).

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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