



# THE HOOT



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## New Head of House

### George Burt

The Head of House for the coming year will be George Burt, who says that he "looks forward to becoming Head of House and what lies ahead for me and the House". He is a keen sportsman, excelling in activities such as squash, cricket, tennis and golf. Being involved in both the House play (playing one of the leading roles), Upper College Society and is also an academic scholar aiming for Oxbridge next year. Since Third Form he has stood out in all areas of College life, and he is sure to do an excellent job.



## Sunday Trips

This term the Third and Fourth Form have enjoyed various excursions on Sundays. On 24 April they went to Crickley Hill to discover the delights of the 'geocaching' (<http://www.geocaching.com/>). This pretty much involves hunting for a box hidden in the ground by previous visitors to the hill. In addition, the Third and Fourth Form endured the annual trek up Pen y Fan, at 886m the highest peak in the Brecon Beacons. As always, this was an unforgettable experience, which included finding a geocache on the summit of Pen y Fan, and was followed by a rather pleasant pub lunch. Overall, it was an extremely fun day for them and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



## House Pots

Boyne has competed this term in the House tennis, swimming, College triathlon and Junior cricket. In the tennis, doubles matches were won by Ed Yen and Noah Jones, and singles by George Smith and George Burt - who came out on top in the tie break, winning 8-6 after being 6-0 down. Unfortunately we did not have enough people to compete in the Senior cricket, but the Juniors performed admirably in their match. Boyne also did well in the triathlon, with individuals showing impressive determination and physical fitness. In the staff race, Boyne supported Mr Wier, Seb Frichot and Mr Bullock. The Senior swim team of myself, Vlad Chirtoca, Will Charlesworth and Dan Fray had to settle for a solid 3rd place, while the Juniors (Artur Syzdykov, Tom Gossage, James Wheeler and Harry Stannett) came joint 1st with Newick.



## Wednesday Presentations

So far this term we have had presentations including a walk through the auditioning process of the X Factor by our resident musical prodigy Matt Wright (who has completed two stages and is awaiting a callback) and stories of Noah Jones' adventures in Europe over the Easter. Also, ex-Heads of House Ed Kirby and Seb Frichot as well as Tom Aspinall and Charles Wyn-Davies returned to Boyne to give an informative talk on Gap Year opportunities, giving an account of their own adventures. Afterwards, the Upper Sixth enjoyed a curry with them in Mr Bullock's kitchen.

## My Last Issue

This is my last edition of the Hoot. Just to say thanks to all members of the House for five awesome years at College. I wish everyone well for the future - especially those with important exams and great responsibilities ahead of them. Reporting for the Hoot has been a pleasure and I hope my successor enjoys it as much as I have. Thanks for the memories!

