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AUTUMN TERM EDITION

An Eventful Term

This term was a busy time for every member of the House. Despite immense academic pressures and effort consuming commitments, the Boyne House pupil body had a triumphant term in all areas of College life. This was facilitated by a variety of fun house trips and in-house events, which helped the boys to restore their reserves of energy and enthusiasm.

Prefects and Third Form Bush Craft

On the first Sunday of term Third Form and Prefects went on a trip to a Bush Craft camp near Oxford. Spending most of the day in the forest, we had an exciting time learning basic survival skills and working as a team to build a shelter, initiate fire and cook our own food. The day finished with a competition whereby two teams had to build a waterproof shelter, which was then tested with the help of artificial rain. The team headed by George Burt got wet under their shelter and so Vladislav Chirtoca's team emerged victorious.



House Paintball

On the last Sunday before the half term the entire house went on a paintballing trip. By far the most anticipated and exciting house event of the year, the paintballing trip involved plenty of running, shooting and sneaking, which was all great fun. Will Charlesworth's gang ruled the battlefield throughout the second half of the day and seized the victory from George Burt, the captain of the second team.

Rugby House Pots



Seniors achieved a magnificent victory against Hazelwell in the first round of Rugby House Pots this year. Good teamwork and exceptional individual performance, especially amongst 5th form and U6, played the main role in achieving this triumph. Adam Shimizu, Head of the House Sports, described the final score of 21-12 as "a memory that will be passed down through generations of Brooksmithites." Adam's complete report of the game can be downloaded from the house webpage. Facing an even deadlier opponent in the second round, the Seniors played with dignity but the forces were too uneven to enable a positive epilogue for our team.



3rd Form Wakeboarding Trip

Earlier this term the 3rd form embarked on a journey to the Cotswold Lakes. The day was spent wakeboarding, a sport that involves being pulled by a wire or boat at high velocity whilst attached to a board. A good boarder will show style on the board, and will be able to gain 'big air' off the wake from the boat. Percy Boddington was a stand out performer, having done it before he rode the wake to perfection showing the others how it was done, unfortunately Harry Whiteman could not quite get the hang of it and spent much of the afternoon in the cold water!

6th Form Mentor's Report: Wednesday Presentations and the L6

"Summing up the whole of the term I would call the progression of the entire Lower Sixth as really successful. Many different new cultures came together in the beginning of the term, when six new students entered Lower Sixth from countries such as Italy, Spain and Russia. Even if it took a while, the integration of all the new members of Boyne House was a genuine achievement. Especially well going are the Wednesday evening presentations, where everyone has the chance to contribute knowledge about his country and give insights about his culture and how it differs from the British. So we had a fascinating presentation about Italy in the second half of the term by Luca Lobjanidze with a nice addition of Italian food samples afterwards. Another exciting presentation was given by Miguel Oehling about Spain, where we learnt that the Spanish football teams are the best in the world, this was surprising since we already heard that in the Italian presentation before. In the next term there will follow some more presentations about Germany, Russia and Georgia."

Oliver Strittmatter

House 'Goals' Competition

'Goals' is a variation of normal Table Tennis, whereby points (goals) are scored by making the ball hit the back wall after it lands on the opponent's half of the table. This basic principle is then complicated by a number of local rules, making 'Goals' the favourite Games Room sport played in Boyne House. 28 boys entered the 'Goals' competition initiated by Mr McKegey; full report of which can be found on the Boyne House webpage. The final took place on the last day of term and was very intense. The Games Room exploded in jubilant exclamations, as the crowd's favourite and 'racket (& bat) sport pro' George Burt (on the left) seized the victory from Charles Price (on the right)



Prefects' 24HR Charity Run

Our head of house George took part in the annual College prefects 24 hour run, essentially as its name suggests the prefects ran for 24 hours, each running three half an hour slots. The weather was not ideal as during the night George ran in temperatures below 0 with driving rain. Nonetheless he managed to carry on and with the help of Mr McKegney who ran with him (briefly) George managed the most laps (8) in one session, in total he ran 21 laps, the equivalent to 21 km, unfortunately the run took its toll on his body and George has been off games ever since after tearing an abdominal muscle. What a heroic commitment defending the honour of the house!

XV Colours

Adam Shimizu, deputy head of house and head of Boyne sport has been awarded his College 1st XV half colours. Shimi has performed consistently on the wing for the College and is known for his trademark quick feet and dazzling speed. This performance is even more remarkable considering the fact that he was off games for three weeks at the start of term with swollen ligaments in his ankle

Head of House Term Review

"This term has to go down in Boyne House history as a vintage, the perfect balance between sports and academic with a slight fruity nose of music. Congratulations have to be paid to Matthew Wright who is entering the world of show business, Matt has been recruited to a band called the Chase, a mixture of junior S Club 7 members and music school graduates the Chase is classed as an 'indie-pop' band, I wish Matt all of the very best with his musical career. Sean Walkinshaw may also be breaking into the motor racing scene in a big way, Sean will spend the holidays testing with a Formula Renault team. 2nd XV colours have been awarded to two Boyne House boys; Peter Bruins and Will Charlesworth, Peter was also named 'Players' Player of the Year'. Away from the rugby pitch Will was awarded the Lord Lieutenant's award, essentially an award for the best cadet in Gloucestershire, Will will be on hand to help any Royals who come to the county of Gloucestershire for the entirety of this coming year. In the fifth form James Wheeler and Tom Gossage have been enrolled in 'The Elite Sportsman Programme', a programme set up by college to nurture the very best talent. Tom and James have played Rugby for the Colts A this term with Tom captaining the team. The upper sixth have represented themselves strongly this term at Upper College Society, Vlad Chirtoca gave an interesting paper on the future of nuclear technology and I chipped in with a talk on the life of Mahmud Ahmadinajhad. Upper College Society is a group of sixth formers who meet once an half term to debate and perform, both music and members papers, I look forward to the next meeting, at which hopefully some of the Lower sixth will step forward. The house is also performing well academically, statistically the best boys house in the college in this regard. Next term the peer mentoring system will come into effect; Tom Gossage, Harry Stanett, Fred Whitehad and Barama Tamabutra have finished their training and will now take on the responsibility of working to keep harmony in the house and around college. These are only a small selection of the achievements this term and many other individuals have given this term their all. On a personal note the first term as head of house has been an enjoyable one bar losing both the paintball and the bushcraft competition, I look forward to next term and the successes that will surely take place then."

George Harry Burt



House Redecoration

During the past few weeks the walls and ceilings of Boyne have been treated to a new lick of paint, Gordon has been painting the whole of the lower floor so far and will move onto the sixth form common room during the holidays. This will be the end of the small redecoration progress that the house has undergone and will come as a relief to many who have ignored the 'wet paint' signs and ended up with white smears on their blazers.

HOUSE CHRISTMAS DINNER

A personal account...

The Boyne House Christmas dinner was an enjoyable evening, as always. For the third time in a row now it was held at the Green Dragon, and the House was entertained by speeches, presentation of awards and a lovely Christmas meal. The awards presented by Mr Bullock were: Junior Sports Colours to Oliver Thorley, Ludo Millar and Humphrey Bodington. House Sports Colours were awarded to Tom Gossage, James Wheeler, Barama Tephabuttra, Andy Chang, Fred Whitehead, Angus Lowe, John Lewis and Sam Frost. A new Owl Badge for non-sporting achievements was awarded to Tom Goassage, Fred Whitehead, Barama Tephabuttra and Harry Stannett for becoming the first House Peer Mentors. The Owl Tie was awarded to Matt Wright.

The House enjoyed a marvelous speech from Head of House George Burt, who summed up a great term, while also making a few jokes about others as well as himself. George's speech was followed by a dialogue between Head of Sweat Sam Frost and Mrs Bullock, which picked up on some of the characteristics of the 3rd Form. A few words were also said by Matron and Mr McKegey, who also presented the House Goals Trophy to George Burt.

The evening concluded with coffee and mints and everyone returned safely to Boyne after a great meal and a terrific evening.

Charles Price



Enjoy The Holidays!

Congratulations to every member of the house for the progress, success and new heights that they have reached this Term. Enjoy the well-deserved break, and Merry Christmas to you all!

Vlad