

The Scholar Ship

“Originality is the essence of true scholarship. Creativity is the soul of the true scholar” - Nnamdi Azikiwe

Election Fever Grips RHS

Five 6th form pupils each represented a political party at hustings, taking questions from the audience. Esmé Peters (Lib Dem) tells us more...



With the different parties ramping up their campaigns around the country the RHS elections were no different. On Tuesday night, the school campaign season kicked off with the election hustings. The five candidates, Harvey Crallan for Labour, Josie Ruffles for the Green Party, Rupert Todd for Brexit Party, Esmé Peters for the Liberal Democrats and Alex Jackson for the Conservatives, all put forward their policy objectives. All sought to win over the school electorate, with the Green Party promising legalised marijuana and the Labour Party promising VAT on our school fees (as if our parents didn't love us enough). As an election which will most likely boil down to Brexit, as parties struggle to make any other policies heard, for candidates to focus on a wide range of policies was an interesting insight. As an A Level Politics student the opportunity to debate as a political party, while reflecting the actual goings on of the UK, is a unique opportunity (I would say a once every five years' opportunity but, of course, that would be a lie). Brilliant questions were asked, with fantastic contributions from Year 7s, who quizzed Rupert (Brexit Party) on what he was going to do after Brexit (questions met with thunderous applause). Whether you are a Remainer or a Leaver, right wing or left wing, these upcoming school elections are a brilliant way to get yourself involved in what is going on, so I encourage you all to come to the debate on Tuesday 5th of December and then to vote in the Library on December 12th.

Headmaster's Distinctions

James Bertolla
Zara Graham
Lily Hargraves
Lucinda Halim
Amber Hitchen
Darcy Lane

Harry Lewin
Annabel Malyon
Olivia Mayers
Megan Palmer
Georgie Stammers

Black History Month Poetry Competition

Imogen Leigh

PSHE Pupil of the Month

Frankie Fryer

Joel Sheldon

Upcoming Events



November 28th-30th,
1900

School Play: *The Visit*



December 3rd, 1700
Library
Studd Society
How to get a Book Published



December 5th, 1830
Library
Election Debate
Our candidates debate their policies



December 10th,
1830
De Leybourne
Christmas Debate

An alternative to Sports Day?

Pupils at the Riddle Society experience some of the events of the Chap Olympics

On Tuesday 12th November, Mrs O'Callaghan led the second Riddle Society event of the year with a look at Olympiads: Ancient, Modern and Alternative. After looking at the history of the Olympic Games, from its origins in Ancient Greece to its revival in 1896 giving rise to the modern games, she turned to some of the lesser known Olympiads which now take place. Of particular focus was the Chap Olympics, which take place each summer in London. Pupils had the opportunity to try out two events from these games, whose aim is to be as un-sporty as possible. First up was Bread Basketball - with balls replacing the bread so as not to ruin the new library. The objective being to catch the balls being thrown at you but not to let the balls your team is throwing be caught. Simple, right? This was followed by the much more familiar yet still wacky Moustache Tug of War. The Olympics began in 776BC with a single event - the 192m foot race - and this was a fascinating chance to see how they have inspired so many different events since then.



RHS Success at the Cambridge Latin Reading Competition

On Thursday 14th November, six pupils from years 10-13 travelled to the Classics Faculty of Cambridge University to take part in the Latin Reading Competition. After a tour round the Cast Gallery, where pupils had the chance to see copies of a wide range of Greek and Roman art, came the competition.

Izzy Botley and Annabel Malyon did very well in the Intermediate Prose category, while Toby Chavasse and Savannah Collis secured first and second prizes respectively in the Intermediate Verse category. They were particularly praised by the judge, Dr Chris Whittom of Emmanuel College, for the fluency of their readings and the way they balanced this with an understanding of the dactylic hexameter. In the senior competition, Xanthe Jones won first prize for an excellent reading from Virgil's Aeneid XI and Alex Coplestone-Crow also read well in this category.

This was a fabulous opportunity for pupils to demonstrate their love of the Latin language in one of the most renowned Classics departments in the world.

"THE LAST WORD", WITH THIS EDITION'S SCHOLAR...

You may get a disappointing test result, or you may not perform in a hockey match as well as was once hoped. These things put us down and make us feel as if we have done something wrong, as if we have failed, but this is far from the truth. In fact what you have achieved is giving yourself a new opportunity. You now have a chance to take hold of that flaw and improve yourself as a sportsman, academic or just as a person. We cannot hang on to the past and wish about what could have been. As William Shakespeare himself said 'what's done is done and cannot be undone.' So don't move on and forget but move on and improve.

Rose (Year 10)

