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END OF TERM EDITION

Promising End to Term

Boyne House has impressed on many fronts in the run-up to the end of term. In the recent cards the House did especially well with 1/3rd gaining House Commendations. College Academic half colours have been awarded to William Charlesworth and Jan Haas. A variety of achievements have been celebrated by individuals; special congratulations to Edward Hocken for achieving a choral scholarship to Christchurch Cathedral College, Dublin, for his Gap Year, Alexey Levkovsky for his music award and Peter Bruins for his part in the College Polo team. Also, Jeffrey Leung has been awarded the Bygrave Badminton Cup.

House Events: Sundays

House Paintballing

The last two Sundays of the term were busy for Boyne. The last Sunday of the term (the 21st) saw almost the entire house paintballing at Bristol. Despite an early-ish start, we still had fun spent the whole day energetically shooting each other. The blue team, lead by Ben O-S, managed to defeat the reds, led by Chanan. After several hours of getting shot at, 11 games, and lots of worrying over how to save our limited amount of balls, the House left with the score standing at 700-300 to the Blues. Some spectacular efforts were made throughout the day; somehow Nikita Lisin managed to aim with enough efficiency to be a real asset to the Blue team, and both Ben O-S and Adam Shimizu made brave runs in the rugby game, which involved the two teams (with paint-filled guns), two try lines and a flat rugby ball. Leaving their guns, these two individuals (in two separate games) sprinted out into the exposed area in the middle and retrieved the ball for their team. Overall, it was a great day out and everyone enjoyed it.

House Concert

On March the 14th, we had the third Boyne House Spring Concert. With an audience including the Headmaster, the Deputy Head, teachers and parents, and the rest of Boyne House, twelve members of the House played and sung, displaying some of the spectacular talents in the field of music. At the end, the entire house finished by singing the House Song that we sang last half of term, Don't Stop Believing (originally by Journey but adapted by the Glee cast). The event was hugely enjoyable and showcased some of the performing ability lying within the individuals of the House.

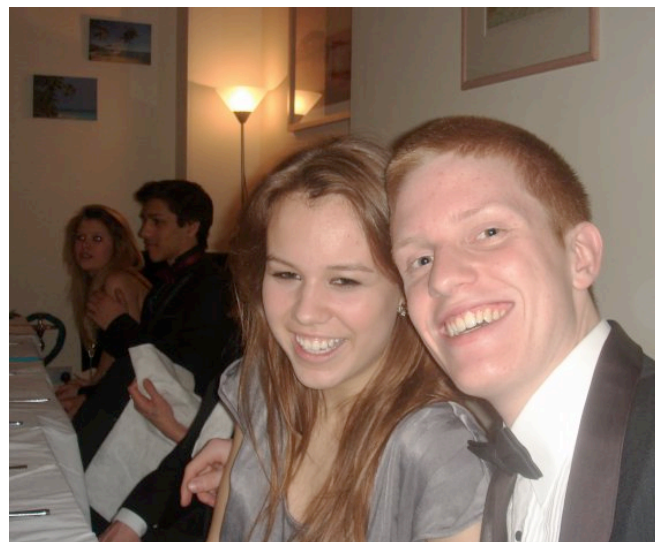


House Football Competition

Well done to our football team for achieving an amazing success in the inter-house football tournament. So far they have played seven games, against Leconfield, Southwood, Newick and twice against both Hazelwell and Christowe; and won every single game. With Chanan Vongkusolkit being the top scorer with eleven goals and Ben Orchard-Smith, George Smith, Viktor Gaydov, Adam Shimizu and even Mr McKegney for a game, we are on the road to winning the championship. Each game has shown some impressive skills as well as a great work rate, which, it is safe to say, is definitely paying off.

Resident Tutor Dinner

On Saturday March 20th Mr McKegney, our resident tutor, hosted a black tie dinner party in his flat. He did well, single-handedly cooking a fairly ambitious recipe for twenty; the entire Upper Sixth of Boyne, along their dates, with Mr and Mrs Bullock and Ms Hubbard. We enjoyed a starter of soup, followed by Moroccan lamb with couscous, and finished a rather 'devilish' double chocolate cake, cheese and crackers, and finally coffee. Noah Jones (pictured right) somehow succeeded in winning £40 in a game of 'heads or tails?'. Special thanks to Mr McKegney for inviting us over, and for all he has done within the House, having found "the perfect balance between a teacher and a friend" (George Smith).



Wednesday Evenings

The Wednesday evening presentations were interesting this half-term as well. Firstly, Chai and Barama unveiled the mystery called Thailand. On March 10 our three Germans did a presentation on their culture, including the main festivals and ancient traditions, followed by a taste of some real German sausages, salami and cabbage (and some German beer for the sixth form). Lastly, Burt decided to change the style of the presentations by making a more serious one on the potential future PM David Cameron, which was just as enlightening and helpful to the members of the House about to become voters.



Careers Evening

On Thursday March 4th, Lt Col Paul Tennant came for a careers evening to tell us about the complicated situation in Afghanistan, and give a short introduction to his role as part of the Apache attack helicopter division of the Army Air Corps. He described the Apache helicopter, his personal role and the role of his division, and gave opinions on the current situation, delivered some amazing information about what goes on there. It was a both intriguing and engaging, and certainly gave us all a bit more of a general picture of what the Armed Forces are up to overseas and also a good introduction to the role of the rotary division of his Regiment.

Enjoy the Break

I would just like to take the opportunity to thank the House for another great term. I speak for all the Upper Sixth when I say that, as we enter our exam period and end this last (full) term, that it has been awesome these last two terms and thanks for all the great memories so far. Enjoy the break; I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

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House Pots

This term Boyne, as per usual, took part in the 2nds competition in House Hockey. In the first round we played Hazelwell 2nds, winning 5-0, but that didn't really reflect the game. It was a hard fought game with both sides having lots of chances. However, our strike force really made the difference with Ben Orchard-Smith scoring four goals and Adam Shimizu capping off a fine performance with a well taken goal. That meant we were through to play Leconfield in the Semis: we went into the game as massive underdogs, but spirited defence and hard-working midfielders meant it was an even game. At half time we were remarkably drawing 1-1, with the equaliser coming from Will Charlesworth. However fatigue really set in in the second half, and we spent the whole time in our own half. After George Smith, one of the stars of the team, got sin binned after an over passionate display, our team was depleted and they managed to finally score the over due winner. We lost 2-1 and for the third year in a row we were knocked out in the semis.