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Summer Update from the High Master

Among the usual wide range and high level of achievements documented in this edition of St Paul's News, the performance of the boat club is worthy of special attention. In March the club retained the Thames Cup, awarded to the top performing school in the Schools' Head regatta, and any claim this laid to SPS being the top rowing school in the UK was upheld in May by our results at the National UK Schools' Regatta. Gold medals for the A crews in the U14, U15 and Senior Level eights, and a silver at U16, are surely unparalleled in the history of the 'NatSchools'. Put another way, St Paul's was half a length off making a clean sweep of all the boys' premier events in the UK's pre-eminent rowing competition for schools. There were many very proud parents, staff and pupils at Eton Dorney: congratulations to all involved.

Life on the site will be very busy during the summer holidays. The temporary kitchen will be removed and we will move into the brand new dining facilities on the ground floor of the new general teaching building. The rest of the senior school GTB is scheduled to be handed over during September, and we will prepare it for occupation after the October Remedy. The existing GTB will then be empty, and it will be handed over to the contractors for demolition and construction of the second phase of the GTB. Meanwhile, senior school administrative staff and the Montgomery Conference Room will all move to temporary accommodation near the boathouse. I hope that your summer is less busy and equally productive.

**Mark Bailey, High Master,
St Paul's School**



The High Master and his family at the Summer Festival

ROWING SPS Make History at National Schools Regatta with Queen Mother Cup Win

Over the Bank Holiday weekend, the Boat Club was out in force at the National Schools' Regatta. Highlights included gold in the J14A Octuples, J15 Championship Eights and Championship Eights events. Adding to the medal tally were the J16s with silver in J16 Championship Eights and J16 2nd Eights. The First Eight won the blue riband event, taking home the Queen Mother Cup for the first time in history.

Sunday brought further success in the lower years with bronze in J16 Championship Pairs and J16B Coxed Fours. Most notably, Alexander

Langstone-Bolt, Casper Woods (Captain of the Boats), Calvin Tarczy, Douwe de Graaf and Axel de Boissard took gold on both days of racing, winning the Hedsor Cup for Championship Coxed Fours.

The First Eight returned to Dorney Lake the following weekend for the Metropolitan Regatta, where they enjoyed fantastically close racing with the University of London First Eight, as well as the senior men's crews from Thames Rowing Club and Leander. A busy half-term, but one that afforded good training and experience for the Henley Royal Regatta.





WELLBEING

Pupils Develop App for Mental Health

Thirteen pupils in the Fourth Form have been working with the Anna Freud Centre to develop an app to help end mental health discrimination amongst adolescents.

two evenings in early May to build the app alongside professional developers. One of the pupils said: "I really wanted to help other young people have the kinds of conversations about mental health that we have at St Paul's."

Before the Easter holidays, the boys took part in focus groups to research ideas around the causes and impact of mental health stigma. Building on these findings, the pupils then visited the Anna Freud Centre in North London after school for

The app now moves into the formal development stage with the hope of it one day being available to schoolchildren across London.



SAILING

Gold Win for Pauline at RYA Championships

In the week before Easter, Lower Eighth pupil James Hammett (left) won gold at the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) UK Youth National Championships, taking the top position with partner James Eales to win the Boys 29er regatta race.

youth events calendar, with the opportunity for sailors to be scouted for international representation or the UK Youth Squad.

The five-day event was hosted at the Hayling Island Sailing Club from 10 to 14 April and saw 379 sailors compete in 18 races. The race is the highlight of the

James's win has resulted in a place in the British Youth Sailing Team, which will see him and his crew participate in the 29er European Championships and World Championship this summer.

CREATIVE ARTS

Get Creative Week

For the third consecutive year, the school's Get Creative Week allows every pupil in the Fourth and Fifth Form the chance to explore creative skills not normally offered in the course of the school's mainstream extracurricular provision. The focus is on hands-on, practical creativity: engaging mind and body in something that opens up new horizons beyond the academic.

For the Fourth Form, a series of lunchtime workshops in everything from knitting to designing your own family crest were extremely popular; the Fifth Form were given the afternoon off lessons and the chance to partake in one of a series of workshops led by visiting professionals including mastering trapeze skills, street dance, origami and animé illustration.



ACADEMIC

Maths Battle

On Monday 8 May we hosted our first maths battle between St Paul's, St Paul's Girls and the London School of Mathematics & Programming. Teams of eight pupils spent an hour and a half studying eight problems. Then they took turns to present and justify their solutions to another team and to the jury,

made up of two adult mathematicians, with an audience of parents watching in a tense atmosphere. One boy commented, "This is agony!", as his teammate was attempting to uphold his solution after prolonged and intense questioning from the jurors. Everyone wants to do it again.



ENGINEERING

Team Firefly

We first introduced Team Firefly in issue 4 of St Paul's News (Autumn 2016), and as we approach the end of the academic year the team has given us an update.

After nearly two years of fundraising, designing, building and refining, the team was finally able to enter a national heat on 25 June. Having been placed third in the rookie category, and reaching over 50kph after completely rebuilding the electronics system in 90 minutes, Team Firefly looks forward to entering two more race heats later this year, already prototyping a radical new Mk2 design. Formed by a group of Fifth Formers in the autumn of 2015, led by George Worledge, Thomas Dhome-Casanova and Luke Andrews, the team hopes to encourage some of the next-generation Pauline engineers to keep Team Firefly's flag flying!

The team said: "Naturally, we couldn't have done this alone, and the F24 team would like to thank, among the many amazing people we've worked with: Arthur Jenkins, Miss Douglass, Mr Clark, Mr Holder, Mr Bailey, Miss Hamma and all of our sponsors."



TRIPS

Italian Study Trip to Siena

Over the Easter break, 19 Eighth Form Italianists and three members of the Italian department headed to the Tuscan city of Siena. The week-long trip offered the Pauline group the opportunity to develop their understanding of the language with morning lessons at the Università per Stranieri. Afternoons featured a mixture of independent study in the university library, and excursions in and around Siena.

Boys gained a unique and rare insight into the fierce rivalry of Siena's seventeen contrade (and the famous Palio horse race they compete for) as the Contrada dell'Oca opened its doors, with a tour of its chapel, a look at the spoils of past Palio victories and a convivial dinner in its clubhouse. Each student was welcomed into the home of a Siennese family for the week, and each benefitted greatly from the significant challenge of having to negotiate family life, school life and new friendships independently and in the language of study.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Pauline Entrepreneurs

St Paul's has continued its recent success in Young Enterprise with two teams – Team Janus (led by Jonah Lowenstein with their link teacher Mr Troen) and Team Mosaic (led by Nicholas Heyman and Fred Hill with their link teacher Mr Schmitt) – through to this year's Richmond and Kingston Area Final. Team Janus, with their product VenturePad, was named Best

Company, and also won awards for the application of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM), and for the Best Product. The team went on to win two more awards at the South London Finals, crowned as Best Company once again, and winning Most Innovative Product. They also represented South London in the London Finals on Thursday 8 June.



ENGINEERING

Schools Aerospace Challenge

Four teams, composed of three Paulines each, have qualified for the Aerospace Experience Summer School at Cranfield University where they will be treated to a range of experiences such as talks on SABRE engines, visits to wind tunnels, practicals on crash investigations and indoor free fall. They will also receive guidance from experienced aerospace professionals, guest speakers and

engineering graduates in developing their UAV design brief that could see them win the Schools Aerospace Challenge, consisting of a cash prize and an awards ceremony at the IMechE.

This achievement is particularly notable as Dr Gardam who introduced the Aerospace Challenge at SPs is retiring this year.



ATHLETICS

St Paul's Athletics Club 2017

At the Medley Relays hosted by Radley College, the Junior team of Louey Horler, Seon Shaw, Tom White and Gregory Zoppos won the 4x100m relay in a time of 48.7s and came third in the Medley Relay in a time 4:21.6s. The Senior team of Oliver Hill, Nicky Crompton, Max Buckley and Paul Calderon came second in the 4x400m relay at the Achilles Relays held at Oxford University's famous Roger Bannister Athletics Stadium, only losing out to first-placed Milfield by 0.8s.

St Pau's Athletics Club earned creditable overall third and fourth at the Guy Butler Shield (Harrow) and the Lord Burghley Trophy (Eton) respectively in spite of fielding significantly under strength teams due to injuries and GCSE commitments. In the individual age groups, the Seniors put in a superb performance to secure first equal place at the Guy Butler Shield, which is arguably one of the most competitive schoolboy fixtures in the country. The Seniors maintained the same high standard by finishing in second place

overall at the Lord Burghley Trophy meeting held at Eton College.

Special mention must go to Paul Calderon, Martin Noé-Nordberg, David Nartey, Nicky Crompton, Oliver Hill, Max Buckley, Gian Tosti Di Valminuta, Ben Tatters, Will Palmer, Philip Kastner, Gregory Zoppos, Harry Grindle and Seon Shaw for winning their respective events at both meetings. Nicky Crompton, Max Buckley, Oliver Hill and Paul Calderon also excelled in the 4x400m relay finishing in first place by a very

comfortable distance at both Harrow and Eton.

The two outstanding performances of the term so far have come from Harry Grindle and Gregory Zoppos. At the Lord Burghley Trophy, both Harry and Gregory broke the school records in the Inter 200m and Junior 300m with times of 22.3 seconds and 38.9 seconds respectively. Congratulations to them both.

Middlesex Track and Field Championships

Five boys from SPS represented the Richmond Borough Athletics Team at the Middlesex Track and Field Championships in Hillingdon. All the boys excelled against a strong field with three boys achieving personal bests on the day. Particular mention should go to Harry Grindle who won the U17 200m final with a time of 22.9 seconds.

The results are as follows:

Tom White – U15 200m – 4th place 24.5 (PB)
 Harry Grindle – U17 200m – 1st place 22.9
 Greg Zoppos – U15 300m – 2nd place 39.3
 Ben Tatters – U17 1500m – 2nd place 4:22.7 (PB)
 Philip Kastner – U17 long jump – 4th place 6.19 (PB)

A fantastic performance by all five boys, particularly considering a very strong headwind up the home straight.

PHILOSOPHY

Paulines Selected for Philosophy Conference

Three Paulines, Adam Rachman, Zachary Michaelis and Thomas Phillips, are to present a paper on research carried out by the Theology and Philosophy Department on the meaning of weakness of will. The Joint Session of the Mind and

the Aristotelian Society is an internationally renowned philosophy conference, and they will be presenting their work on 15 July alongside undergraduates, graduates and academics.

MATHEMATICS

Success at Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad

Congratulations to nine pupils in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Forms who won medals in the 2017 Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad, placing them in the top 100 mathematicians in the

country in their respective years. They were Alex Kwang, Ismail Mardin, Andrew Spielmann, Amu Varma, Anton Fedotov, Hamish Elder, George Monro-Davies, Yang Hsu and David Rae.

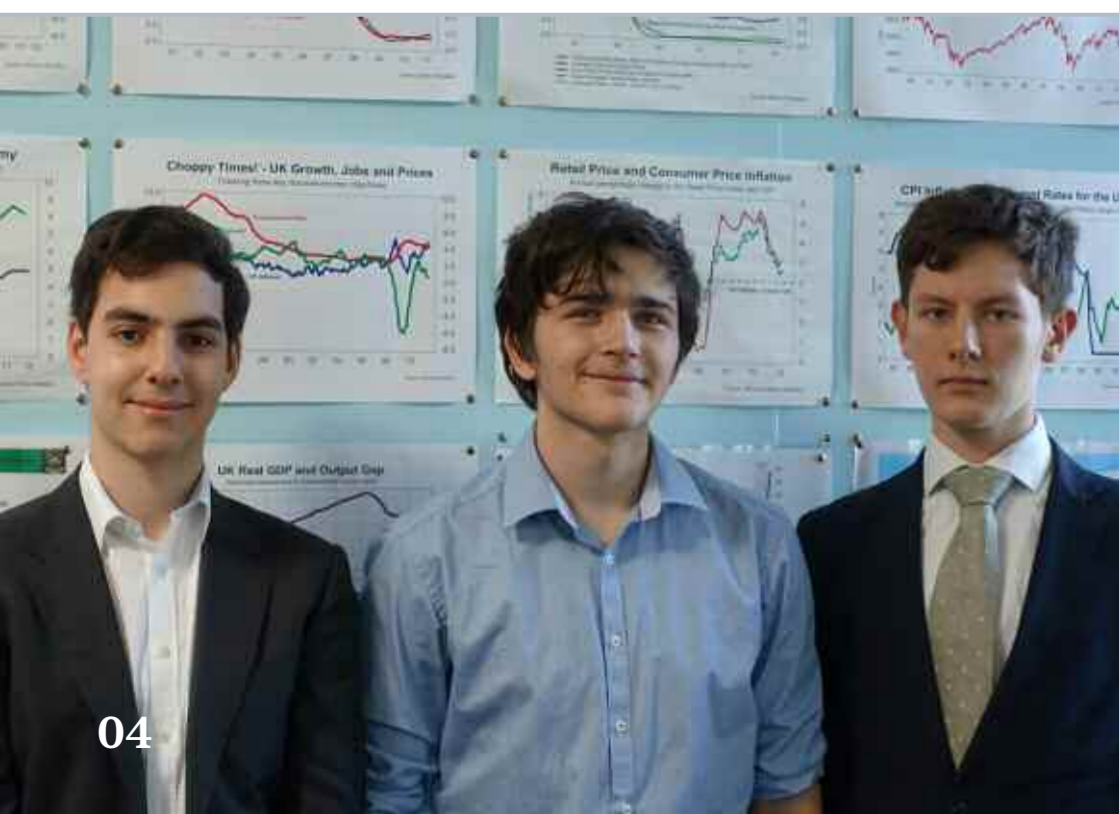
ECONOMICS

Economics Essays Reach a Global Audience

Economics students in the Lower Eighth have used a new University-level textbook and online resources (CORE econ) as inspiration for an essay competition comparing policy responses to the Global Financial Crisis of 2008-2009 and the Great Depression.

Essays were required to address the extent to which policy makers had learned lessons from the 1930s in their response to the recent financial crisis.

More information and links to the essays can be found by accessing this link: www.core-econ.org/the-st-pauls-essay-challenge/



DRAMA

The Wind in the Willows

For one glorious week in May, the Samuel Pepys Theatre was transformed into an idyllic riverbank setting, complete with its very own pond, to play host to one of the most spectacular school productions of recent years: a cast of just under 40 Fourth and Fifth Form boys performed in Alan Bennett's comic

masterpiece *The Wind in the Willows*. The set design, including pop-up campfires, vintage motor cars and flying scenery, delighted audiences with its invention and flair. Under the direction of Christian Anthony, the comic timing and madcap energy of this young cast was considerable, and with such a raft of talent rising

through the ranks (including Ollie Tanner as the preposterous Toad, Matthew Ainsby as nervous Mole, George Lyons as a fearsomely grumpy Badger and Harry Church as the divinely snooty Rat) it seems that SPS Drama is in safe hands for the years ahead.

DRAMA

Paulines and Paulinas to Perform in the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

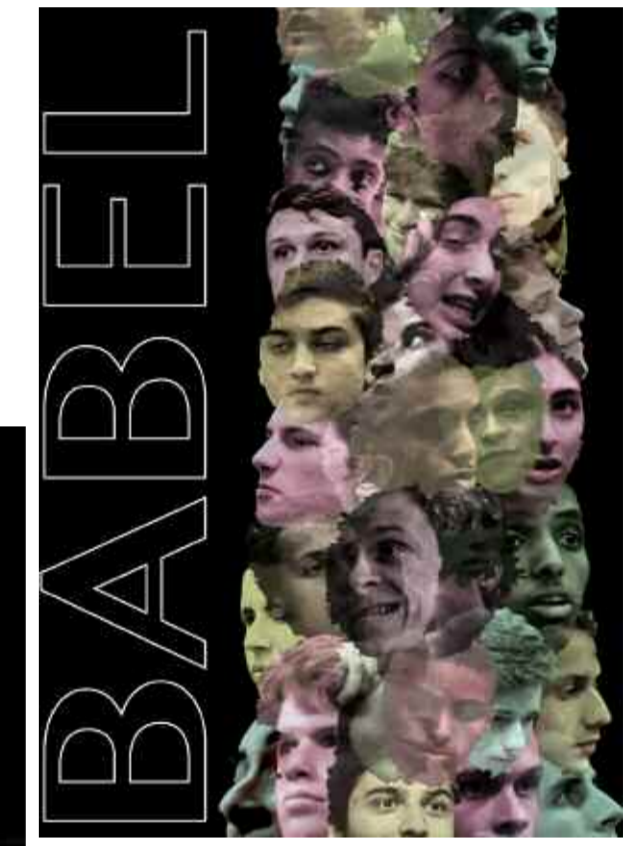
This month, Lower Eighth pupils from SPS and SPGS will showcase their talents at the Lyric Studio, performing *Babel*, a dance and physical theatre piece based on a text written by an Old Pauline, Patrick Neate, whose novel *City of Tiny Lights* has just been released as a film.

BABEL, by Patrick Neate OP
 The Lyric Studio, Hammersmith,
 7.30pm, 19-22 July 2017.

Please come and support us.
 Tickets available from the Lyric
 website: www.lyric.co.uk

The show will be directed by current SPS Director of Drama Edward Williams and choreographed by Andrea Walker (201Dance).

Patrick writes: "Babel began as a piece of spoken word, which I performed in clubs around London. It seemed to chime with people. It was seen by a TV producer and, about six years later, I found myself developing it for a late-night slot on Channel 4. Midnight poetry on TV? It was never likely to have much reach. But, two of the (undoubtedly limited) audience were the guys behind physical theatre company Stan Won't Dance who approached me about six years after that to rework it for the stage, and it toured the UK. That was about six years ago. In January, Edward Williams, Head of Drama at my old school, St Paul's, suggested these performances. And here we are."





UNIVERSITIES Paulines Destined for Top Universities

In autumn 2016, 189 Paulines started university undergraduate courses, some after a gap year. Of those starting in the UK in 2016, 95% went on to Russell Group universities, including 53 entering Oxford or Cambridge. The highest ever number of pupils (34) chose to study in America, at Ivy League or equivalent schools.

A remarkable 45% of these university-bound pupils in 2016 are studying at institutions ranked within the top 10 in the QS 2016 World University Rankings, rising to 57% if we include those universities within the top 20.

The news of offers currently received by Paulines for university entry in 2017 is even more encouraging and better than in recent years. Headlines include 72 Oxbridge (40 Oxford and 32 Cambridge) offers, the highest figure since 2009 and one of the best-recorded results in recent history. Offers from other highly ranked universities are also impressive: for example, 97 Paulines have received offers from Bristol, 86 from Durham, 76 from UCL and 63 from Edinburgh.

Interest in attending universities overseas continues to grow: 40 pupils are holding offers at top American

universities, with no fewer than five pupils securing places at Yale. In addition, three offers have been made each by Princeton and Columbia. Two merit scholarships were awarded by Boston College and Fordham University, New York, while one of our successful Yale applicants was a finalist in the US National Merit Scholarship Competition. This ranks him in the top 15,000 applicants worldwide out of a grand total of 1.5 million candidates! Canada has also featured prominently with 12 offers made by McGill and two by Toronto. Two offers were made by universities in Holland while one Pauline, who really wants a break from London, may be tempted by his offer to attend the University of Queensland!

The pupils deserve enormous credit for all their hard work in achieving such splendid successes, but they have also been very fortunate to have a dedicated team of UCAS/US/Global University advisers who have provided expert guidance and assistance all along the way. Special thanks to our superb Careers and Universities officer, Sally Kirkham, who has dealt so deftly with all the administration involved in processing a record number of 211 UCAS applications.

ACADEMIC Team Maths Challenge National Finalists

Having won their regional final in early March, the combined team from St Paul's and St Paul's Juniors of Aidan Choi, Thomas Magalhaes (Fourth Form), Johnny Cubbon and Ali Imam-Sadeque (Upper Third) competed in the National Final of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge on 19 June 2017.

By qualifying, they were already in the top 88 (from 1757 entrants). Across four rounds, the team did exceptionally well and were quick and accurate in their answers, remaining in contention

throughout the day. They eventually finished seventh overall, which is a fantastic achievement. Furthermore, in a separate poster competition on the topic of polyominoes, they were only one of two teams to successfully incorporate and answer the challenging question: *"Prove that it is not possible to fill an 8x8 square with a 2x2 square and fifteen L-shaped tetrominoes (which can be rotated and flipped)."*

Many congratulations to all four boys.



CRICKET U14s Middlesex Champions

St Paul's U14s Cricket team have had a stellar season – they continued a run of 12 consecutive victories to win the final of the English Schools County Cup. This qualifies them to represent Middlesex in the National Cup next year. En route to the final, St Paul's had a tough run which included beating Hampton and

Harrow. The final was against Merchant Taylor's and the whole team performed superbly to lift the trophy at the end of a remarkable season, that has also included tremendous wins against very good teams in Cranleigh, Dulwich, Reeds and KCS Wimbledon.



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Foreword from the Head of St Paul's Juniors

It has been a busy first year for me at St Paul's Juniors and I never cease to be amazed by the boys and their achievements. Whilst we clearly have many talented individuals in the pupil body, the most powerful impressions that have been made on me this year have been by the many rather than the few. As a group of young men, the pupils have talents, emotional strengths and growing confidence in all kinds of situations.

The 3x3 challenge that the boys completed was an amazing example of this and the staggering amount of money raised for Age UK, nearly

£10,000, was testament to their innovation, drive and gumption. The summer term is always very busy with exams, sports fixtures and concerts. In amongst the business we were fortunate enough to welcome Peter Higgins, one of our governors, to School. Peter's career has seen him teach at Harrow, set up Charles Tyrwhitt and then become CEO of Cath Kidston.

The focus for his visit was teaching the boys about enterprise, firstly as part of our assembly programme and then in a further discussion with the older boys. He is now very involved with the charity Mary's

Meals. His message to the boys was refreshing. He gave them four clear messages about his journey: make mistakes, work hard on the right things, recognise opportunities, and work out what is really important in life... in his eyes it is not money.

What came across from the moment that he started talking was that he was a thoroughly decent human being. I feel that this is the most important attribute we should aim for as we work with parents to shape the boys in our care.

Maxine Shaw,
Head of St Paul's Juniors



COMMUNITY Summer Festival 2017

Over 2,000 pupils, parents, staff and members of the extended Pauline community joined us for this year's Summer Festival. On the most beautiful sunny day, everyone was in fine spirits as an exceptional programme of pupil talent adorned the two distinctive stages with music, drama and a spot of improv comedy!

Notable moments included the

fantastic compère duo, Will Saunter (Captain of School) and George Davies (Head Boy), opening the show, the rousing chorus of Junior and Senior choirs, plus bands, and the superbly focused drama extracts, which were performed with great gusto to packed out audiences.

Parents, pupils and teachers were found wanging wellies across the lawn,

competitively jumping in hessian sacks, bouncing on Space Hoppers and whizzing around the Helter Skelter. Pauls4All raised more than £1,200 from the Vintage Fairground, with another £8,500 raised from ticket sales, which all goes to the School's chosen charities.

It was a most wonderful way to end another productive academic year!





Sports Day

St Paul's Juniors Sports Day 2017 was blessed with some incredible weather and on a baking hot Monday, the boys in U2, L3 and U3 competed for the House Cup in the morning, whilst the boys from the lower years competed in the afternoon. As officiating staff and parents slowly melted in the sun, the boys were simply superb as they tried their very hardest to win for their houses.

There were many outstanding performances on the day but the most impressive aspect was the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie that always characterises a boy from SPJ. Well done to all those who took part: almost every boy in the school barring the odd absentee due to illness or injury! The Junior Cup was won by Thorn and the Senior Cup by Ash.



Sport at SPJ in Fine Fettle!

Few could argue that 2016/17 has not been a good year for sport at SPJ. Those of you who keep up with the Grapevine will be well aware of the huge variety of sporting endeavour that occurs on a week-to-week and term-to-term basis. Not just the major games either, but a whole host of sports both team and individual.

The picture give only a flavour of what has happened but as a snapshot, it is pretty impressive. The Under 11 boys won the Richmond Borough Cross Country Championships; the 1st team in rugby won 23 out of 24 matches; the 1st team in football were unbeaten; the IAPS swim team were

second overall at the National Finals with the U10 boys ranked first in the country; and finally the U11 rugby sevens squad won the Rosslyn Park National Sevens title.

Finally, the IAPS Athletics Squad had a great showing at the Thames Valley and London Regional Championships, meaning that we will be sending at least seven, possibly nine, athletes (depending on other qualifiers around the country) to the Nationals in Birmingham at the beginning of July

Given that we compete on the finest circuits, our boys deserve a hearty well done! Roll on 2017/18!

Pentathlon

The annual SPJ Pentathlon was held after school on Thursday 18 May, with teams of six boys each from U2, L3 and U3 competing over five events against Dulwich Prep and Shrewsbury House. The wet weather conditions meant that the high jump events were cancelled for reasons of safety; however, it is to the huge credit of all the competitors (and some very stoic parents!) that the competition ran smoothly and that some excellent performances were recorded.

In the U11 competition, SPJ captured all the individual medals: Emerick

McMahon and Charlie White sharing bronze, Thomas Evans-Alcantara gaining silver and Max Bishop gold. SPJ also won the U11 team trophy. In the U12 competition, bronze went to Cameron Capper, silver to Alex Pama and gold to Hayden Hunt. The team trophy also went to SPJ. Finally, in the U13 competition gold and silver went to athletes from Shrewsbury House and the bronze to DPL, who also won the team trophy.

The overall totals saw Shrewsbury House come third, Dulwich Prep second and SPJ first. Well done boys!



SWIMMING IAPS National Swimming Championships

In early May, a team of 16 SPJ boys travelled to Crawley, Sussex to compete in the IAPS National Swimming Finals. The School had the highest number of finalists competing on the day – 16 out of 250 – and the SPJ boys performed well once again.

Individual medals went to Malachi Cohen who secured a bronze, Cameron Nelson who won silver and Kynan Tallec-Botos, whose gold made him National Champion.

Relay medals were secured by the U12 medley relay team with silver; a silver

was also won by the U12 freestyle relay team; and both U10 relay teams earned golds. The performances on the day were so good that the SPJ team overall took a silver medal and the U10 team took gold, crowning them National Champions.

This was quite an amazing day for the School, showcasing the wealth of aquatic talent we have but also highlighting the huge amount of time put into the programme by Miss Roman. Well done to the whole squad!

Punchinello

It was a real delight to be able to script this year's Upper First play and have the whole year group perform it with such enthusiasm. Seeing the boys take hold of their characters and bring them to life with extraordinary detail for such a young age, was a joy and a privilege to watch. The piece lent itself to the terrific ensemble & puppetry work and close attention to detail from Miss Bower, whom the boys have loved working with this term!

With all 72 boys doing a sterling job, it is difficult to pinpoint specific, standout performances, so I applaud them all once more: well done boys, and well done Miss Bower, Mr Duke and Mr Squire for making it such a tremendous experience.

Jonathan Boustead,
Director of Juniors Drama



Lower Second Playwriting

On Friday 16 June our Lower Second Year boys presented their annual Playwriting Competition, and what a success it was! With 13 plays and a total cast of 72, the boys really did themselves proud. It was an excellent showcase of ability in writing and performing, and our guest judge, Mrs Rachel Barnett, was hugely impressed with everyone.

Congratulations to Nico Weeks for earning first place with his hilarious script *Killer Grannies!* and to Levi Cadman (*The Two Ballerinas*) and Kam Baghai (*The Last Gig*) for being the worthy runners up. Of course, a huge round of applause is due to everyone involved – it was a huge task, but one we enjoyed from beginning to end.



ST PAUL'S YOUTH THEATRE Arts Award

It has been a great first year for St Paul's Youth Theatre (SPYT), which currently provides extra drama for 70 children from SPJ and beyond. We've had visits from West Yorkshire Playhouse, Chichester Festival Theatre, Almeida Theatre and a terrific touring performance of *Oyster Boy* by Haste Theatre Co.

Michael Bryceson, Nicholas Haas, Giancarlo Ramirez, Joseph O'Keeffe, Federico Stock, Alex Adams, James Lawson, George Davies, Benedict Harrison, Arsh Parekh, James Trotman & Hayden Hunt. Well done boys!

We are looking to expand SPYT and run an extra senior group for ages 14-19. Anyone interested in joining the Youth Theatre or taking part in the Arts Award should contact JPB@stpaulsschool.org.uk.

We are also pleased to announce that 15 youth theatre members successfully completed their Bronze Arts Award. Congratulations to Oliver Tanner, Richard Griffiths, Aaron Reyes-Bordado,





TRIPS Upper First Go Wild at Whipsnade

It was perfect weather for outdoor science as the Upper First Year set off for Whipsnade Animal Park on 15 June. Arriving as the doors opened, the boys yomped out into the furthest reaches of the park and were rewarded with close-up action from lions, cheetahs and zebras, for whom they were the first visitors.

Strolling back towards the centre of the Park, the boys spotted otters, red pandas and squirrel monkeys, and watched an amazing display of colourful birds. Then it was down to work, and in groups they learned about classification, giraffe behaviour and animal adaptations to their habitats from some very informative and helpful Whipsnade staff. This set them up very well to present their new-found knowledge to each other back at school in science lessons.

After a packed lunch and a scramble around the huge adventure playground, the boys caught sight of a tiger, before finally enjoying a well-deserved rest on a train ride around the outer regions of the park. En route, elephants, camels and wallabies were spotted, accompanied all the while by the gentle sounds of the little steam locomotive. It was a hot and tiring, but very enjoyable, day.



LITERATURE Author Visits

Early May saw an author visit to SPJ's First Years with Ciaran Murtagh, a funny and enthusiastic screenwriter, actor and author providing the boys with some excellent writing tips. An exhilarating assembly was followed by a workshop exploring character development.

Following Ciaran's visit, successful children's author Marcus Alexander came to talk to SPJ Second Years in June. He spoke about his many travels and experiences that combined to inspire him to write. This was followed by a workshop with L2Y who learnt more about fleshing out a fantasy

protagonist by exploring his or her past, understanding his motivation and describing clothing and actions.

The Third Years were treated to Adisa the Verbalizer, a performance poet who engaged his audience to think more deeply about poetry, whilst still enjoying the fun of playing with words and ideas.

A very intense but extremely enjoyable workshop followed for some of the boys who came away with their own poems and a better understanding of creating poetry. As one of the boys said "Adisa made me think about poetry differently."



PARENTS' GROUP The SPJ Factor

105 boys auditioned for this year's revamped SPJ Factor. On the night we had dancers, singers, musicians, comedians, sketches, stand up comedy and even a hop, skip and a flip from Mr Young. Adjudicated by the esteemed judging panel of Emily Phillips, Iona Holland and Jeremy James Taylor, the show was a great success. The in-house technical crew, led by Mr Duke, was sensational in providing us with sound,

special effects and lots of smoke, jazzing up each act with a professional look that would sit well on an arena tour.

One of our winners said: "To win SPJ Factor was incredible!...I was extremely nervous but, when I started dancing, I overcame that... I'd recommend to everyone to give it a go next year!"
Amir Dudhia (2 for 1)



CHESS U9 & U11 EPSCA Semi-Finals at Bristol Grammar School

On Saturday 13 May, three St Paul's Juniors teams – two U9 and one U11 – headed to Bristol Grammar School to compete in the English Primary Schools Chess Association (EPSCA) Semi-Finals.

All the boys who came along played some very high quality chess. It was a long day with five rounds of matches against quality opposition. Congratulations to Henry Huang and Nicolas Behroun on managing to win all five of their matches!

In the U11 competition the boys started very well, leading the competition after three rounds, but they dropped some crucial points in the last two rounds which meant they missed out on qualifying for the finals.

The U9 B team did extremely well, leading the whole competition after three rounds, and the U9 A team finished second overall, qualifying for the finals in Birmingham this July.





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NOW

What It Means to Work at St Paul's

Boys, parents and staff from other schools sometimes ask me what I do as Director of Studies. I usually respond along the lines of, "I'm responsible for the curriculum in the Juniors, ensuring it's as lively and creative as possible, that it engages bright minds and that the transition between the Junior and Senior parts of the School is as smooth and as easy as possible in terms of a boy's academic well-being." To which many reply that my job sounds incredibly broad and interesting. And indeed it is.

Every year at this time, I am reminded of the subtler reasons why I work here and what has motivated me to stay so long at St Paul's.

As Director of Studies I'm lucky enough to attend Senior Apportion. This is the senior school prize giving held in the second week of May. Annually, it demonstrates the range and talent which a school such as St Paul's produces. The quality of the four declamations (speeches from the leavers before the award of the prizes) never cease to amaze and this year was no exception. They were lively, entertaining and showed incredible breadth and sophistication of thought. Quite rightly, they ensured the renewal of the High Master's contract for another year by the Master of the Mercers' Company. I'm pleased to say that three out of the four speeches came from talent fed and watered in the

Juniors. After the ceremony, I conversed with eloquent, thoughtful, compassionate individuals, many of whom I had been fortunate enough to interview for a place at Colet Court when they were six or barely seven years old.

In May this year I met up with the old L1G-ers, the 7+ class of 06-07 graduates, all of whom had stayed the full duration of 11 years at St Paul's. We reminisced, shared memories and discussed career aspirations. Following A levels, they are heading around the globe to pursue passions which have been fostered and developed here, taking with them strong friendships which will last a lifetime.



Secretly, I admit to being quite pleased that at least three are going off to study History at venerated institutions.

It's a privilege to see these young people grow into confident, well-rounded young men.

Jayne Gordon



BURSARY FUNDRAISING Spring Fling

This year's Spring Fling was another wonderful and very special evening at The Royal Garden Hotel in Kensington.

Among the highlights were performances by the SPS Jazz Quartet and the SPJ Aca Fellas group. Guests were also dazzled by the beautiful display of the boys' artwork. This year's new origami tree of wishes was also a great success raising nearly £3,500! There was an incredible selection of silent and live auction items, including tickets to U2, a tour of the new Dyson Research Centre and the chance to meet David Beckham!

Turnout at the event was fantastic, with over 275 parents, staff members and governors attending.

The support received from the school community was overwhelming and it makes a profound difference to the school's bursary program.

The Spring Fling raised over £150,000, which will enable the school to continue to fund its current bursaries and further broaden its access.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Start of 2017-18 Academic Year
Friday 1 September

REMEDY
Monday 16 October - Friday 27
October; Monday 4 December

End of Autumn Term
Thursday 14 December

Dates and times correct at time of print

500 Club Results



Summer Term Winners

500 Club April draw winners

1st prize Mr & Mrs J A Skoulding
2nd prize Mr K F Y Barnfather
3rd prize Mr & Mrs R Jindal
4th prize Dr R Puritz
5th prize Mr R Firth

500 Club May draw winners

1st prize Mr & Mrs G Blanning
2nd prize Ms E Marino
3rd prize Mr & Mrs S Arunan
4th prize Mr M J Benson
5th prize Mr A Lewis & Ms B Mjaaland