



# ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL CANTERBURY

## Boarding News January 2020



Boarders end of year party

### Message from the Director of Boarding

Once again it gives me great pleasure to provide a summary of the numerous endeavours that have happened within our boarding community over the past few weeks. As always, life in our large family has been frenetic, frenzied, and fantastical and the weeks have quickly soared by. I hope the following will give a brief glimpse of all that has been happening.

### Weekend activities

Saturday morning trips for our younger boarders have included roller skating, cinema, Flip Out, Kaspers, bowling, climbing, Laser Quest, cycling and ice skating, supervised by Junior School teaching staff and our thanks to them for providing such good care of our younger boarders. All boarders have also had the opportunity on Sunday afternoons to go on an activity trip outside of school; these have included punting on the River Stour,



the Canterbury Food Festival, paintballing, a trip to the Harry Potter studios in north London, Chom-Chom restaurant and an additional trip to Screamlend for Halloween evening. My thanks to Mrs Florence for significantly widening the choices available this year, and we all look forward to the Stratford-upon-Avon weekend trip in February.

### **In-House Cinema**

This continues to be a popular way to spend Saturday evenings. Some of the films that boarders have recently watched on the large screen include Lion King, Insidious 1/2/3, Only Knock Twice and Annabelle, all with popcorn, crisps and drinks, and with bedtime extended.

### **Sports**

Every Friday evening a large number of the boarders make excellent use of the AstroTurf, with both a friendly football match and also hockey practice (thanks to Mr Buckingham and to Mr Stubbings who supervise this whatever the weather). A great way to spend Friday evenings. Good use has also been made of the Old Gymnasium for Basketball and the tennis courts.

### **Best Room**

Every week prizes are given to the best kept rooms in boarding, and it has become something of a cult to win. Special mention goes to Bethany and Yalamber in School House who seems to nearly always win!

### **School House News**

Toby Rupp joined the School House team this year, having travelled from the other side of the world from Perth. He quickly settled into boarding life and has become an extremely popular member of staff with our younger boarders, often to be seen playing tag and joking and laughing when walking back from the playing fields in the late afternoon.



Archie, Pedro and Pablo have trained on Thursday evenings with the Chelsea football Academy, and all boys have joined in with the older boys (and some girls!) on Friday evenings on the AstroTurf. They have also keenly participated after school with basketball, badminton and chess club. Jasper Smallwood was heavily involved with Chicago rehearsals most evenings and also trained and played for Canterbury Rugby Club.

The birthdays of Omna, Setayesh, Bethany, Jasper and also School House Matron were celebrated during the term with, well of course, cake. Flexi boarders have joined School House during the week and we have enjoyed the presence of the regulars Nathan and Freddie who have contributed to the great atmosphere. Halloween was celebrated just after half-term with carving out pumpkins and electric candles and the older L5 boys also enjoyed going to Screamlend and of course screaming. A great and thoroughly enjoyable term.





## Choir House News

Our fantastic team of 20 choristers were joined by 5 new probationers in September - Angus, Rupert, Cesar and twin brothers Jeremy and Theo. They settled in well and seem to love the food at Choir House even more than the singing! Our senior team of Year 8s - Charlie, Fred, James and Leo - have taken the reigns very well and are enjoying their leadership roles. As well as their daily singing in Canterbury Cathedral, the XVI have performed in several concerts this term including a beautiful candle lit service on Remembrance day in Calais. The boys have an absolutely packed schedule ahead until the afternoon of Christmas Day. They will be singing to thousands of people in the Cathedral carol services, visiting the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Old Palace and of course fitting in some fun activities to let off steam including lazer tag, climbing, trampolining and eating at least 5 Christmas dinners before the big day itself. They always do us proud with their hard work and deserve a lovely rest come Boxing Day. Thanks for all you do boys!

## Sporting, Drama and Musical Achievements

We are always blessed to have so many talented musicians living within boarding. This term has seen Sophia Grundmann, Annie Fu, Alexander Falter, Emile Tamschick, Joseph Henry, Marcus Yanni, Freddie Rupp, Katie Head and Fred Golling participate in Chapel Choir, Lunchtime Concerts, String Ensembles, Symphony Orchestra, Big Band and the spectacular Carol Service in the Cathedral.



Also, this year Lottie, Jasper and Giorgia were cast in the Senior School production Chicago, and Freddie, Andrei and Sophie played with the accompanying band. Those of you who saw he play will be aware of its massive success.



Sport is also important within boarding. This term Max Carlin, Friedrich Schuerholz, Roshan Limbu, Marcus Yanni, Mayowa Dickson, Carl Charneau, Kumeode Lamai, Sergei Crowder, Haziq Fazal, Harry Carlin, Archie Carlin, Frederic Golling, Sunip Gurung, Joseph Henry, Nelson Limbu, Maximo Garrido, Diego Del Olmo, Pedro Silvera and Pablo Relano have played football for the school, whilst Joseph Henry, Nelson Limbu, Maximo Garrido, Diego Del Olmo, Pedro Silvera, Pablo Relano, Lottie-Lou Smith, Lubhanshi Arora, Maren Petsching, Linnea Steffen, Alice Horder and Katie Head have represented the school at hockey. Playing Football for the Girls for the school have been Katerina Anton, Luisa Pfennig-Veyisoglu and Sneha Shrestha, and at Badminton Geri Ng, Lily Vigor, Hasina Thapa Magar, Linh Pham, Haziq Fazal, Mekhail Laghari, Isaac Ng, Carl Bender, Alexander Falter and Roy Yuen. A special mention to Geri who has organised Badminton amongst the boarders for many years.

## Girls' Sleepover

Our boarders love being one big integrated community, however, sometimes it's great to have a girls' night in. So on Saturday 7th December the boys were politely excluded from the girls' common room to make way for

make-up stations, magazines, nail bars, too much pizza and delicious chocolate fountains. The girls' movie choice was the Christmas classic 'Home Alone' on the big screen. Tic-Toc competitions and super-selfies ensued as did skincare regimes, popcorn, crisps, painted nails (gone by Monday morning) to say the least and all washed down with gallons of Fanta. The common room was awash with girls just wanting to have fun and that is exactly what happened!

### **Farewell**

Always a tearful time when we need to say farewell to a few of our short stay boarders: Christina, Fabiola, Ari, Eva, Luise, Aurora, Isabel, Lilli, Diego, Maximo, Sebastian, Carl, Alexander Javier and Pedro. We wish you well and always keep fond memories of your time with us.



### **Boarding Council**

This term the Boarding Council has met every Wednesday shortly before the main weekly boarding meeting to discuss issues pertaining to the boarders. The meetings are informal and give a chance for boarders from all year groups to voice their opinion and to give suggestions. I am hugely grateful to them all for the time and effort that they put into being a voice for the boarders to the staff.



### **End of Year Party**

Friday the 13th, can be unlucky for some. However, for our boarders it was to be the night that brought the best boarders Christmas party ever! With the lighting low and the bass high, boarders partied hard, celebrated their academic achievements this term and rejoiced in the beginning of the end of the Michaelmas term. Massive thanks to all those who helped to raise the roof and a big shout going out to Anders Dennis, a former St Edmund's pupil who provided his DJ skills and entertainment. Obviously, there wasn't a disco dancing prize, that would have been crazy! However, if there had been one to give then it would most certainly have gone to Artem and Daria for their amazing Cossack dancing routine performed brilliantly to Boney M's Rasputin. Great times had by all!

We wish all our boarders and their families a very happy new year.



Dr Edwin Jones