

The Hoot

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

The typically busy Christmas term ended with the Boyne House Christmas Dinner at the Green Dragon. As well as some great food and festive spirit, we had five fantastic speeches. To start us off Mr. Bullock summarized the Boyne careers of our three Upper Sixth "survivors" Sean Walkinshaw, Harry Taylor and Will Charlesworth, the remaining few who have managed to survive the whole way through from 3rd form. Next – the awards. Junior house colours were given to Willie Weston, Monty Chapman, Dan Beachus, Henry Morshead and Arthur Whitehead and Senior sports colours to Sean Walkinshaw and Oliver Soames. The Owl tie was awarded to Hector Millar, Will Charlesworth and Harry Taylor. Head of House Will Charlesworth gave his speech, a comical analysis of the activity and events of the recent months in the house. Head of Sweat Harry Taylor presented the 3rd form with Christmas gifts that reflect their personality. In her speech, Matron managed to trick the whole house into thinking she was giving the Bullocks a real pig as a Christmas present; however it turned out to be a model. Finally Mr. McKegney finished off the evening with a humorous synopsis of the year in Boyne so far.



RUGBY HOUSE POTS



Juniors

Boyne fought their way to their first Junior Rugby House Pots victory for over 40 years. Two tries from captain Ollie Thorley sealed the win against Newick House in miserable conditions, to give Mr. Bullock an early Christmas present. Congratulations to Ollie and the rest of the junior's squad.

"We entered the match against Christowe in high spirits as we had a number of A's players. We managed to beat them 54-0 which was a very good start for us. In the next round, we faced a weakened Leconfield side who only had three A's players. The first half was close but in the second half, the lead grew considerably and we were comfortable victors in the end. The final was a hotly contested one. On paper, it was very equal, with each side boasting good squads. On a wet and muddy day, Boyne battled well and eventually came out 12-7 winners, with great performances from Ollie Thorley, Cameron Logan, Dan Beachus and Harley Grellier. Well done boys!" **Ludo Millar** (4th)

Seniors

Earlier this term the senior rugby team began their house pots competition with a thrashing of Southwood 47-3. Captain Will Charlesworth played brilliantly scoring three times, debutants Ross Oliver and Tarin Muangkrachang also played very well. In the semi-finals we faced the holders Newick, a much tougher opponent, but having lost to them last year Boyne were ready for revenge and out to cause an upset. After a tight first half Newick just had the edge. Even though Boyne put in 110%, the greater experience of Newick gave them an 18-8 victory. Not a bad result considering the number of 1st XV players in the Newick side and the fact Boyne were forced into playing some key men out of position.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Chai Tephabuttra (5th) on getting his academic scholarship to the sixth form.

In the end of term reports Kai Kuenne (5th) achieved a near impossible average of 4.4 on his card which was the highest average in the whole of 5th form and Oliver Thorley (4th) also achieved the highest report card average in his year.

Will Charlesworth received his full academic colours in the headmaster's assembly at the end of term. Full academic colours are the highest academic achievement that can be awarded at College.

George Abingdon was given a headmasters distinction for his excellent effort in French work this term, especially in "Ma Passion".

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Well done to Willie Weston, Oliver Thorley, Humphrey Bodington and Ludo Millar who all represented the Junior Colts A side in their unbeaten season. Ollie managed to score an unbelievable 43 tries in their 14 matches this season.



Andy Chang, Will Charlesworth and James Wheeler all impressed for the 1st XV this season – Will was ever present playing in each game. Will and Andy were given half-colours for their performances throughout the season, between the three of them they scored four tries.

For those who did not make it to the Variety Show this year you will have missed Harry Taylor's hilarious dancing performance and organisation helping put the show together.

Sean Walkinshaw (U6th) will again be racing for Hillspeed in the Protyre Formula Renault UK Finals Series after a successful debut season. Sean will be racing a Formula Renault 2.0 BARC class in the renamed "Winter Series". In the coming weeks Sean is also racing in Valencia and Barcelona. We all wish him the best of luck.

PREFECTS DINNER



The weekend after half term saw Mr and Mrs Bullock host the prefect's dinner. In attendance also were all the Boyne house lower college tutors. The evening was the perfect opportunity to welcome new 4th

form tutor Miss Wofford to Boyne house. Thanks to the great food and company the night was a great success for all – it provided a fantastic start to our final year in Boyne House. Once again thanks must go to the Bullocks for a brilliant evening.

HOUSE TRIPS

3rd Form Trips

"House go-carting has definitely been one of the highlights in this terms calendar. As we arrived we were greeted with the classic racing suits and helmets. All geared up, we were ready to embark on what was going to be an adrenaline pumped round of racing. As the rounds went on, it was clear who the racers were, and we had a heated lineup for the final.

It was a great final, but the spirit of the house was really captured by the morale in which the whole house participated and enjoyed the day.



Wake-Boarding and Knee-Boarding: With no doubt, this was an amazing activity for the 3rd form to get to know each other. For most of us, it was a totally new experience, and the thought of being pulled along by a chord around a lake gave us an apprehensive feeling, yet raring to give it a go! One by one we faced the daunting jetty. We were rapidly pulled by the chord and swiftly we skimmed along the water. The feeling was amazing as we



completed lap after lap, all the while awaiting the final corner, (where many came off !) For some of us this was a walk in the park as Tay got on to the wake board, and Orlando got on to his skis!

All in all, the day was a great opportunity and it was thoroughly enjoyed, and rounded off with a pizza!"

Fernando Capelastegui (3rd)

British Military Tournament

"On Sunday December 4th the third and fourth forms, along with members of the fifth and sixth form, took a trip to Earls Court in London for the 2011 British Military Tournament. The concept of the show was the long and varied relationship between the militaries of the United States and the United Kingdom, beginning before the Revolutionary War and extending to World War II and the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. The show featured performances from many branches of both militaries, including a motorcycle troop known as the White Helmets, an acrobatic physical fitness demonstration, and riflemen on horseback, to name a few. Overall, the day

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was both entertaining and educational, and many thanks to Mr. Bullock for organizing the trip." **Matt Jadovich** (U6th)

Paintballing

"The annual house paintballing trip was, as ever, a thoroughly enjoyable event. I was lucky enough to be picked on, what looked like, the much better team, and this showed in the results with Mr. McKegney's team dominating the field. I may have come away with some aches and bruises but the day was definitely one to remember" **Angus Lowe** (U6th)

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

House Goals

"The goals competition in Boyne is a really great competition that has been made over the last couple of years. Lots of people in the house enter the tournament and it really brings the house together. The final had a great atmosphere and I thoroughly enjoyed playing in it. There were a lot of upsets as well and this was what really made the tournament as exciting as it was." **Sean Wilson (below)** (4th), winner of house goals 2011.



House Chess

"The chess competition is in progress in Boyne house, with almost everyone involved. There have been some closely fought group games so far. There have been a few upsets already with some of the younger years proving themselves to be better than perhaps us older members would have liked!" **Konstantin Evers** (L6th)

I hope everyone has a thoroughly enjoyable festive season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!