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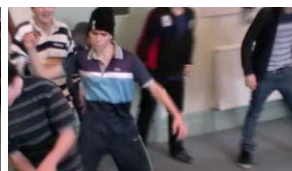
SPRING TERM EDITION

A truly diverse term!

Life at College has been intense and varied over the past term. As always, The Boyne House inhabitants have been striving to achieve their very best in all areas of College life. Boyne boys sustained an immense level of morale throughout this period until the very end of term, which was partly facilitated by the shortness of the spring term as well as by the improved weather – the equinox symbolically marked the appearance of warmth and sunshine that we were able to enjoy for the last few days of term, unfortunately in my native Moldova this is not the case!!

House Superstars

A hugely anticipated event, the “Boyne House Superstars” was certainly a Sunday well spent. The populace of Boyne was randomly divided into eight groups, each headed by a Prefect. Superstars with untraditional skills, that previously kept quiet, were revealed amongst the Boyne pupils as the teams faced a variety of challenges, which were administered by House Tutors. These ranged from ordinary quiz, darts and football competitions to very original quests created by Mr McKegney himself - ‘egg and fish catching’ and ‘paper tower building’. At the end of the event we were able to witness an abundance of new talents being born, as teams had to perform a dance-off to the famous song ‘Candy Shop’! The day was finished with a pleasant lunch at Zizzi, during which it was announced that Peter Bruins’ team claimed the victory, although everyone performed honourably.



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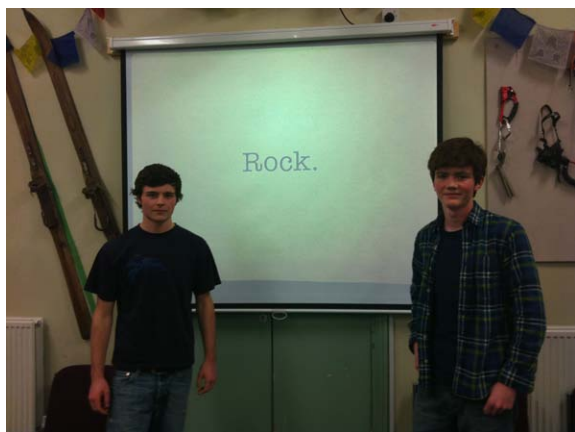
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Wednesday Presentations



This term we were able to witness a great variety of presentations given on Wednesday evening by members of the House. The focus of this term's presentations was more academic compared to the culture-based evening of the Autumn term. The presenters unleashed an unprecedented amount of information about Agribusiness and History of Art upon the knowledge-thirsty students of Boyne House, whilst others told us about Army Scholarships, Rock music and Superheroes.



Hockey House Pots

The Boyne house pots hockey teams fought valiantly in their respective games. The junior team spearheaded by Oliver Soames and the Boddington Brothers made it to the final defeating Newick and Hazelwell on the way. Unfortunately in the final the team could not muster enough resistance and the team lost 4-1 to Leconfield. The seniors lost in the first round to Southwood, the score 3-2, a narrow loss, the team was lead by Angus Lowe, who had played 2nd XI hockey this year, he was supported by Adam Shimizu and James Wheeler who also put in strong performances.

Angus Lowe

Head of Choir's report on House Singing

I have enjoyed my role as Head of Boyne choir, the boys put in a lot of effort and the final result was very pleasing. Our rendition of the Pokémon theme tune was up beat and fun, with a punchy finish. In my opinion we were perfectly entitled to have won the competition yet the judge saw otherwise. Particular congratulations must go to Vlad Chirtoca who was an enigma of a conductor. He made the house song with his stylish dress on the night and his own take on the art of conducting. Well done all round.

Mathew Wright

Squash House Pots

The Boyne House squash crew set out to play Southwood in the first round of the tournament. Our number one and College 2nd seed George Burt won his game easily and was followed by the juniors, Benj Baybutt Charles Stirland and Denys Rozanov who also dominated. We expected nothing less, and moved on to the next round. The semi-finals came quickly, and Peter Bruins was recruited into the senior squad. Leconfield stood in the way to the final. With pure determination all three seniors; George Burt, Peter Bruins and Ed Yen won their matches as well as Denys who also walked off court 6 victorious. The result was blood, sweat and tears and four wins out of the six. We progressed to the final against Hazelwell. Having beaten them already in Rugby house pots this shouldn't have been hard. Burt was up against the college's number 1, and lost after an epic battle. So close to victory it was unfortunate that all three juniors lost in tough matches. Peter Bruins and Oliver Strittmatter got the two victories that failed to alter the overall result, but made it a more competitive final. Losing this tournament has only made us stronger for next year, and I expect the trophy will come to Boyne soon.

Peter Bruins



Head of House Term Review

This term has been a great success in many ways, across the board the boys of Boyne House have put in their all and more often than not succeeded. Not only has the house performed well with 1/3 of the house achieving the coveted 85% and above but Boyne have also performed well on the sports field reaching two house pots finals, in squash and in junior hockey. Individual performances must also be commended. Peter Bruins represented the College in the National Schools Golf competition in Somerset. Peter is a keen golfer and spent many hours practicing at the nearby Cotswold hills. The team ended up winning the plate competition, a good effort especially seeing as they managed to beat Radley in the process. Peter won all of his games bar the first and did well to battle the tough conditions of the links course; very different to the ones he is used to in his native Tanzania. Samuel Birkett must also be congratulated on his award of an Academic scholarship into Sixth form, he completed a tough process of exams that are of A-level standard to prove that he is a member of the academic elite. Boyne House sixth form boys have also made contributions to the Upper College Society, Vlad and myself narrowly missed out on passing a motion 'that paternal dictatorship was a more progressive form of government than democracy'. Vlad also contributed earlier in the term with a paper that he delivered on nuclear fusion. Next term we look ahead to the delights of cricket and exams for the upper sixth it could be an emotional term as their time as members of Boyne come to an end. Next term will also see the prefects starting to hand the reigns to a new band of prefects, we await the appointment of new prefects with baited breathe. I am sure that the group who are appointed whoever they may be will succeed. I wish all of you a restful and worthwhile break.

George Harry Burt

Burn's Night



On the Saturday evening before the Half-term Mr Bullock opened the doors of his mansion to us for the annual Burn's Night Dinner. What we found inside was an oasis of Scottish culture and tradition. Everyone was dressed in traditional tartan pattern and some even in the full national outfit. Scottish music was played, poems recited and the evening reached its climax as the mighty Haggis was brought to our attention. Trying to forget the content of the recipe of this extravagant dish, the students of Boyne begun eating and some were truly surprised by the great taste qualities of Scottish food.



Upper Six and Prefect's Dinner

A Personal Account...

Not only a prestigious occasion but also a multitalented host. Mr. McKegney's annual Dinner year after year makes a true furor amongst the Boyne House Upper Sixth and this year was no exception. Guests were treated to food equivalent of Michelin star standard producing taste ecstasy. The courses were also prepared and cooked by Mr. McKegney, prompting many guests to ask the question, what could Mr. McKegney turn his hand to next? This evening allowed the Boyne House gentlemen to invite a collection of women from across the kingdom, guests ranging from countries as far as Moldova and Japan. All guests were very well turned out but the best-dressed male goes to Mr. McKegney for his extravagant shirt. The evening was finished off with a video of the Boyne House 'Dance-Off' where only few of the acts were witnessed as technical difficulties prevailed. This however did not mar the evening as the guests all competed in the mastery of 'The After Eight Game', whereby Emma Beresford was an eventual winner, although Mr. Bullock could be seen as the one to watch for next year's event! The evening was brought to its epilog, and the Upper Sixth chevaliers accompanied their guests back to their houses. Thanks go to Mr. McKegney for organizing such a tremendous dinner.

Only 6 days after, the elite of Boyne House, the Prefect body were rewarded for their tireless efforts and their omnipresent role at the very core of the house with a night at a venue with profound links to Boyne House, that of 'Café Coco'. The restaurant was an apt setting for the prefect dinner, and the meal was truly scrumptious. The prefects of course were in great company, with the likes of Mr. & Mrs. Bullock, Matron and Mr. McKegney all receiving the highly revered invite. The evening was then rounded off, with a walk back through Cheltenham hoping to avoid the pursuits of the Cheltenham Gold Cup visitors, all returned back to house safely. The evening showed the great strength of the house camaraderie, something the house should be very proud of indeed.

By Samuel Frost



Enjoy The Holidays!

The students of Boyne have now left another brilliant term behind them. We, as a House, have every reason to be satisfied with the last three month spent here at College. Let us use the holidays to have fun and relax, but also to prepare ourselves to move onwards onto achieving new heights when we return.

Vlad