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Welcome ...

We drew this academic year to a close amid the customary whirl of activity. The whole term has had a real sense of momentum and energy, for individuals at every stage of school life, and for the whole Lancing community.

It has been an eventful term; between celebrating achievements across our community and beginning the welcome process for the pupils and families joining us in September, there has scarcely been a dull moment.

For those in our all-important exam years, the term has of course been dominated by examinations, and I congratulate everyone who sat GCSEs and A Levels this summer. The academic teams have reported the exams to be fair, and we look forward to seeing the results in August. My thanks go to all our tutors and teachers who have gone above and beyond to support students this year, whether through written examinations, performance, presentation, or coursework.

Beyond the examination halls, I am pleased to report the continued growth of the Lancing Diploma across the College. At the end of term, we celebrated those students who achieved gold, silver and bronze awards. The Diploma is our quiet way of expressing the spirit of Lancing: the attributes that unite the many and varied things that happen across the College in the course of any week, term or year. This year, 18 students achieved the top score of 12 points for a Gold Award, nearly double last year's number, and clear evidence of how deeply the Diploma is now embedded in a Lancing education.

The breadth of school life was on full display this term. Arts Week showcased remarkable creative talent across our community and built beautifully towards the highlight of the calendar: Founder's Day, with Prizegiving and Sports Day bringing together so many familiar faces in celebration of all that Lancing is and does.

We also celebrated our outstanding sportsmen, sportswomen and teams at the annual Sports Dinner. This has been an excellent year for sport at the College, with exceptional performances in football, hockey, cricket, tennis and athletics, all paving the way for our further capital investment in 2027. Happily, the refurbished Swimming Pool is now back in use, with more to share on this in the year ahead.

The versatility of our pupils, under the gentle guidance of Mr Mason, was demonstrated in a wonderful range of musical performances this term: from the exquisite Mozart *Requiem* concert in the Chapel, to year-group concerts for parents, to the ever-popular end-of-term Rock Concert. The standard, as ever, was second to none.

We were also delighted to welcome over 50 OLs and parents as experts, giving generously of their time to support students through our *My Future Careers Programme*. It is an impressive and superbly delivered programme,

and we are enormously grateful to all who took part.

Before I close, I want to say something about this year, my first as your Head Master. I came to Lancing not quite knowing what to expect, and I end the year having found a school more generous, more alive, and more genuinely itself than I could have hoped. I have been especially struck by the close sense of community and belonging that runs through the College, a theme that emerged clearly from the exit interviews held with our Sixth Form leavers, some of whose reflections are included below this introduction.

After a well-earned break, we will all return in September refreshed and looking forward to the year ahead. There is much work to do, and I look forward to sharing more of our plans for the future in due course.



DR SCOTT CRAWFORD
Head Master

“ **COMMUNITY.** *Nothing else like it experienced in my life.*

Everyone fits in socially which is RARE.

It isn't just a school, it genuinely is a community and a home. It is MY SAFE SPACE.

I won't ever find A PLACE LIKE THIS again.

Ability to find your community ... easy to find your people. That has been INSANELY SPECIAL.

Big connectivity – like a FAMILY.

Making people feel INCLUDED. Community is really tight.

Community – everyone is FRIENDS – all know one another. People stand up for each other.

It has been an IDEAL place to be.

HOUSE SPIRIT especially when awards are given in assembly and Founder's Day.

Staff Leavers

As the academic year draws to a close, the College bids farewell to a number of valued colleagues whose commitment, talent and generosity have enriched every corner of school life.



While their next chapters will take them in different directions, they leave behind lasting legacies and the gratitude of a community that has benefited enormously from their service.

This year's cohort of Sport Assistants has made a tremendous contribution to the life of the College, and we wish **Jessie Lownds, Adam McCormack, Indi Gentry, Edie Fullerton and Nathan Tyler** all the very best for their next steps.

Ellie Bricknell joined us as a Graduate Teacher in the RS Department in 2024 and moves on to a full teaching position at St Wilfrid's – a well-deserved next step.

That same year, **Tia Saxelby** joined as a Graduate Sports Assistant and has also served with great warmth and dedication as Assistant Housemistress in Handford. We wish her every success as she takes up her new role at Harrow Dubai.

Owen Mussell joined in 2022 and has contributed enormously to the life of the school, both as a Graduate Sports Assistant and as Assistant Housemaster in Teme. He leaves us to pursue teacher training, and we have no doubt he will be an excellent one.

Emma Giltrap has been an inspiring and hugely successful Teacher of Mathematics since 2019 when she arrived as a graduate trainee. Her energy, dedication and warmth have made a lasting impression on the pupils she has taught. She leaves to take up a post at Ardingly, and we wish her and her family well.

Emilie Harlow also joined us in 2019 and has grown into a highly valued member of our common room, rising to become Head of Academic Music and Assistant Director of Music. Tireless

in her commitment, she has nurtured generations of musicians, coaxing the best from them with patience and genuine passion. From chamber concerts to full-scale musicals, her fingerprints are on some of the most memorable performances this school has seen.

Diana Cree joined us in 2016. Over the course of a decade as Executive Director of External Relations, Diana has overseen Marketing, Admissions, Development, Commercial Enterprises and a great deal more besides. She has travelled the world on Lancing's behalf, forging connections and friendships that will endure long after her departure. Her thinking has always been dynamic and inventive, her instinct for people and relationships quite exceptional. We wish her well in her retirement.





Emilie Harlow



Diana Cree



Raj Maru



Emma Campbell

Raj Maru joined Lancing College in September 2010 and, over the past fifteen years, has become one of the defining figures of sport at the College. Following an outstanding professional career with Hampshire, where he claimed more than 500 first-class wickets as a gifted left-arm spinner, Raj brought to Lancing not only immense cricketing knowledge, but also humility, warmth, and a deep commitment to developing young people. Under his leadership, cricket at Lancing flourished. He helped shape a programme that earned national recognition and established the College as one of the leading cricket schools in the country. Generations of pupils have benefited from his expertise, encouragement, and unwavering belief in their potential, whether they were aspiring county cricketers or simply learning to love the game for the first time.

And, finally, **Emma Campbell** joined us in 2010 as a Maths teacher (and always a superb one) and initially a Tutor in Field's House, she went on to become the Housemistress of Sankey's, growing the House so that it almost doubled during her tenure and then returning to Field's as Housemistress. She has thus seen both the Day and the Boarding worlds in Lancing – and the ways in which they make a perfect whole. The past few years have also seen her masterminding the school timetable – and doing so with ingenuity, efficiency and always a sense of the people behind the slots available.

Emma is an astonishing person. There are many people in the Lancing community – colleagues and pupils – who have been sustained by her thoughtfulness. She is a person of complete integrity – and of empathy and imagination. She is able to understand the (sometimes very

different) perspectives of others and her girls know just how well she knows them and deeply cares for them. As a Housemistress she has worked effectively with the happy and delightful – and also with those who have felt troubled and tested. Emma leaves us to continue her work as a pastoral leader charged with developing a new boarding house.

Thank you and good luck to you all!

Dr Scott Crawford
Head Master

Four Heads

It is also time to say goodbye to a remarkable group of pupils whose leadership, character and contribution have helped shape the life of the College. Our Heads of School have served as outstanding ambassadors, offering guidance, support and inspiration to their peers while representing the school with distinction.

We wish them and all of their peers the best of luck in the future and look forward to welcoming them back to the College as OLs in the years to come. Their farewell messages follow below.

Hugo Dissanayake

For me, Lancing has been a home for so long I can't really imagine what life is like without it but in only a few months I will have to find out. However, even though I don't know what I'm going to be doing in a couple of months' time that is actually what I'm looking forward to. I can't wait, and I know lots of you will feel the same, to be trying new things. I believe Lancing is the reason I'm so excited to explore, because here we are encouraged to try, even if that means messing it up, which I know I have done plenty of! I'm sure some of the School House boys can remember a couple of these times but it will be good to leave those in the past.

Thank you to everyone, especially School House, for making Lancing the amazing place it is.

Isaac Leigh

And just like that, our time at Lancing has come to an end. It has been a privilege to share my time here with so many remarkable people – I genuinely couldn't have wished for a better group to have been surrounded by each day. I am sure we will all look back on Lancing fondly, and the friendships made here will last a lifetime. Growing into young adults together has been an invaluable experience, and I hope to see you all at the numerous OL occasions yet to come. I wish you all the very best for the future, wherever it may take you.



Lily Townsend

It's strange to think that in so many ways we've all grown up together, and yet somehow these five years have come to an end far sooner than any of us expected. In Third Form, leaving felt like a distant milestone. And because of that, I think myself and many of us let some of the small moments slip away without truly appreciating them; moments I'd give a lot to have back now. It's only now that you realise it was never really about the big events. It was about all of those in-between moments that seemed so normal at the time, and at the heart of all those moments were the people. Thank you to everyone who made Lancing the kind of place that stays with you long after you leave. Whatever comes next, I hope you carry a bit of it with you always.



Romily Trevelyan-Johnson

Somewhere between early mornings, endless deadlines, House events, and countless unforgettable moments, Lancing has quietly become a part of who we are as a year group. Few places have the ability to shape people in such lasting ways, and while some places are simply left behind, others stay with you forever – Lancing, without question, is the latter. What I will cherish most is not just what we achieved, but the laughter, kindness, and sense of community that defined us along the way. I feel incredibly lucky to have shared these years with such a talented, supportive, and unforgettable group of people. Wherever life takes us from here, I wish each and every one of you happiness, success, and a sense of purpose. I have no doubt that this year group will leave its mark in ways that truly matter.



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Major Investment in Sport Signals Exciting Future for Lancing

This term, the College announced an ambitious £6.5 million programme of sports facility improvements, with projects scheduled for delivery over the coming years.

The developments reflect Lancing College's long-standing belief that sport is a central part of an all-round education, supporting not only physical wellbeing but also confidence, resilience, teamwork and leadership. As regular visitors to the Senior School site, pupils from Lancing's three prep schools will also benefit from enhanced access to the new facilities.

The first major milestone came this summer with the reopening of the College Swimming Pool following a comprehensive £2.6 million refurbishment. Completed over nine months, the project has included upgrades to the pool's integral operating systems, improvements to the swimming environment and the creation of a new reception area, which you can read more about on page 72.

Swimming continues to be one of the College's most popular and successful sports, with the programme led by former Great Britain swimmer and OL, Charlotte Malik. The refurbished pool will provide an outstanding environment for both recreational and competitive swimmers for many years to come.

Looking further ahead, the College is planning the next phase of its investment in sport, centred on a new multi-sport indoor facility adjacent to the grass tennis courts. Scheduled for completion by September 2027, the development will create additional year-round space for training, coaching and competition across a range of sports.

The College plans to support this next phase through a combination of its own investment and future philanthropic support, with opportunities for the wider Lancing community to become involved as plans progress.

In addition, and subject to planning approval, a new Astro pitch is proposed for the College's Dyke Field. Expected to open in September 2028, the 2G surface will support multiple sports and further strengthen opportunities for participation and performance across the school.

These developments are designed to support pupils at every stage of their sporting journey – from those discovering

a love of sport and the confidence it can build, to those demonstrating a long-term commitment to achieving excellence at the highest levels.

Ultimately, the investment is about far more than facilities. It represents a long-term commitment to enhancing the pupil experience, ensuring that sport continues to play a vital role in promoting wellbeing, balance and personal growth alongside academic achievement.

Speaking about the development plans, the Head Master, Dr Scott Crawford, said: 'I am delighted to be able to announce this significant investment at the College. Parents often tell us that sport plays a significant role in their child's development: not only in building physical strength, but in fostering confidence, teamwork, leadership and a sense of identity. This exciting announcement will align the school's facilities to match both the quality of our provision and the values we hold so strongly and demonstrates that sport is a core part of the Lancing education, not an optional extra. It will also be an important benefit to students from our three prep schools who are frequently at the College.'

The announcement follows another highly successful year for Lancing sport. Among the highlights, the U16 boys' football team reached the ESFA National Cup Final from a field of more than 100 schools, while the U16 girls claimed bronze medals at the South of England Hockey Finals.

Elsewhere, the U14 girls were crowned Sussex County Tier 2 hockey champions, the U16 girls secured county silver medals, and the girls' 1st XI football team reached the final of a national sevens tournament. The Senior boys' basketball team finished top of its league, while the girls' 1st tennis team earned silver at the U18 County Championships at Bede's.

As the College continues to build on these achievements, the planned developments will provide the facilities, opportunities and inspiration for future generations of pupils to thrive.





New York State of Mind

This year's Fifth Form Prom transported pupils from Great School to the bright lights of the Big Apple, with a spectacular New York Skyline theme providing the backdrop for a memorable night of celebration.

Stepping onto the red carpet beneath a fairy-lit arch, pupils entered a transformed Great School, where a canopy of twinkling lights and striking black and silver lanterns recreated the glamour and energy of the city that never sleeps.

The NYC theme continued throughout the evening, with refreshing traditional lemonade served from Polly and plenty of pizza enjoyed after the awards ceremony. As the sun set, the LED dancefloor became the centre of attention, with pupils

dancing to a playlist of their favourite songs, chosen by the year group themselves. The exceptionally warm weather even prompted a surprise arrival of emergency ice creams!

The evening was the perfect way for our Fifth Form pupils to mark the end of an important chapter, ready to start their Sixth Form journey. These photographs capture just a few of the special moments from a night that will undoubtedly be remembered for years to come.





Norman's Conquest

The College has sponsored Norman Mandikisi – with proceeds from our annual Malawi Walk, through the charity Open Arms Malawi – since 2014, ensuring his secondary and tertiary education. Norman graduated this year. It is a story of profound transformation, which he is proud to share with us:



Lady Bird Private Primary School, 2007
Aubrey, Norman, Wilson and Mary



Back at Rose's House after school at Lady Bird, 2011
Moses, Aubrey, Norman and Wilson

My name is Norman Mandikisi and I am 24 years old. I grew up at *Open Arms Malawi* and was raised in foster care at Rose's House alongside my brothers. I began my education at Ntonya International Private School, where I consistently placed in the top five of my class and won awards for being a good student. I also played football for the school's first team and took responsibility for ringing the bell at break, and closing.

In 2014, my life changed when Lancing College began funding my tuition. That same year I met Mr Smith and volunteered at Open Arms caring for children under 2, and joined Lancing College students on a trip to climb Mt Mulanje. In 2018 I met Lancing Head Master, Mr Oliver, and we were in Liwonde National Park together. I have hiked Mulanje and visited Liwonde since then with Lancing, the last time in 2024. I look forward to meeting the 2026 group this summer.

In August 2015 I entered Kamuzu Academy after passing entrance exams. I excelled academically and became deputy prefect. I continued playing football, representing the school in tri-school tournaments and developing a passion for sport and teamwork.

From 2022 to 2026, with Lancing College's continued support, I studied at the Catholic University of Malawi. I graduated with a BA in Social Work and Political Leadership, serving on the Association of Social Work Committee and averaging a credit while remaining focused and determined.

Lancing College's 12 years of support shaped my path and values, and I am honoured by your belief in me. Your support during my time in secondary school and university meant a lot to me, and I'm really grateful for the encouragement and guidance you gave.

Norman Mandikisi



Founder's day at Kamuzu Academy, 2016
Norman, Neville Bevis (Open Arms) and Eric Anderson



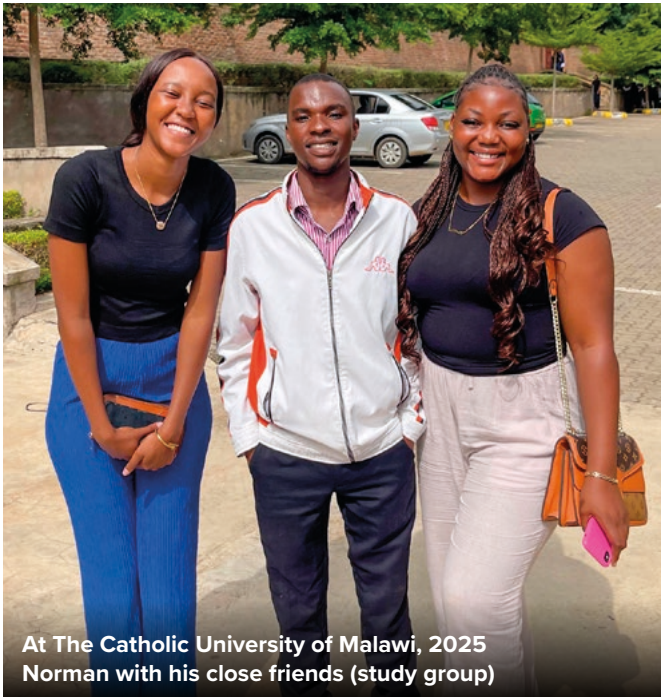
Founder's day at Kamuzu Academy, 2016
Eric Anderson, Paul and Norman



Norman in Kasungu at K2-TASO during dissertation research, November 2025



Research proposal defence in 2025



At The Catholic University of Malawi, 2025
Norman with his close friends (study group)



Photoshoot: Preparing for Graduation, 2026



Hiking on Mt Mulanje: Norman (left) with the 2024 Lancing College Malawi Expedition

Founder's Day 2026

Founder's Day is one of the most cherished events in the Lancing calendar. It's a time for pupils, families, and staff to come together in celebration of our founder, Nathaniel Woodard, and to mark the close of another successful academic year.

It is a day of joy, reflection, and gratitude: a moment to applaud our pupils' achievements and look ahead to the future with confidence and pride. The day starts with the Founder's Day Service of Thanksgiving and Prizegiving in the Chapel.

This year's event took place on Saturday 23 May and followed an exciting and well attended Arts Week with exhibitions and performances across the week leading up to the Saturday. Bathed in sunshine, the grounds and sports fields looked absolutely stunning, with the Chapel providing a striking focal point as it overlooked the entire vista.

Across the afternoon, parents and pupils relaxed and enjoyed picnics whilst watching the many activities. The Ken Shearwood Pavilion played host to live music performed from its balcony by talented pupils and staff, who provided a perfect soundtrack to the multitude of events happening below. Among the many attractions, pupils and staff alike enjoyed the ever-popular bumper cars and Ferris wheel. Sport, as always,

was very competitive with pupil competitors and supporters dressed in House sports kit. In addition to the various track and field competitions, the annual tug of war was fiercely fought over, especially one between pupils and staff!

The afternoon tea was a particular highlight, chosen this year to have a scientific theme by our Head Master, Dr Scott Crawford. The catering team, led by Hannah Bond, delivered an imaginative and delicious spread for all to delight in.

As always, we extend our thanks to everyone who helped bring the day to life – our staff, our pupils, and our Lancing families. Founder's Day is a celebration of community, and this year's event was a fitting tribute to all that we've accomplished over this past academic year.

Diana Cree
Executive Director External Relations





Founder's Day 2026 Prize Winners



In the House

With its busy schedule and packed programme of events, the Summer Term always passes in a flash. House activities added to the excitement, giving pupils plenty of opportunities to socialise, compete and celebrate together before the end of the academic year.

Pupils enjoyed a variety of House Night activities, ranging from sports and outdoor adventures to creative challenges and social events. One House held a lively game of rounders, followed by well-earned ice creams in the sunshine. Elsewhere, walks, pizza evenings, beach trips, sea swims and even a rocket-launching challenge provided plenty of excitement. Making the most of the grounds and location with nature walks and trips down to the sea to cool off have been highlights for us all.

For our Upper Sixth Leavers, the Leavers' Suppers were a particularly special occasion. The evening featured memorable speeches, delicious food and an opportunity for pupils and staff to reflect on their time at school as they prepare for the next chapter.

Throughout the term, pupils also embraced a wide range of competitions and challenges. House tennis, hockey, the 3 Mile Race, filmmaking, cookie and gingerbread decorating

competitions all proved popular. The ever-entertaining talent showcase, Field's Factor, brought celebrated creativity and confidence. Competitive spirit was also on display during Founder's Day, including the much-anticipated Tug-of-War.

As the examination season progressed, House barbecues (with the occasional water fight!) provided a welcome opportunity to relax and unwind. Pupils dropped in for burgers, hot dogs, garden games and time spent with friends, enjoying the warm weather and reflecting on a successful year.

From sporting success and creative challenges to shared meals and summer evenings spent outdoors, the term has been full of memorable moments that have strengthened friendships and showcased the vibrant House community. As another academic year draws to a close, these events have provided the perfect way to celebrate achievement, participation and togetherness.





To Be Confirmed

Each Summer Term, as part of our celebrations of the Resurrection of Christ, pupils at the College are baptised and confirmed at the Whole School Eucharist on the first Sunday of term.

This year, not only did we have a bumper crop of pupils, we had staff being confirmed, we were joined by some pupils from Ardingly, and the service was led by the Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager – the first time a female bishop has confirmed pupils at the College in its history.

Pupils prepared for this public commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ with five sessions during the Lent Term and a day's retreat. This year we joined with our fellow Woodard Schools, Hurstpierpoint and Ardingly and 50 pupils gathered together at the Chapel Royal, Brighton, to learn from and about the Holy Spirit (as well as enjoying a fantastic lunch at Donatello's).

Having 30 people celebrating their Christian faith, their readiness to live in love and service of their neighbour as they grow in their relationship with God, is something that we can all find encouragement in! It is also often transformative for the people themselves, who undertake the pilgrimage of asking deep questions about themselves, their relationships and even

existence itself, and find the response from God which is, *I made you, I love you, I will not abandon you, and, I have a plan for you.*

For some, this marks the next stage of a faith that has been part of their life as long as they can remember. For others, this is a new discovery that starts to give life a new sense of meaning and purpose. As I write this, I picture in my mind's eye the joy on their faces at the service but more importantly the way in which their confidence has visibly grown when we pass in the cloister. It's something I often hear their parents saying too.

What we see is that this is not the joining of a club, but a life-affirming commitment to a way of life. One that has the potential to transform not just the lives of those who get baptised and confirmed but also for the lives of those around them, here at the College and wherever the journey of life may take them.

Fr Justin Pottinger, Chaplain



Ashley Tsao, Lower Sixth, expresses her own experience:

'I was always raised Christian, but it wasn't until I came to Lancing that my faith truly became my own. Being part of this community helped me realise that I genuinely believed in God, and that I wanted to commit to my faith in a deeper way. I see my confirmation as a promise that I will always be a child of God, no matter where I am or how old I become. Wherever life takes me and whoever I'm with, I know I'll be carrying that identity with me. Even when things get difficult, I trust that God will stay by my side and support me through every decision I make.'

Electric Storm

Electric Storm Youth (ESY) is a youth work charity based in Lancing and Sompting, West Sussex, dedicated to supporting young people through a diverse range of services delivered in line with the Youth Work National Occupational Standards.



Throughout the year, we have been proud to support ESY through both volunteering and charitable donations, helping to strengthen its positive impact within the local community. As part of this partnership, one of our pupils combined their volunteering experience with an independent research project, here is their account.

During the Electric Storm Community Hub visit, I had the opportunity to combine volunteering with research for my A Level Design and Technology project. As part of my project, I am designing a Bed Activity Tray for children, so I brought along a similar tray that I had purchased together with a short feedback questionnaire that I designed myself.

The children were able to use the tray while taking part in different activities such as drawing, reading, eating snacks and watching videos. I observed how they naturally interacted with the product and then asked them to complete the questionnaire. This gave me valuable first-hand feedback that would not have been possible through online research alone.

I was very lucky that I was the only student running a product activity, so the children were really engaged and happy to share their ideas. They gave thoughtful suggestions about storage, comfort, colours and features they would like to see in the future. Several children even told me they would like to buy the tray, which was both surprising and encouraging. They also asked if I could come back after the summer holidays to show them how my project had developed.

At the end of the session, I gave the children some sweets to thank them for taking part. The experience was enjoyable, rewarding and incredibly useful for my project. It helped me better understand the needs of real users and gave me confidence that my design is solving a genuine problem. I will use the feedback to improve my final design before developing the next prototype.

Sofia Dunaeva, Lower Sixth



A New Chapter for Governance at Lancing

The Governing Body for the Lancing College family of schools has entered a period of renewal and forward momentum, marked by both heartfelt farewells and an exciting wave of new leadership and expertise.



As the College and Prep Schools continue to evolve in response to a changing educational and economic landscape, its governors remain central to shaping long-term strategy, safeguarding the Lancing values, and ensuring the highest standards of oversight.

At the conclusion of a distinguished tenure, Martin Slumbers stepped down as Chair of Governors, bringing to a close a period of committed service and thoughtful leadership. Throughout his time in office, he provided steady guidance and played an instrumental role in supporting the College and Prep Schools through both opportunity and challenge. His contribution leaves a lasting legacy, and the Governing Body expressed its sincere gratitude for his dedication to Lancing.

Succeeding him as Chair is Siobhan Denning, who has now taken up the role with immediate effect. Her appointment marks the beginning of a new era, combining continuity with fresh perspective. Siobhan brings considerable educational experience as a former Head Teacher and supporting her in this role is the newly appointed Deputy Chair, John Scott. A governor for five years, John brings considerable experience in risk management and strategic planning, both crucial in supporting the delivery of key objectives.

Alongside these leadership changes, the Governing Body has also marked the departure of two long-serving governors whose contributions have been deeply valued. Henry Lawson retired after 18 years of dedicated service to the Governing Body providing invaluable insight, enthusiasm and support. Andrew-Dane Fairclough also concluded his term after five years of service, during which he contributed meaningfully to

the work of the Board. The College extends its sincere thanks to both individuals for their commitment and impact.

Looking ahead, the Governing Body has recently undertaken a targeted recruitment process to strengthen its collective expertise. Recognising the growing complexity of the independent school sector and the importance of robust financial and commercial oversight, this process focused on attracting individuals with strong backgrounds in business and finance. This strategic approach ensures that the Board remains well-equipped to steward the family of schools into the future. Three new governors will join the Governing Body in September 2026: Mr James Abdool, Mrs Carla Bradshaw, and Mr Abbas Kazmi. Each brings a wealth of professional experience and specialist knowledge. Their appointment reflects a deliberate commitment to strengthening the Governing Body's skillset in key areas.

At its core, the role of the Governing Body is to provide stewardship – holding the vision, values, and long-term interests at the forefront of decision-making for Lancing College, Lancing Prep Hove, Lancing Prep Worthing and Dorset House. With a refreshed leadership team and a strengthened blend of skills and perspectives, Lancing College and the family of schools are wellpositioned to continue delivering excellence in education while navigating the opportunities and challenges ahead. The Governing Body stands united in its commitment to supporting the College community and to ensuring that Lancing continues to thrive for generations to come.

Benita Hibbert, Clerk to the Governing Body

Home and Away – Exeats at Lancing

Finishing the Year with Fun and Looking Ahead

Our final exeat of the academic year provided a fitting end to another successful programme of weekends away.

Designed to give our boarders the chance to relax, explore and spend quality time with friends, the Home and Away exeat programme continues to provide some of the most enjoyable and memorable moments of the year.

This time, our destination was Thorpe Park, where students spent the day making the most of the rides and attractions. For some, it was an opportunity to test their bravery on some of the UK's fastest rollercoasters, while others preferred to enjoy the atmosphere and spend the day with friends. The combination of excitement, laughter and shared experiences made for a wonderful day out and a perfect celebration as the end of term approached.

After leaving the park, the group enjoyed dinner together at a nearby Italian restaurant. As is often the case on these weekends, the meal became far more than simply a chance to eat. It was an opportunity to reflect on the day's adventures, share stories, laugh about memorable moments and enjoy each other's company away from the routines of school life.

The value of the exeat programme has always been about finding the right balance. Alongside organised activities, students are given the opportunity to slow down, spend time with friends and enjoy the simple pleasure of having time and space to relax. As one student commented following our previous exeat, these weekends offer 'a break from the busy

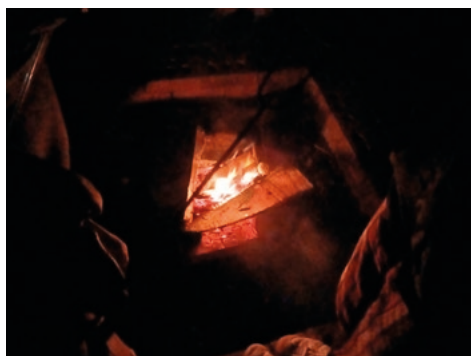
life at Lancing' whilst still providing exciting opportunities and experiences.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue developing the Home and Away programme next year with two new London-based exeats already planned. The first will see students taking part in a James Bond-themed adventure across the capital, working in teams to solve clues, navigate famous landmarks and experience London in an entirely new way. Later in the term, our second exeat will embrace the festive season with Christmas markets, seasonal shopping and the spectacular Christmas lights that make London such a special place to visit at that time of year.

While each exeat offers something different, they all share the same purpose: giving our students opportunities to explore beyond the College, build friendships, develop independence and create lasting memories. Whether that takes the form of a rollercoaster at Thorpe Park, a walk through a Christmas market, or solving clues in the heart of London, these weekends continue to play an important role in enriching the boarding experience.

If you would like more information please email Andy Cooper apc@lancing.org.uk

Andy Cooper
Head of Exeat Provision



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Head Master's Lecture Series

The Head Master's Lecture series is a tradition at Lancing that has stood the test of time.

With a richness of our varied connections together with OLs and parents, it is not surprising that there is a strong list of future speakers to call upon and topical subjects to hear about. There is an impressive list of former speakers, and this last term has seen a formidable trio of experts ready and willing to share their varied insights and experiences. Speakers come to share supper with a group of students before the lecture and one will give a formal vote of thanks at the end of the evening.

The series brings exceptional thinkers, leaders and practitioners to Lancing to engage students with ideas that shape the contemporary world. Drawing on expertise from academia, global policy, science, the arts and industry, the series broadens horizons and models lives of curiosity, service and intellectual courage. Through these encounters, students are challenged to think deeply, connect ideas across disciplines, and see how education can lead to lives of purpose, enquiry and responsibility.

This term we have heard from:



Professor Christopher Howe (May 2026)
*Genes, Medieval Manuscripts, Persian Carpets
and Folklore: what they all really have in common*



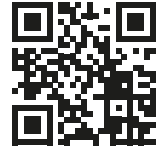
Professor Christopher Howe captivated Lancing students with his intriguing development of this subject. His lecture showed how different disciplines can be brought together to develop new ideas, using both scientific tools and evidence from the humanities. Above all, Professor Howe showed us the magnificence of science: you never know what you are looking for until you find it. As he showed, in all of these very different fields, from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales to variations on the Red Riding Hood tradition, there are signs of the tree-branching evolutionary model of development, and genetic techniques can be used to help solve long-debated questions of precedence. Professor Howe was also hugely generous in answering questions not just about his research but about Cambridge, where he is Professor of Biochemistry and President of Corpus Christi College, giving us a real boost in our own academic ambitions. Above all, as an aspiring medic and scientist, his lecture emphasised to me how through scientific research we have in our hands the possibility of an accumulation of vital breakthroughs, critical to human progress.

Fahad Al Saadi, Lower Sixth
President of the Medics Society





Dr Wendy Harrison (June 2026)
*Animal Health, Human Health, and Global Policy:
 A Career at the Intersection*



Dr Wendy Harrison certainly delivered everything that was promised and more. It was a privilege to welcome and speak with Dr Harrison before the lecture and then attend her talk. Despite her extraordinary achievements as CEO of Unlimit Health, Honorary Professor at the Royal Veterinary College and Co-President of the Royal Society of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine she was remarkably generous with her time and hugely engaging and approachable. Her lecture, *Animal Health, Human Health and Global Policy: A Career at the Intersection*, was exceptionally informative and captivating. Learning about drug development and neglected tropical diseases was fascinating, but what made the evening truly memorable was hearing her personal experiences and her commitment to improving the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable communities. As I said in my vote of thanks on the day, we are taught that life is valuable and sacred, and throughout our lives we develop our own understanding of what that truly means. Dr Harrison added a significant new dimension to that understanding, reminding us that using our knowledge and talents in service of others may be one of the greatest expressions of the value of human life.

**Fahad Al Saadi, Lower Sixth
 President of the Medics Society**



Sam Odia (Head's 1975–1978) (June 2026)
Housing the Poor in Nigeria



Sam Odia deeply inspired students and staff alike in his lecture on his work developing affordable housing in Nigeria through the Millard Fuller Foundation. Under his tenure as CEO, the Foundation has been awarded the highly coveted Most Affordable Home Prize for four consecutive years and has constructed well over 1,000 affordable homes. These buildings use simple designs to ensure their accessibility to economically disadvantaged and under-resourced populations. We were left in awe of the profound humanitarian impact of his career and the legacy he has left behind: through his faith-driven leadership, his work has generated a wealth of job opportunities and targeted a population often sidelined by the architectural profession. The Millard Fuller Foundation has helped lift several generations of families affected by poverty into better living conditions, reminding the audience of how much power we all hold to do good in the world, a value deeply important to all within our school community. Mr Odia was enormously kind in answering a myriad of questions about his inspiration, future ambitions, the logistics of his work and the immense impact it is making on so many lives. We were honoured to have him back at Lancing, accompanied by his brother and son, themselves all OLs, and we felt hugely empowered by his fantastic and highly compelling talk.

Kika Nucifora Leakey, Lower Sixth



**(L to R): Seth Odia (School 2014–2015), Diana Cree,
 Sam Odia (Head's 1975–1978), Dr Scott Crawford
 and Ayokunle Odia (Head's 1984–1988)**

Careers at Lancing:

The Right Interventions at the Right Time

Preparing young people for life beyond school is about far more than helping them choose a university course or career pathway

At Lancing, our careers provision is built around the Gatsby Benchmarks – the nationally recognised framework for excellent careers education – with a focus on providing the right guidance at the right time. By introducing pupils to a broad range of opportunities throughout their time at the College, we aim to help them make informed decisions and develop the confidence to navigate an ever-changing world of work.

As Sir John Holman notes in *The Gatsby Report – Good Career Guidance*: ‘If young people know more about the range of careers open to people with the right qualifications, they will have a clearer idea of the routes to better jobs.’

The Summer Term has been packed with just this type of intervention for students across the year groups.



Third Form Careers Fair

This was a successful and impactful event. Pupils met some 20 professionals from across our parent and OL community, representing fields as varied as Life Sciences, Acting and Engineering. In preparation and alongside this event, students worked together to develop their first CV and to hear about the career journey of recent students. Students demonstrated high levels of engagement, strong interests in careers, and significant appreciation of direct access to professionals.

Alongside the fair, pupils have been exploring their interests, strengths and skills through the *Unifrog* careers platform, encouraging them to begin thinking about future possibilities and the pathways available to them.

Fifth Form

As part of their transition to Sixth Form at the end of term, students attended workshops to cover Sixth Form subjects, UCAS, EPQs, Overseas Universities and Degree Apprenticeships. With the challenging graduate market, we are recognising increasing interest in degrees that feature a year in industry and also Degree Apprenticeships. Further practical workshops on this topic are picked up again at the beginning of the Sixth Form.





Sixth Form

The Summer Term is an important period of reflection and decision-making for Lower Sixth pupils as they begin considering university applications, apprenticeships and other post-school pathways. Alongside discussions with tutors about university choices and personal statements, pupils took part in two flagship careers events.

Speedy Careers offered students the opportunity to meet professionals on a one-to-one basis from a diverse range of industries through a series of short, informal conversations. These sessions allowed pupils to ask questions, explore different professions and gain first-hand insight into a variety of career journeys.

We were also delighted to welcome back recent OLs as University Ambassadors (pictured, top) as part of our *My Future Careers Programme*. Sharing both the highlights and challenges of university life, they provided honest, relatable advice to Lower Sixth pupils preparing to make similar decisions. As always, their enthusiasm and openness proved both reassuring and inspiring.



Career Conversations

A new project started this term to connect pupils with professionals from our extensive parent and OL network. These small group discussions provide an informal opportunity for pupils to explore a specific industry in greater depth through hearing directly from those working within them. The meetings take place at the end of the day, are entirely optional, and welcome students across the Fifth and Sixth Forms.

This term, pupils have enjoyed conversations focusing on careers in Sport and Finance. Our speakers commented on the thoughtful questions asked and the genuine curiosity shown by the pupils, reflecting the growing engagement with careers education across the College.

As we continue to expand the programme, we are always keen to hear from members of the Lancing community who would be willing to share their career journey and help inspire the next generation. If you are interested in getting involved, please email Alexa Tarsey on atarsey@lancing.org.uk

A Taste of Their Own ...

The Lancing College Medics' Society is an ever-growing community of people with the ambition of becoming doctors, dentists and vets. This year, we have held innumerable events which have been impactful, fun, and helpful for the future. Recently, Fahad Al Saadi and Charlotte Young were elected as this year's Presidents.



In the Advent Term, MedSoc and other members of the Lancing Community attended the Medics' Dinner. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to make connections and talk to people in the careers that we aspire to. We were able to speak to professionals from many different medical disciplines – dentistry, veterinary, medicine, and many different physician specialties. They spoke about their experiences in the NHS, applying to medical school, and provided deeply insightful information. Additionally, another great opportunity at the start of the year was the MMI (multiple mini interviews) nights (one for medics and dentists, one for vets). At these events, we practised our interview techniques which will be required for our upcoming university applications. This once again allowed us to talk to many external medics, dentists, and vets, giving us invaluable insight into the competitive application process.

Throughout the year, we have gone on numerous trips to gain a deeper knowledge of the NHS, current affairs in medicine, and gain practical experience. For example, a group of students visited the Royal College of Surgeons earlier this year. Here, we were taught about the history of surgery, from barber-surgeons to John Hunter. Seeing the legacy of famous surgeons was inspiring to us all. We also viewed anatomical specimens, which was fascinating and gave us a deeper understanding of human anatomy.

In February, a group of students attended the Women's Health Summit. We learnt about the gender health gap and innovations taking place to help reduce this inequity. We also learnt about the importance of improving women's healthcare, noting that women spend a larger portion of their lives in poor health despite living longer. The presenters spoke about how diseases present differently in women or disproportionately affect them, yet women remain neglected in clinical and pre-clinical trials, and some female dominant diseases are underfunded. We also discovered the economic impact: women, due to poorer health, leave the workforce earlier than men on average. Closing this gap could boost the global economy by \$1 trillion.

We have also attended many lectures by renowned physicians. In the Summer Term, we attended two lectures by the Brighton & Sussex Medico-Chirurgical Society. The first of which was by Professor Kamala Hawthorne who was the previous chair of the Royal College of GPs. Professor Hawthorne spoke about the changes being made within the NHS and the changes which are still necessary. This lecture increased our knowledge of the structure of the NHS as well as the issues being faced. The second was by Dr Chris Van Tulleken – famous for being a presenter on *Operation Ouch* and as the author of *Ultra-Processed People*. Attending this

Introduction to the Presidents: Charlotte Young

Having aspired to become a doctor for many years, being a part of MedSoc this past year has helped hone this dream into a closer reality. My vision for the society next year is to expand and involve younger years more in order to help them grow ambitions to become medics. I would also like to take initiative and leave a legacy for the future generations of aspiring medics.





lecture offered an eye-opening look into the modern food industry. This lecture showed us the effects of UPFs and how systematic change is needed. It was inspiring to hear about initiatives which reduce the presence of UPFs and how vital it is for global health that we – the future of science – are informed on this topic.

All of the members of MedSoc attended two of the Head Master's Lectures this term. The first was by the world leading biochemist and president of Corpus Christi Cambridge, Professor Christopher Howe, who shared insight into how the evolution of genes can be studied in the same manner as other academic subjects (eg medieval manuscripts, Persian carpets, and folk tales). Professor Howe encouraged us to think creatively across disciplines. The second HM Lecture was by Dr Wendy Harrison on how animal health is intrinsically connected with human health (One Health) as well as global policy surrounding health. She is a trained veterinary surgeon and the CEO of Unlimit Health, an international organisation partnering with Ministries of Health in endemic countries to end parasitic disease. She demonstrated how governments need to look at the bigger picture and that tropical diseases have been overlooked in the past. This was inspirational to us as aspiring medics as it showed what needs to happen in the future to ensure we don't end up with epidemics and

pandemics of tropical diseases – a highly relevant topic at the moment.

Future medics and dentists sat a mock UCAT test to identify our weaknesses to practice over the summer so that we have the greatest chance of achieving our ambitions. We have also had medical student OLs talk to us about applying to medical school. This has led to us having clarity on Oxbridge applications, selecting a fifth tactical choice, and so much more. All of these sessions have been crucial for us to gather knowledge of what our applications should look like and what we need to receive offers to study our chosen course at university.

This year has been a fantastic year for the MedSoc. We have grown immensely in numbers and will continue to thrive in the coming year. We are all proud of the Upper Sixth who have worked so hard and we hope they have an amazing time at university next year.

A huge thank you to all of our guest speakers we have had this year, the teachers who support us, and a particular thanks to Mrs Britnell who has a profound impact on us all.

We all look forward to seeing what the future holds for our aspiring medics.

**Charlotte Young and Fahad Al Saadi, Lower Sixth
MedSoc Presidents**



Introduction to the Presidents: Fahad Al Saadi

Determined to be a medic, I found myself absorbed by the politics regarding the NHS and policy making in health care in general, leading me to discover my passion within medicine, which also inspired me to want to lead within the society, and in future, the healthcare system. My vision for the society is that it continues to be the welcoming and helpful hub and resource it is while expanding our outreach to include the local community as well as having a much bigger print within the College.

Class of 2026

The Class of 2026 has secured an exceptional range of university offers, reflecting both the ambition of our pupils and the strength of the support they receive.



This year's destinations demonstrate not only breadth – spanning continents and disciplines – but also remarkable depth in terms of university standing and competitiveness.

From the UK's most prestigious institutions to leading global universities, Lancing pupils have once again shown themselves to be among the very best prepared for higher education. Offers from Oxford and Cambridge, Imperial College London, the London School of Economics, UCL, and Durham highlight the continued strength of applications to the UK's most selective universities. Alongside this, pupils have secured places at world-renowned international institutions, including the University of Toronto, McGill, NYU, UC Riverside, and universities across Europe and Asia.

Popular Courses and Leading Destinations

Certain trends are clear. Highly competitive courses such as Economics, Engineering, Medicine, and Psychology remain especially popular, with pupils securing places at institutions of the highest academic standing. LSE, UCL, Warwick, Bath, and Exeter feature prominently, reflecting both their prestige and appeal. STEM pathways are particularly strong this year, with pupils heading to Imperial, Manchester, and Edinburgh, while creative and performing arts pathways have also flourished, with offers from institutions such as Parsons School of Design and the Royal Academy of Music.

Equally striking is the global reach of this cohort. The number of international applications has increased significantly, both in volume and complexity, with pupils successfully navigating demanding processes in the United States, Canada, Europe, and beyond.

Individual Triumphs

The Class of 2026 includes a number of exceptional individual achievements. David Okonkwo has secured a scholarship to the University of California, Riverside, for Chemical Engineering; Kelly Chen has gained a place at New York University; and Nadia Domnik has received offers from leading dance institutions, including the renowned Juilliard School in New York. These successes sit within a broader culture of excellence. Maria Njoya will read Classics and

English at Oxford, Oskar Ladipo has received offers from both Oxford and LSE for Anthropology, and Rory Horne will study Engineering at Cambridge. In Medicine and allied fields, pupils have secured places on highly competitive programmes at institutions including King's College London and Queen's Belfast, while Veterinary Science remains a notable strength. Economics applicants have also enjoyed considerable success, with offers from UCL, McGill and other leading universities. Creative pathways continue to flourish, with destinations including the Royal Academy of Music and Parsons School of Design.

International Success and Overseas Applicants

Pupils have successfully navigated complex admissions systems in the US, Canada, and Europe, achieving outstanding results. This success is due in no small part to the expert guidance of Mrs Catherine Mole, our Overseas University Applications Coordinator. Her tireless work has supported pupils through increasingly intricate processes, ensuring that each candidate is able to present themselves with confidence and clarity on the world stage. The results speak for themselves: a record number of offers from top international institutions and an ever-expanding global footprint for Lancing Leavers.

A Collective Effort

Behind these individual successes lies a tremendous collective effort. Our sincere thanks go to; Ms Fern Britnell, Dr Damian Kerney, Mrs Catherine Mole, Dr John Herbert, Mr Alasdair Tobias, Miss Alexa Tarsey, Mrs Diana Cree, and our Housemasters, Housemistresses and Tutors.

Looking Ahead

Whether heading to world-leading universities, specialist conservatoires, or international pathways, our pupils carry with them the confidence, intellect, and character that define a Lancing education. We congratulate them all warmly and look forward with great pride to what they will achieve next.

Chris Pownall
Head of Sixth Form

A Winning Hand(ford)

Lancing's House Debating Competition has continued the tradition of being passionate, controversial and entertaining.



With every House fielding a team this year, Thursday nights were dramatic and informative with topics such as vaccinations becoming compulsory, Britain rejoining the European Union and politics not playing a role in sport. The audiences were just as invested as the debaters, providing some tricky questions for our summary speakers and some thoughtful conversations afterwards.

The House teams showed great skill and preparation, working exceptionally well together to craft precise and convincing arguments. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and organisation with which the teams approached the competition. Judging this year proved a difficult task as the standard of debate was exceptional from the opening statements to the final calls to action. Support from the audience was at an all-time high, with packed houses almost every Thursday, especially as we came closer to the final.

Sankey's, Gibbs', Handford and Teme made it into the coveted Final Four where the atmosphere had that mix of reverent intensity and loud cheers similar to centre court at Wimbledon. The final motion *This House believes the English Flag is a Symbol of Division* featured Handford and Teme yet again battling it out for the championship, with the Head Master and Ms Henry acting as judges. After a very close debate showcasing excellent arguments and rebuttals, Handford emerged victorious to thunderous applause and a beaming Ms McKane.

Congratulations go to Bertie Faulkner, Josh Ogunsipe, Xander Graham, Hilmi Mohammed, Bea Hill, Alice Young and Ciara Herbert for their participation and to our audiences, judges, chairs and timekeepers for making this competition so enjoyable.

Dr Elizabeth Keane
Head of Politics



The Lancing Geographer

Each year a team of Lower Sixth Geography pupils form the Editorial Board to produce another edition of The Lancing Geographer journal.

Unlike other student-led publications this is set up as an academic journal. Articles are commissioned, edited, fact checked (as much as is possible!), suitable supporting images sought and formatted ready for publication. The whole journal has an academic feel.

This year's team of editors were Kika Nucifora Leakey, Evie Marchment, Grace Wilson, Alice Young and Nyima Edwards.

Articles in this edition were drawn from a variety of authors and include reports on fieldtrips to the USA, Sicily

and Barcelona, interviews with OLs, globalisation in Nepal, inequality in Lagos, impacts of the FIFA World Cup on migration, and the impact of climate change on superbugs. Many of the articles started life as A Level coursework projects.

This edition, and all previous editions of the journal can be viewed on the geography pages of the College website. Physical copies of the journal can be found around the College.

Dr Richard Bustin, Head of Geography



THE LANCING GEOGRAPHER – latest edition here



The People's Emperor

The Lancing community listened spellbound to the brilliant, best-selling historian Dr Edward Shawcross lecture on The People's Emperor: The Unlikely Rise and Spectacular Fall of Napoleon III.

This was a wonderfully charismatic, rip-roaring and politically telling insight into one of the most important but now overlooked politicians of the 19th century. It was also a superb snapshot of Dr Shawcross' biography of Napoleon III, which had not been published at the time, but is available now to huge acclaim.

In his talk he wittily drew out not just the extraordinary farce and ultimate failure of the French Emperor's life, but also Napoleon III's groundbreaking mastery of mass democratic politics and populism. Clear resonances with today's fraught, ever-shifting political landscape were deftly articulated, and Dr Shawcross generously fielded question upon question from an enthralled audience. Such formidable learning, so lightly worn was only to be expected from a former Lancing History teacher and Tutor in Gibbs' House, not to mention the author of the critically acclaimed *The Last Emperor of Mexico*! What a triumph!

Dr Damian Kerney, Head of History

New Book, now available: *The People's Emperor: The Unlikely Rise and Spectacular Fall of Napoleon III*

Following his captivating visit to Lancing last term, readers can now enjoy the full story in Dr Edward Shawcross' newly published biography, *The People's Emperor: The Unlikely Rise and Spectacular Fall of Napoleon III*. Bringing to life one of the 19th century's most fascinating and contradictory figures, the book explores the remarkable journey of a man who rose from political exile to become Emperor of France, before suffering an equally dramatic fall from power. Richly researched and highly readable, it offers a fresh perspective on a leader whose influence continues to resonate today.

Born into imperial splendour in 1808, Louis-Napoleon – the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte – grew up far from power after his uncle's defeat at Waterloo.

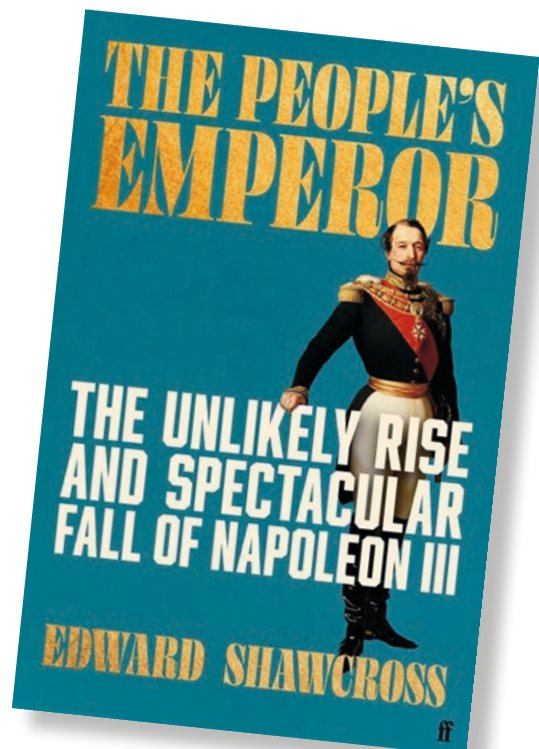
As a young man in exile, he repeatedly plotted, unsuccessfully, to restore the Napoleonic empire. Few took him seriously. But what followed is one of the most astonishing, improbable stories in history. Aged 40, Louis-Napoleon was elected president of France in 1848. Three years later, he seized power and then became emperor. He ruled until 1870, but led the country into a disastrous war with Prussia, which cost him his throne.

Napoleon III's tale is one of self-belief, political skill and radical innovation – the first person to master mass democratic politics and populism. Yet, despite being one of the most important trailblazers of the nineteenth century, he is largely misunderstood today, if not totally forgotten.

His strange rise and catastrophic fall is a story of both tragedy and farce, set during some of France's most tumultuous decades.

Ed's book has already received widespread acclaim and several outstanding reviews, including a five-star rating from historian Simon Sebag Montefiore in *The Telegraph*. He wrote: 'This is a book written to be enjoyed: it's a gripping, fascinating biography.'

The praise has been echoed by journalist and broadcaster Ed Conway, who described the book as: 'Rigorously researched, endlessly illuminating. *The People's Emperor* is a real page-turner.'



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Ed Conway

For Art's Sake

The Art and Photography Department has enjoyed another exceptional year, marked by ambitious creative exploration, outstanding student achievement, and a vibrant programme of exhibitions, competitions and cultural engagement.



Throughout the year, students have demonstrated remarkable imagination, technical skill and intellectual curiosity, producing work that reflects both personal expression and critical engagement with contemporary issues.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Art and Photography Summer Show, presented during Arts Week and Founder's Day. The exhibition transformed the Art School into a celebration of creativity, showcasing an extraordinary range of GCSE and A Level work across Fine Art and Photography.

Visitors encountered a rich variety of themes and media. Fine Art students explored subjects as diverse as consumerism, migration, conflict, childhood nostalgia, cultural identity, disease and personal memory. Large-scale installations sat alongside intimate studies, while ceramic sculptures, screen prints, paintings, textiles, mixed-media constructions and cast ceramic forms demonstrated the breadth of artistic approaches developed within the Department.

Among the standout works were ambitious ceramic projects investigating mass consumption, intricate slip-cast sculptural constructions inspired by furniture design, and powerful paintings examining themes of illness, displacement and the human impact of war. Students also embraced increasingly experimental processes, incorporating embroidery, knitting, felt-making, mould-making and screen printing into their practice.

Photography students produced equally compelling and thought-provoking work. Large-scale photographic prints and installations explored themes of reflection, memory, water, identity and social connection. Particularly notable were projects examining the impact of social media on younger generations, as well as immersive photographic installations that investigated surface tensions, light and the changing qualities of water. The technical sophistication and conceptual maturity of the work on display reflected the department's commitment to encouraging students to develop both creative confidence and individual artistic voices.

The exhibition was a testament to the dedication and talent of our students and to the collaborative spirit that exists within the department. It also celebrated the success of many students progressing to higher education courses in Fine Art, Architecture, Animation, Sculpture and other creative disciplines at leading universities in the UK and the United States.

Beyond the classroom, students have continued to engage actively with the wider artistic community. Educational visits to Goodwood Sculpture Park, Pallant House Gallery, Petworth House, Tate Britain and the Saatchi Gallery provided invaluable opportunities for students to encounter significant works of art first-hand, deepening their understanding of both historical and contemporary practice. These experiences continue to inform and enrich classroom learning, encouraging students to broaden their visual awareness and critical thinking.

Competition participation remained a central aspect of the Department's culture of excellence. Students submitted work to a range of prestigious local and national initiatives, including the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show, the Arts Society West Sussex Young Arts Exhibition, the Drawing Matters Architectural Prize and Write on Art. These opportunities challenged students to present their work within professional contexts and engage with audiences beyond the College.

The Department also welcomed external speakers from Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), who provided valuable insights into careers and pathways within the creative industries. Such experiences continue to inspire students as they consider future opportunities in art, design, photography and related fields.

Above all, this year has been characterised by a spirit of curiosity, experimentation and ambition. From the first sketchbook studies to the final exhibition installations, students have demonstrated resilience, creativity and a willingness to take risks in pursuit of their artistic vision.

It has been a privilege to support and guide so many talented young artists and photographers on their creative journeys. With the continued dedication of our staff and the enthusiasm of our students, the Art Department looks forward to building on this year's successes and continuing to foster creativity, innovation and excellence in the years ahead.

Charlotte Munck
Head of Art & Photography



Art and About ...

On Thursday 4 June, 15 Art and Photography students from the Lower Sixth travelled to Goodwood Art Foundation and Pallant House for an educational visit.

The visit formed an important part of the students' A Level coursework, informing what they research and write about for their written component. Having the opportunity to study original artworks first-hand to develop their ideas will later feed into their artworks too.

After arriving at Goodwood Art Foundation, the group walked to the learning hub, a teepee in the forest that they used as their base. The students were given a short introductory talk and some maps and then spent the morning exploring large sculptures situated in the landscape and within the new gallery buildings.

Students were encouraged to make observational drawings, take reference photographs, and record ideas from works that connected with their working themes. This independent research time allowed students to engage directly with the artworks and think critically about the subjects explored, the materials used, and what it means to present work in this context, so close to nature.

In the afternoon, the group travelled to Chichester by coach to see the collection of modern and contemporary British art on view at Pallant House Gallery. Having made their way on foot from the Cathedral, students were met at the gallery by the Curator and the Learning Coordinator for a talk on how the

collection came into being and were asked to stand next to a work in the first room that spoke to them personally.

Pallant House's extensive collection of modern and contemporary British artworks features a host of well-respected artists. The work of Pop Art pioneers Peter Blake and Richard Hamilton, modernist sculptors Barbara Hepworth and Eduardo Paolozzi, and figurative painters like Lucian Freud were all found under one roof.

Overall, the trip was a highly successful and valuable experience for the students. Seeing original artworks and exhibitions first-hand enables students to make informed decisions about the themes that speak most to them and the kinds of art they want to see in the world. Having visited an outdoor sculpture park in the morning and an indoor art museum in the afternoon ensured that students experienced a broad range of themes and media in both 2D and 3D.

Opportunities to encounter original artworks and contemporary exhibitions play an essential role in developing artistic understanding. This day provided plenty of examples that will shape what themes the students tackle for their essays and will influence their final exhibition next year.

Nick West, Art Technician

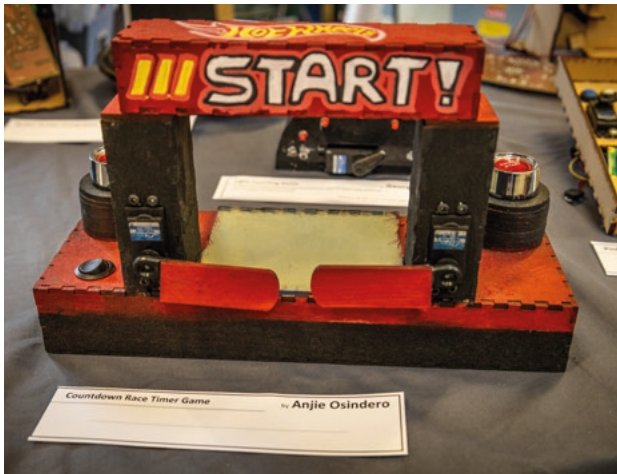




Design & Technology Summer Exhibition

As part of Founder's Day Arts Week, the Design & Technology Department hosted an exhibition of GCSE and A Level project work. Here's a snapshot of some of the pieces pupils have been designing and constructing this year ...





Arabian Nights

No fewer than 34 – yes, you read that right, thirty-four – Third and Fourth (see what they did there?) Form pupils created and delivered a powerful and memorable retelling of the timeless Arabian Nights for this year's Junior Play.

A vivid array of tales was told with precision, clarity and variety of voice, drawing us in through the frame story, then conjuring each successive episode, with energy and commitment. Complementing and enlivening the diction, the physicality of the performances was wonderful: always expressive, often humorous (some extraordinary faces pulled!) but at other times, too, appropriately poignant.

All human emotions are writ large here – and in the boldest of primary colours. Above all, this production seeped

theatricality, the cast working fluently as an ensemble, conjuring story and encouraging imagination through creative use of stage and space – properly immersive theatre.

Hats off to Mr Chandler's atmospheric lighting, and of course to Mrs Gerstmeyer's deft direction of such a large cast to create a transporting, enchanting piece. An inspiring evening's theatre and absolute triumph!

Matt Smith, Director of Drama and Dance





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As a cast, we worked through staging ideas methodically during rehearsals, tackling each story one at a time. Thrilling stories like *The Little Beggar* and *The Wife Who Wouldn't Eat* invited many unique staging opportunities, and each rehearsal prepared us more and more for the final show. The Junior Play has offered fun and exciting acting opportunities working in the theatre, as well as creating friendships and memories that I'm sure will be a defining memory in our time at this school. I would like to thank Mrs Gerstmeyer for putting together such an incredibly fun play, as well as my cast members for making it such a memorable experience.

Jessica Beal, Fourth Form

The story and acting were extremely effective and pulled me in. The actors clearly enjoyed their roles and delivered their characters' feelings and opinions expertly. King Shahrayer displayed his character and the transition of the King's feelings throughout the play particularly well, and he did not let his injury hinder him in his performance. All the sound and lighting effects were on point and highlighted each scene distinctly. Overall, it was an entrancing performance, and everyone involved should be very proud of themselves.

Cosmo Le Page, Fourth Form

This year's Junior Play, *Arabian Nights*, was an excellent display of the theatrical talent within the College community's Third and Fourth Forms; from the spectacularly hilarious telling of *The Story of the Little Beggar* to the well-acted and captivating final moments of *The Story Without an Ending*- the play made sure to keep audiences more than interested.

Across both nights, audiences seemed to especially enjoy *The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor* and *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*. Head Master Dr Crawford praised it as 'a superbly acted play with some very tender moments, with lots of wit and a stunning ensemble cast'.

I particularly enjoyed the costuming as well as the set. I feel there was great effort made to blend culture and art in an appropriate and successful way, whilst still remaining respectful to the cultures represented in the original source material.

Additionally, the various uses of space within the theatre (for example, the *Forty Thieves* and the Captain racing up the stairs) made for an exciting environment as you truly never knew who, or what, could take you by surprise.

Overall, a well put together performance told by a deeply charismatic cast resulted in a high-quality performance, which can be well attributed to the hard work of the cast, set designers/ costume designers and of course the Director, Mrs Gerstmeyer.

Akeelah Law, Fourth Form

Dancing Queen

Leading Performing Arts student Piper Scrace reflects on five years of the magic of dance

The annual Dance Show is an eagerly anticipated event across the school, and this year did not disappoint! The variety of dance styles performed was truly record-breaking for the College. From ballet and tap to Latin fusion, there was something to captivate everyone. The commitment and enthusiasm shown from students throughout the school was remarkable.

Clarissa Cheng delivered a beautiful ballet piece, with a standout solo performance of the *Esmeralda Variation*. Nadia Domnik's contemporary solo captivated the audience with palpable emotion. Ensemble dances were equally well performed, with Monty Tipton, Albie Tipton, Levi Georgiou and Ryley Gibbs' sparking *Electricity* from *Billy Elliot* (choreographed by Damien Delaney who worked on the original professional production) being a particularly memorable moment!

This year saw the addition of a special guest performer, Lee Payne. He entertained us all with a witty and clever tap routine, demonstrating years of focus and dedication to his craft.

Six months of rehearsals were evident when the final pieces came together, and the applause that followed each routine was a testament to the hard work put in by everyone involved!

Days later, the Musical Theatre Cabaret was presented as part of Arts Week – a showcase of song and dance pieces. Featuring pieces from musicals such as *Chicago*, *Grease*, *Hamilton*, and *Back to The Future*, the evening was a relaxed yet exciting celebration of performance. It provided the whole community with an opportunity to explore musical theatre in diverse styles and discover their own creative ideas.

For me, dance and musical theatre have been at the centre of my time at the College. From nervously stepping into that first jazz class five years ago, to now leading prep school classes, I have grown in ways I could have never imagined. After five school musicals, annual dance shows, and various musical theatre cabarets, I have cherished every opportunity that has shaped me into the performer I am today. The expert teaching and support given by the Dance Department here has been inspiring. I have made lifelong friendships and can confidently leave Lancing knowing that I have developed the skills and foundations to continue my training in the performing arts.

Piper Scrace, Upper Sixth



2026 Dance Show



Guest performer Lee Payne



The cast of the 2026 Dance Show



Musical Theatre Cabaret



Musical Theatre Cabaret

Amadeus

The Lower Sixth's production of Amadeus made for a vibrant and striking take on this classic drama.

The secrecy and scandal of high society in 18th Century Vienna was evoked as whispers of 'Salieri' echoed through the Theatre as the play began. Filled with life and humour from the start, upheld throughout, this was easily the most memorable of the many productions I have seen at Lancing.

Monty Tipton's Salieri seethed throughout, displaying the complexity of the character with sensitivity and depth as his bitterness coursed through each scene. Monty's transitions from old to young; his voice control; his comprehension and command of the role; were stunning. His constant presence set the tone, sharply pivoting from playful comic to vindictive Machiavel to cynical retiree, executing ambitious characterisation with subtlety, the audience hanging on every word. Albie Tipton's Mozart contrasted through his erratic, hectic, hyperactive performance which brought immense tension to the dynamic between the two leads. Albie intricately weaved undertones of insecurity into Mozart's bawdy theatricality, building as he is inexorably outcast, coming to a head at the death of his father. Mozart's desperation for

patriarchal approval from Casper Cole-Hatvany's bumbling Emperor Joseph (a fan favourite, born for this role) is thwarted by his snobbish, cynical advisors (Ronas Ekinici, Alex Gyure and Joe Mawhinney all superb characterisations). As his eccentricity mutates into insanity the audience cannot help but sympathise as he tears himself apart. The contrast of twins playing rivals made the divide between the characters so effective. Both characters felt so inhabited.

Two actors shared the role of Constanze across the run. Piper Pownall's portrayal was played with clear attention to dissonance: her love and appreciation for Mozart colliding with the reality of their unsustainable situation. Her fierce, fiery love for Mozart created a tragic focus of the play in her outrage at Salieri's manipulation, her frustration with Mozart's missteps and her genuine hope for his recovery which is ripped from her at his demise. Her presence showed the wider consequences of Salieri's revenge. The portrayal of Constanze by Annie Hargrave was convincingly realised, as her character evolved from a playful, mischievous partner engaging Mozart





in well-rehearsed games to a more subtly crafted, flirtatious figure as she befriends Salieri, before ultimately recognising his ulterior motives. Annie clearly formed a strong emotional connection with the role, communicating Constanze's thoughts and feelings vividly through clear vocal and physical expression. This was particularly evident during Mozart's death scene, where the depth of Constanze's love for her husband was powerfully conveyed through an outpouring of emotion, drawing the audience into her grief and fostering genuine sympathy for the character.

The Venticelli – Jaz Bartholomew, Ciara Herbert, Sofia Huckson, Sophia Williamson, and Alice Young – linked scenes with the energy of synchronised gossip girls, carrying the audience smoothly through the evening. By turning an original duo into an ensemble, the emphasis on gossip and rumours felt more universal and aligned cleanly with the politics of the court. Andrew Babenko, Hilmi Mohammed and Roma Gerstmeyer were all dedicated to their roles. Perhaps my

favourite part of the performance was that I knew many of the cast personally; seeing familiar faces transformed into entirely different characters was certainly a sight to see.

Eccentric wigs and gorgeous gowns wondrously set the period and made the characters come to life – thanks to Mrs Charteris. The atmospheric lighting from warm to cold, often both at once, added to the intrigue; sound cues were crisp and sublime, thanks to Euan Cleallsmith, Penelope West, Mr Chandler, and Isaac Ho on keyboard.

This was an amazing production, one of the theatrical highlights of the year. The entire Lower Sixth cast had such great rapport, bringing colour and depth to every role, making this a performance to be proud of. The amount of effort that must have been put in to make it feel effortless really sums up how brilliant Mr Smith's productions are. And, well, there it is!

Rafe Chapman, Upper Sixth, with contributions from Lucy Mason and Poppy Grime, Lower Sixth

Annie Hargrave reflects on her first time on stage at Lancing:

My first production at Lancing was nothing short of extraordinary. Playing Constanze (shared with Piper) was an experience I looked forward to every day, and discovering what I wanted to bring to the character was always an exciting challenge. The production established an incredibly passionate and dedicated group of people whose hard work and talent made every performance memorable. In particular, the friendships created within the cast made the whole experience feel that much more special, and the Drama Department's enthusiastic commitment to each and every one of us made us all feel exceedingly valued. I know that we all felt fired up by the immense support and personally I feel that I have learned invaluable lessons from everyone in the cast, pushing me to be the best actor I can be even now. I am incredibly proud to have been part of such a successful show, and I look forward to my future contributions to Drama at Lancing.

Mozart's *Requiem*

On Friday 1 May an audience of over three hundred gathered in Chapel to hear Mozart's Requiem.



Over the years this choral concert has become a regular fixture in the Lancing calendar, just before the early May Bank holiday and the onset of public exams.

The combined chorus of over 100 singers was formed of the College Singers and Lancing's Choir. The College Singers is Lancing's community choir which is open to all. They began rehearsing for this concert in March, before the Easter break. A professional chamber orchestra of twenty players provided the wonderful accompaniment and included two current pupils, Eva Al-Shimmeri (viola) and Isaac Hussey (cello), two recent OLs Grace Shearing (violin) and Kevin Ng (timpani) as well as many of our Visiting Music Teachers.

The *Requiem* features some of the most sublime music ever written, but behind the music is an intriguing story! In 1791, when Mozart received a mysterious commission to compose a new Requiem he was already in ill health. Later that year Mozart died at the very young age of 35, leaving the *Requiem* unfinished. It was subsequently completed by one of his pupils, Franz Xaver Sussmayr and it was this completion that was performed on Friday evening.

The opening movement *Requiem aeternam* sets the scene with the expressive bassoon and basset horn introduction before announcing the first chorus. Henry Way provided the first solo, effortlessly gliding over the orchestral strings with Mozart's borrowed plainsong melody. The ensuing *Kyrie* fugue tests the technique of the chorus but they made light work of all the semi-quaver runs. Almost immediately the chorus dashed headlong into the next movement, the dramatic *Dies*

irae where phrases are interspersed with scurrying chromatic strings. The chorus was on fine form here soaring over the energetic accompaniment.

The first solo quartet *Tuba mirum* features the well-known trombone solo, performed on this occasion by Mr Fulwell. Tom Cotton (bass) mirrored this phrase in his opening statement demonstrating his vocal control and rich tone. The quartet was completed by Freddie Way (tenor), Sophia Williamson (alto) and Lili Rashbrook (soprano) who each took turns as soloist before combining as a quartet. The second solo quartet followed soon with the *Recordare* and featured a new combination of soloists; Maria Njaya (soprano), Miss Barker (alto) with Freddie Way and Tom Cotton once more. Several more choruses followed including the *Lacrymosa* which opens with the last eight bar Mozart composed. I am told that such was the beauty of the Choir's singing, it brought a tear to the eye of the leader of the orchestra whilst playing! The third solo quartet, *Benedictus*, was almost entirely composed by Sussmayr rather than Mozart but features exquisite solo lines sung this time by Izzy Moss (soprano), Beatrice de Courcy-White (alto), Freddie Way and Tom Cotton. For the closing choruses, Sussmayr brings back Mozart's opening material and Julia Muscat stepped forward to deliver the final solo phrase before the Chorus resumed with the final fugue.

This was certainly an evening that will live long in the memory and to hear nine pupils sing the solos with the poise of professional soloists was remarkable.

Alexander Mason, Director of Music

The Junior Concert

On 18 May, we were treated to an enjoyable and varied Junior Concert featuring an impressive range of performers from the Third and Fourth Forms.



Sinfonia, directed by Miss Emilie Harlow, opened the evening with two entertaining orchestral works. Johann Strauss's *Radetsky March* provided a lively start, followed by a medley of tunes from the popular musical *Wicked*, which delighted the audience and showcased the ensemble's developing musicianship. The concert then continued with a series of solo performances spanning woodwind, voice, piano, strings and drums, offering a wide variety of musical styles and characters.

The woodwind section opened with Isla Kerney-Haynes performing Rob Buckland's *Free Running*. She played with confidence and energy, demonstrating excellent rhythmic control. Beatrice Dissanayake followed with Pascal Proust's *Icare*, producing a thoughtful and expressive performance. Isla then returned to the stage with Paul Harris's *Saxsequential*, displaying her excellent versatility.

A selection of vocal solos brought some contrast to the concert. William Pottinger gave a commanding rendition of Mozart's *O Isis und Osiris* from *Die Zauberflöte*, singing with maturity and assurance. Phoebe Balchin performed Reger's *Mariä Wiegenlied*, demonstrating excellent control over the stunning top notes while Luca McDonald produced delightful lyricism in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Time Was When Love and I Were Well Acquainted*. Julia Muscat gave an engaging performance of Stephen Sondheim's *Green Finch and Linnet Bird*, and Beatrice de Courcy-White completed the vocal programme with a heartfelt interpretation of *Can't Help Lovin' That Man of Mine*.

The piano performances provided moments of reflection and technical accomplishment. Bea Bird played Ludovico Einaudi's *I Giorni* with poise and musicality, before Charlie Florent followed with the first movement of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*, producing an expressive performance with terrific control of tone and dynamics.

The drum section showcased four talented performers. Brandon Zhou performed Joe Bennett's *Mohair Mountain* with precision and rhythmic control. Olivia Milchan followed with a compelling interpretation of Jeff Buckley's *Last Goodbye*, before Sotaro Nakatani brought a hard rock influence to the evening with The Cult's *She Sells Sanctuary*. Dylan Baldwin closed the set in confident fashion with Queens of the Stone Age's *No One Knows*, delivering a powerful and energetic performance.

The concert ended with a vibrant sequence of string performances. Henry Way gave a rich and lyrical performance of the Adagio from Schubert's *Arpeggione Sonata*, before Luca McDonald returned to the stage to perform Barbara Arens' *Tango Habanera*, capturing the dance character of the work with confidence and flair. Larissa Choi concluded the concert with a spectacular performance of Brahms's *Hungarian Dance No.1*, bringing the evening to a close in terrific fashion.

This entertaining and impressive concert highlighted the breadth of musical talent among the younger pupils at Lancing College. Each performer demonstrated commitment, confidence and enthusiasm, making the evening a memorable celebration of music.

Oliver Fulwell, Graduate Teacher of Music

“The Junior Concert was an amazing opportunity and experience for me as I got to play as a soloist in front of a big audience which is not a very common opportunity.

Larissa Choi, Fourth Form

Performing was a nerve-racking but incredibly rewarding experience. I loved every moment of singing and supporting all my talented friends as we brought the concert to life.

It was amazing to grow together, cheer each other on, and see all our hard work pay off.

Phoebe Balchin, Fourth Form

Evening of Song

This year's Evening of Song Concert was a spectacular tour de force with 20 items in which we were treated to Italian song, French mélodie, German lieder, musical theatre and operatic aria as well as some duets, trios and choral works.



The Concert opened with two French pieces; first, *Pie Jesu* from Fauré's *Requiem* sung by Henry Way and performed with impeccable intonation and second, *Fleur* by Francis Poulenc in an exquisite performance sung by Maria Njoya and accompanied by guest pianist Mr Mew.

Next, we enjoyed the music of four Romantic German composers. Phoebe Balchin sung Reger's enchanting lullaby *Maria Wiegenlied* with finesse and wowed the audience with her stunning top A flats. Isaac Hussey's rendition of Schumann's *Mondnacht* demonstrated his amazing control and rich and mature tone. Grace Haworth's *O for the Wings of a Dove* by Mendelssohn was beautifully sung with an incredible sense of line. Next up was Tom Cotton for the first of his performances to sing Wagner. I don't think we've had any Wagner in this concert before so thanks to Tom for introducing us this repertoire! He perfectly captured the mood in *O Du mein Holder* from Tannhauser. Freddie Way has demonstrated this year just what a promising young tenor he is and his *Vaga Luna* by Bellini was incredibly stylish.

The first half concluded with the last two movements of *Jepthe* by Carissimi, one of the first oratorios ever composed in 1645. Maria Njoya showed just how at home she is in the declamatory style of the early Baroque and three of her phrases were echoed by Lili Rashbrook and Izzy Moss backstage. The Chamber Choir completed the half with the final lament of *Jepthe* – *zz Plorate filii Israel*, music with incredibly passionate harmony and sung with real feeling by the Chamber Choir.

The second half was an opera and musical theatre sandwich. Lili Rashbrook opened the half with a ravishing performance of the *Habanera* from *Carmen* and Izzy Moss's *Dove Sono* from Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* was sung with such expressive control. Next was the first duet of the evening, where Maria joined Izzy to sing the well-known *Flower Duet* from *Lakmé* by Delibes. They combined in perfect harmony and ensemble for their long phrases in thirds and finished off-stage with another echo.

We were then treated to four stunning performances of musical theatre numbers. Mollie Thomson's *With You* from *Ghost* demonstrated her expressive range and then she teamed up with Grace Haworth for a heartrending performance of *Some Things are Meant to Be* from *Little Women*. Julia Muscat, still only in the Third Form, sang *Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again* in a confident and polished performance. Tom Cotton returned to the stage, having sung Wagner only moments earlier, to sing *Santa Fe* from *Newsies*. We've grown accustomed to his command of the stage in the theatre and this was an outstanding performance demonstrating his versatility.

Tom had no rest before the next item and we were back into the world of 18th century opera. He was joined by Lili and Izzy for one of the most sublime trios in all operatic repertoire, *Soave Sia il Vento* from Mozart's *Così* and here was a performance of professional quality. The penultimate item was a dramatic episode from the French Grand Opera, *Hamlet*, by Ambroise Thomas. Maria Njoya gave an unbelievable performance of Ophelia's *Mad Scene*, an aria of around twelve minutes in length with multiple changes of mood. For a student to tackle this sort of repertoire and pull it off with such style was a stupendous feat. There are moments in the score where Maria needs to cascade up to top E and back down again and Maria reached all of these notes with seemingly effortless ease. The final item was a return of the Chamber Choir to perform Stanford's part song *The Blue Bird* which has become a firm favourite amongst the pupils.

It was my pleasure to act as piano accompanist for the evening in a concert of exceptional musical quality. The Concert also marked the final occasion in which we heard departing Upper Sixth Formers in a solo capacity and we wish Maria Njoya, Tom Cotton and Lili Rashbrook every success in the next stages of their musical journeys.

Alexander Mason
Director of Music

Hot Rocks

On the scorching evening of Thursday 25 June, pupils, staff and parents gathered on the Music School lawn to enjoy the annual summer Rock Concert. The programme was varied, featuring classic rock and indie favourites, a culmination of sixth months of Rock Music Workshops.



The evening opened with a rousing performance of Don McLean's epic *American Pie* performed by Tom Cotton on piano and vocals, with Harrison McDermott, Henry Beveridge and Jed Thwala on guitar, bass and drums. This was followed by an energetic performance of *I Love Rock n Roll* with vocals by Bella Hogg. The next band then provided a more reflective mood, performing *Duvet* and *Fake Plastic Trees* with expressive vocals by Mackville Ma and sensitive instrumental sections by Isaac Ho, Reuben Pardy, Julian Kuboth and Ethan Fyfe.

The next band, with Lili Rashbrook on vocals, gave two spirited performances starting with Sam Fender's *Hypersonic Missiles*, capturing the energy and intensity of the original. Lili was then joined by Tom Cotton on vocals with an enjoyable performance of Weezer's *Go Away* with perfectly blended vocal harmonies from the two Upper Sixth Formers and a tight rhythm section. Tom then remained on the stage to give a moving, acoustic performance of *Father and Son*. The next band performed two crowd-pleasers, The Kooks' *Naïve* and Pulp's *Common People*. Stirling Grant shared the vocal lead here with Tom Cotton, both perfectly capturing the dry humour of the lyrics with tight accompaniment by Lucas Spellman-Welsh on drums and Reuben Pardy on guitar.

A highlight of the evening was the return of the staff band followed, with Mr East, Mr Drummond and Mr Tobias joined by Alan Mo and Ethan Fyfe. They kicked off with *Back in the USSR* with an energetic vocal performance from Mr East, followed by *American Girl*.

The next set featured Honor Cheesman, Tatiana Hamilton and Imogen Watts on vocals, William Swales on guitar, Henry Beveridge on bass, Ethan Fyfe on drums and Alan Mo on guitar. They captured the raw energy of *Smells Like Teen Spirit* and the sharp rhythms of Franz Ferdinand's *No You Girls* with powerful vocals from the trio of Fifth Form girls.

The next group featured Second's Upper Sixth musicians, Andrew Fyfe, Zachariah Ayorinde, Alex Lawrence, Rio Lai, and Tom Cotton, all of whom have been leading participants in the Rock Concerts throughout their time at Lancing. Their performance of Megadeth's *Symphony of Destruction* showcased a powerful rhythmic drive, featuring a debut vocal performance from Zachariah, while The Beatles' *While My Guitar Gently Weeps* brought a more reflective atmosphere. Tom Cotton then returned alongside Harrison McDermott, Henry Beveridge and Jed Thwala. The group performed *Leader of the Pack* and *Kilby Girl*, with energetic drumming by Jed combined with tight guitars and vocals bringing the concert to a dynamic conclusion.

The concert was a wonderful celebration of the talent, commitment and enthusiasm of the pupils throughout the year. Thanks go to Barry Worley for leading the Rock Music Workshops and for preparing the performers with such care and dedication, and to Anthony Hutchings for his technical brilliance.

Emilie Harlow

Head of Academic Music and Assistant Director of Music



Coda

Pupils and staff have been involved in whole host of other musical events throughout the term.



On Friday 5 June, **Oliver Fulwell** performed an outstanding Trombone Recital with Philip White-Jones on piano. His dazzling programme included several concerto movements and an inventive arrangement of *Hey Jude*. Central to his programme was the first performance of two pieces composed by Fifth Formers, Jude Gabriel and Xander Graham – a wonderful opportunity for them to hear their music ‘live’. Their pieces were of contrasting character, but both demonstrated the burgeoning compositional talent of these outstanding young composers. There was a musical surprise at the end of the recital when a group from School House joined Mr Fulwell for an impromptu performance of *Copacabana* in a reprise of their House Singing Competition entry and a fitting encore!

We’ve had two organ recitals this year. The first, on Wednesday 3 June was given by **David Bednall**, who last year composed the anthem *Hope is the Thing with Feathers* to mark Mr Oliver’s time here as Head Master. It was a special moment for the Choir to give another performance of this work with the composer at the organ and Larissa Choi, solo violin. The second recital, on Wednesday 10 June featured the internationally renowned saxophonist, **Christian Forshaw**, with Natalie Clifton-Griffith, soprano, and Alexander Mason, organ. The programme included an eclectic mix of medieval music, hymn tunes, Baroque dance and one of the most exquisite of Dowland’s lute songs, *None but me around*, which Christian Forshaw weaved improvised tapestries of sound! The combination of saxophone, soprano voice and organ was a wonderfully atmospheric mix in the Chapel.

Alexander Mason
Director of Music



Oliver Fulwell



David Bednall



Christian Forshaw

Choir Trip to Salisbury

The Choir recently visited Salisbury Cathedral to sing evensong. In between rehearsals the Choir enjoyed exploring the cloisters and precincts in glorious spring sunshine.

A good number of parents and friends made the trip to hear the Choir sing music by Thomas Tomkins and Maurice Greene. The Choir, as ever, was on spectacular form and particular mention must be made of the many outstanding soloists: Tom Cotton, Maria Njoya, Henry Way, Sophia Williamson, Isaac Hussey, Luca McDonald and Beatrice de Courcy White. In the anthem an extended duet was sung by two more soloists,

both former Salisbury Cathedral Choristers, Lili Rashbrook and Izzy Moss. We were also delighted to welcome Mr Andrew Lumsden, a former Director of Music at Winchester Cathedral to play the organ for us.

On the way home the Choir enjoyed the traditional McDonald's stop to round off a great day out!

Alexander Mason, Director of Music



“The choir trip to Salisbury was a lovely experience. The Cathedral was a wonderful venue to sing in and it was great to be able to sit outside and enjoy the sun during our rehearsal breaks.

Alice Young, Lower Sixth

Choir trips are always highlights of the term, but going to Salisbury this year was fantastic, especially considering that I was returning to Salisbury as an ex-chorister.

The evensong itself was beautiful and it was such a joy to sing 2nd soprano in the duet in Greene's Lord Let Me Know Mine End. Of course, the mandatory McDonald's detour on the way home was a lot of fun, second only to singing such a beautiful service in a 900-year-old cathedral, which was my home before Lancing!

Izzy Moss, Lower Sixth

Biology Field Trip

Juniper Hall

On 9 May, our group of Lower Sixth biologists travelled to Juniper Hall for what became one of the most memorable experiences of the year.

Set within the beautiful Surrey countryside, the trip offered a perfect combination of fieldwork, adventure and unforgettable memories with friends.

From the moment we arrived, there was a wonderful atmosphere. As a close-knit group, we quickly settled in to life at Juniper Hall and made the most of every moment together. Evenings were spent gathered around the campfire, playing guitar, roasting marshmallows and singing along. Afterwards, we would head out for some football, playing until the fading light finally persuaded us to stop.

Of course, the trip was not only about having fun. We visited a variety of fascinating habitats and carried out several biological investigations, putting into practice the skills we had learned in the classroom. From searching for and identifying woodlice to collecting ecological data in different environments, every activity helped us gain a deeper understanding of field biology.

The river investigation was perhaps the most memorable experience of all. We arrived at the river in the rain, dressed in heavy boots and waterproofs in an attempt to stay warm. As the rain continued to fall, our layers became less effective, but the spirit of the group remained high. Huddling together between measurements and encouraging one another through the cold became one of those simple moments that everyone remembers long after the data has been analysed.

The freedom to explore such a beautiful location, combined with the opportunity to learn outside the classroom and spend time with friends, made the trip truly special. Juniper Hall was far more than just a Biology field course; it was an experience that brought us closer together and created memories that will stay with us for years to come.

Andrew Babenko and Tobias Fisher, Lower Sixth





¡Olé! Our Unforgettable Trip to Málaga and Córdoba

Just before the end of the Summer Term, 18 enthusiastic Fourth Form students set off on an exciting five-day adventure to southern Spain, accompanied by Ms Espiga, Mrs Stockel and Mr Nollett.



From the very beginning, the trip was full of energy, sunshine and unforgettable experiences.

The trip kicked off with a guided tour of Córdoba, a city rich in history and culture. We explored the famous patios, bursting with colourful flowers and traditional Andalusian charm. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the breathtaking Mezquita-Catedral de Córdoba, a unique architectural wonder that left everyone in awe. However, with temperatures soaring to a scorching 42°C, some students found their own creative way of coping with the heat - declaring ice cream to be an essential survival tool!

Back in Málaga, the itinerary was packed with a wonderful mix of learning and fun. Pupils stayed with host families, where they had the valuable opportunity to practise their Spanish in real-life situations and experience authentic Spanish culture first-hand. This was supported by lessons at a local language school, helping everyone to build confidence and improve their communication skills.

There was still plenty of time for relaxation and adventure too. Students enjoyed trips to the beach, where they could unwind and cool off in the sea. A particular highlight was the catamaran trip along the coast complete with music, sea views and even a spontaneous dance-off with a neighbouring boat!

Another memorable experience was learning how to make traditional Spanish tapas. Students rolled up their sleeves and got involved, discovering new flavours and skills along the way.

Above all, the most rewarding part of the trip was seeing the students bond so well and enthusiastically practise their Spanish throughout the week. It was wonderful to watch their confidence grow with each passing day.

A huge thank you goes to Ms Espiga, Mrs Stockel and Mr Nollett for making the trip such a success. It's safe to say that this Spanish adventure will be remembered for a long time to come!

Charlotte Stockel
Teacher of German





More Hastings ...

On 16 June, the Lower Sixth medieval historians travelled to Pevensey Castle and Battle Abbey, two of the most significant sites associated with William the Conqueror's victory in 1066.



Shortly after his arrival in England, William established temporary defences at Pevensey within the ruins of a Roman fort. In the centuries that followed, a formidable medieval castle was constructed within its walls. During the visit, students explored the towers and dungeon, as well as an exhibition examining the castle's varied roles throughout its long history. As Isaac Hussey observed, 'It's certainly a noble fort – one that could not fail to impress.'

The group then continued to Battle Abbey. William ordered the abbey's construction on the site traditionally believed to be where King Harold Godwinson fell during the Battle of Hastings, as an act of penance for the bloodshed of the Norman Conquest. The abbey flourished as a Benedictine monastery for more than 400 years before its dissolution in 1538, after which the abbot's lodgings were transformed into an impressive country house.

At the Visitor Centre, students explored a range of interactive displays, including a video re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings, before following the battlefield trail in

glorious summer weather. They toured the abbey ruins and climbed to the top of the gatehouse to enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Inside, an exhibition brought to life the stories of the abbey and the people who lived and worked there over the centuries.

Reflecting on the day, Lottie Freyman said: 'It was great. Being able to walk on the battlefield itself was amazing. I loved the statues along the battlefield that looked like giant chess pieces and the abbey ruins. You can almost imagine what it was like ... and I found a snake.'

Overall, the trip was both an enjoyable and highly valuable experience. Having such remarkable historic sites on our doorstep is a privilege, and the opportunity to engage directly with these locations brought the events of 1066 vividly to life. The visit deepened students' understanding of a pivotal moment in English history and provided knowledge and inspiration that they can take forward into their classroom studies and wider reading.

Dr Elizabeth Keane, Head of Politics



Local Geography

The sun shone for this year's field trip to Shoreham. The Third Formers were investigating the extent to which the local area was shaped by natural or man-made forces. After an initial briefing and collection of packed lunches, the groups headed out.

First stop was the banks of the river Adur, just outside the College grounds. Here the students could appreciate the farming landscape, and the work that humans have done in building up the embankments to prevent the farmland from flooding at every high tide. What looks natural at first glance is actually the product of centuries of careful landscape management. On the footbridge over the Adur a game of Poohsticks determined the direction and speed of river flow, allowing the students to understand the role of river flow and tidal influence.

Continuing the exploration into Shoreham the students saw a much more man-made environment of urban development and transport infrastructure. A walk down by the house boats did reveal how some residents remain connected to the natural landscape. By the time the students reached the beach

at Shoreham they were ready for their lunch. Here, they also learnt about the role of waves in shaping the landscape.

The walk back to College along the western bank of the Adur provided a chance to stop at some of the abandoned buildings used to protect the river and this part of the world from attack. The large flood defence scheme put in place for the recently built housing development was also a chance to see world-class engineering.

Having collected data on soundscapes, environmental quality, field sketches and having been to a variety of local places, the students were then able to answer their key question about the extent to which the local environment has been shaped by natural or human forces.

Dr Richard Bustin
Head of Geography



“ One of the best days at Lancing so far ...

Ryley Gibbs

I have lived here for 10 years and I learnt
stuff I never knew!

Amber McLaughlin

Sicilian Adventure

The geographers of Lancing College embarked on a journey to the Mediterranean island of Sicily, where we explored the tectonic landscape and experienced the local culture.

On our first day, we visited the Alcantara gorge and botanic geological park, where we had a guided tour around the captivating views and sights. Despite the rain, we still had a geography lesson about how geomorphic processes have shaped the landscape along with a round of locally grown oranges for everyone.

After the excellent excursion to the gorge, we made our way to a local town in Sicily called Taormina. Here, we were able to meet up with our guide who took us around the town, including visiting the ancient ruins. This allowed us to see how the people have lived and worked in the region for centuries.

It was also during this time that we were able to visit the Greek Amphitheatre, where some spectacular snaps of the scenery overlooking Sicily were shot. Then, to finish the day, we scoured the local shops for souvenirs in a mandatory shopping trip.

On day two, we set off on our journey up Mount Etna, but not without a few stops on the way. We visited a honey factory where we were able to try local flavours of honey from an endemic species of bee. A cooled lava field from the 1992 eruption was our next stop, where making our way over the uneven igneous rock proved difficult, but it was fascinating to see how powerful a natural disaster can really be.

Now for Etna itself! We arrived, kitted out in our full Etna expedition equipment, and used cable cars to make our way

up the mountain. Upon arrival, we entered a lovely, warm cafe, but we didn't have time for that. Instead, we all raced outside, where we were met with the blistering cold weather and mesmerising views of the clouds below. It was also here that some of the boys, as a result of some escapades, widened their palette experience to include fresh Mt Etna snow.

For the last day, we took a boat ride to Vulcano Island, and after a short hike we reached the edge of the volcano crater, where we ate our lunch and gazed upon the unique views of the volcanic range of islands nearby. Clouds of ill-smelling sulphur dioxide billowed out from the crater edge, providing some enchanting photos. Unexpectedly, our tour guide took us down the steep side of the volcano where we traversed or ran through volcanic ash to get to the bottom.

To round off the trip, we went to indulge in some unmissable Italian pizza. And after 1,000 group photos and some great rest from our adventures, we headed back home, where the opportunity to bond amidst the year groups was present on the plane, with multiple rounds of Imposter! Finally, we would like to thank the teachers who made this amazing trip possible and hope everyone who went on the trip enjoyed themselves.

**Aaron Thwala, Fourth Form
and Evie Marchment, Lower Sixth**





Collision Course

At the end of the Summer Term, 19 Lower Sixth students travelled to Geneva to visit CERN and learn about the Large Hadron Collider.



In a rather literal case of 'out of the frying pan, into the fire', we escaped a 30-degree British heatwave into a 35-degree Swiss one. We were assaulted by a wave of heat as we left the aeroplane. After settling in and a short walk to the lake, we headed by tram to bowling and 'pizza by the mile'. Well, four pizzas over a metre in length each. Mr Collins is convinced that bowling is a great way for physicists to understand quantum particle properties such as spin, momentum and the transfer of kinetic energy during impact. Everyone improved their scores in the second bowling game with several people scoring strikes and a total of over 100. After an evening of camaraderie, we woke up early the next morning, had breakfast and then headed off to CERN.

During the morning, we visited the exhibits. There we learned about the intricate detectors that generate petabytes of data during collisions, the engineering of the beam pipe, the formation of stars, the structure of the universe and a crash course in how quantum mechanics affects day-to-day life. There was also a fascinating lecture with demonstrations on the properties of superconductors and liquid nitrogen.

After lunch, we went for our tour of the Neutrino Platform and cryogenics facilities. At the neutrino platform, they were developing a prototype detector for the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) to detect neutrinos. Our guide explained how measuring the mass of the neutrino necessitated the new detector they are building. The lab that will house it is 1.5km below ground and will eventually hold detectors with 70,000 tonnes of liquid argon. The neutrinos are produced in large quantities by directing protons away from the main LHC beam into a graphite target. Neutrinos

in the flux continuously change flavour as they travel: muon neutrinos that can decay into detectable charged muons.

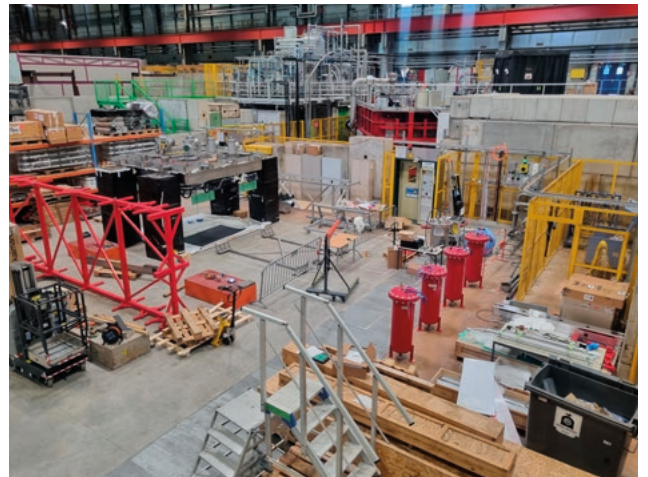
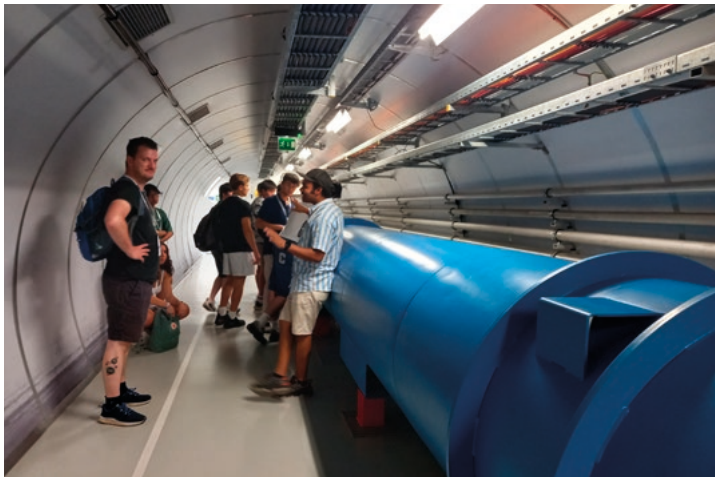
Next, we went to the cryogenics lab, where we were shown a model of the beam pipe. Apparently, it would take 5 million household fridges to cool the entire LHC beam pipe. This cooling allows the niobium-titanium electromagnets to superconduct (meaning they have no resistance), which decreases the power consumption drastically. It does, however, pose several engineering challenges; the 27km ring shrinks by 80m when cooled and has to have concertinaed sections to allow for this contraction. This was altogether a cooler experience as it was in a room with air conditioning. Spin is a quantum mechanical property that many of us want to delve more deeply into.

We then headed out to the Edelweiss restaurant for dinner. There was a starter of fondue, followed by Bratwurst and chips, and then finished with ice cream. This was accompanied by some traditional Swiss music, including yodelling, the accordion, and an alpine horn, which was so long it had to be played from upstairs.

The next day, we first tasted chocolate from the oldest chocolate shop in Geneva. This was followed by free time, which included sushi, ice cream, a fish, cathedrals, and the Jet d'Eau de Genève. Then, a boat tour of the lake, where we took in the sights of the less-urban north-east of the lake.

The trip ended via the lovely, air-conditioned Geneva airport and a flight home that was effectively only 15 minutes (because of time zones), just in time for the British heatwave to hit its peak, but this time in a country where nothing has AC!

Jethro Steele, Lower Sixth



Hockey in Barcelona

Over the Easter break, 21 students travelled to Barcelona for an exciting Hockey Tour, where they faced three highly regarded club sides that regularly compete in European competitions.



The tour began with two closely contested matches against Castelldefels and Barcelona Hockey Club. Despite strong performances, the home sides edged both fixtures, as Lancing worked hard to settle into the pace and intensity of international opposition.

By the third match against Atlètic Terrassa, the team had found their rhythm. In a thrilling encounter, Lancing secured a well-deserved 3-2 victory, showcasing their progress and determination. It was a fitting end to a memorable tour,

highlighting the team's resilience, development, and collective effort throughout.

The tour provided many enriching moments outside of just the hockey itself, as the students emerged having experienced sport and culture overseas, whilst enjoying each other's company and experiencing first-hand what it is like to be a touring sports team.

David Janes
Head of Hockey



Keane on Politics

On 25 March, Lancing's Lower Sixth Politics students had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament.



The trip began with a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster, entering through Westminster Hall, exploring Central Lobby, and sitting in the viewing gallery of the House of Commons.

During the tour, students learned about the extensive history of Parliament, the traditions of British democracy, and the evolution of government from the earliest Parliaments under Henry III to the present day. We discovered how the building has served many purposes throughout its history: as a venue for feasts and banquets, a royal palace, and a courthouse. We also learned that both Sir Winston Churchill and Queen Elizabeth II lay in state there before their funerals.

The visit provided some unexpected encounters with contemporary politics. We saw several politicians during our tour, including Baroness Arlene Foster, Lord Danny Finkelstein, Conservative MP James Cleverly, and the Independent MP for Blackburn, Adnan Hussain, who stopped to chat with us in Central Lobby.

Our day concluded with a quiz on what we had learned, followed by a policy-making workshop. Working in groups, students developed policy proposals and then attempted to persuade their peers to support them. 'It got pretty competitive,' revealed Sinan Kayalar. 'If that's what the real thing is like, you can see why parties might argue so much.'

The experience was both enlightening and engaging, making politics feel more immediate and relevant. We returned to the College with a greater understanding of how government operates and a deeper appreciation of the history of both Parliament and the United Kingdom. 'It was interesting to see Parliament up close,' said Anika Mukerjee. 'It was Prime Minister's Questions, so Central Lobby was swarming with MPs, and it was nice to be able to put faces to names.'

Dr Elizabeth Keane
Head of Politics

Scouts News

A round-up of Summer Term Scouting, including the recent trip to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland



Kandersteg: Adventure, Friendship & a Little Bit of Madness

One of the highlights of the year was our return visit to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in Switzerland. Often described as a permanent World Scout Jamboree, Kandersteg brings together Scouts from across the globe in the heart of the Swiss Alps, creating opportunities for adventure, independence and international friendship unlike anywhere else in Scouting.

The week was packed with adventure. Our Explorers took on white-water rafting, navigating fast-moving rivers under the guidance of expert instructors, before testing themselves on the high ropes course high above the valley floor. Later in the week, mountain tubing provided another adrenaline-fueled challenge, with Scouts racing down a former ski jump landing slope at speeds approaching 50 mph. More traditional adventures included hiking around the stunning Oeschinensee, one of Switzerland's most beautiful mountain lakes, and a service project helping maintain part of the campsite for future visitors.

As always, however, the activities were only part of the experience. Living under canvas for a week meant that the Scouts were responsible for planning menus, shopping for food and cooking their meals each day. By the end of the week, they had not only become more confident campers but had developed greater independence and teamwork as well.

What makes Kandersteg truly special is the opportunity to meet Scouts from around the world. Campfires, international evenings and social events saw our Explorers making friends with young people from Canada, the USA, Norway, Sweden, Israel and many other countries. Badge and neckerchief swapping soon filled camp blankets with memories, but more importantly provided an excuse to start conversations and learn about different cultures and traditions.

Like every great Scout trip, Kandersteg also developed its own traditions and running jokes. This year's unofficial mascot was a collection of rubber ducks, which Scouts had to carry

at all times in case of an impromptu 'duck check'. Meanwhile, hundreds of wooden clothes pegs were decorated with messages and secretly clipped onto unsuspecting Scouts from around the world. What began as a simple game quickly became our group's trademark, with pegs appearing on uniforms, backpacks and camp blankets across the site.

The memories of the rafting, campfires and mountain scenery will last a long time, but for many of our Explorers the most important part of the trip was the people they met. Kandersteg provides a rare opportunity for young people to realise that despite growing up in different countries and speaking different languages, they share many of the same interests, values and ambitions. It is this combination of adventure, challenge and global friendship that makes KISC such a special experience and one that our Scouts will remember for many years.

Scouting at Lancing – Summer Term Round-Up

As another busy year of Scouting at Lancing draws to a close, it is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the experiences, challenges and adventures that have made this year so memorable. From camps and leadership opportunities to lifelong friendships, our Explorer Scouts have once again demonstrated the very best of Scouting's values.

Leadership and Teamwork

One of the strongest themes of the year has been the development of leadership and teamwork throughout the Unit. Many of our Fifth Form Scouts stepped into positions as Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders at the start of the year, while several members of the Lower Sixth took on the responsibilities of Senior Patrol Leader later in the year.

Bea Hill reflected on the role that student leadership has played throughout the year: 'Older students in Scouts have taken on many responsibilities and positions of leadership over the last year. Our student leadership teams have taken

active roles in planning our programme, leading activities and welcoming new Scouts into our Unit.'

Teamwork has also been at the heart of almost every activity. Whether belaying one another on the climbing wall, building pioneering projects, navigating on expeditions, or planning and cooking meals together on camp, Scouts have learned to trust and support one another. As Bea explained: 'Scouts have been able to develop their teamwork through games and challenges including belaying each other whilst rock climbing and cooking and planning meals together.'

These shared experiences have built confidence, resilience and friendships that extend far beyond our weekly meetings.

Skills, Challenges and New Experiences

The year began with a lively Taskmaster evening designed to help our new Fourth Form Explorers settle into the Unit. Shortly afterwards, they were formally invested and began their own Scouting journey at Lancing. Reflecting on the programme, Ciara Herbert said: 'We kicked off our Advent Term with a Taskmaster session to get our new Fourth Formers comfortable in the Unit. Then they had their investitures and officially became Explorers.'

Throughout the year, Scouts have developed a wide range of practical and adventurous skills. Climbing sessions challenged members to conquer their fears, while several evenings focused on camp cooking, culminating in a highly competitive Scout Bake Off.

After Christmas, attention turned to emergency aid and first aid training. Scouts completed a range of practical sessions and became one of the first Units in the country to complete the new Air Ambulance challenge badge. As Ciara observed: 'When we look back on the year, it's not just about the camps, activities or badges. It's about the confidence we've built, the friendships we've made and the opportunities we've had to lead and challenge ourselves.'

Camps and Overnights

Camps remain one of the highlights of the Scouting year. The year began with our Senior Patrol planning camp where leaders worked together to develop ideas and activities for the months ahead. Imogen Watts described the importance of these experiences: 'One of the highlights of Scouting at Lancing is the overnights.'

Lent Term saw many of our Fourth Form and Lower Sixth Scouts enjoy their first overnight experience at Hillside Scout Campsite. Working in patrols, they developed campcraft skills, cooked their own meals and completed a hike back to College.



The Summer Term overnighter proved memorable for different reasons. Although poor weather forced a late change of plan, the Scouts embraced the challenge, enjoying a day of team-building activities and a visit to Out of Bounds before spending the night on site at College.

Our final camp of the year took place at Parkwood Scout Camp and provided a fitting farewell for our Fifth Form leavers. It also gave the Lower Sixth the opportunity to step into leadership roles, running activities ranging from pioneering and first aid to axe throwing and campfire programmes.

Community and Friendship

Throughout the year, our Explorers have built friendships both within the Unit and across the wider Scouting community.

Earlier this year, we hosted a District Campfire in support of our two World Scout Jamboree participants, Bea Hill and Imogen Watts, bringing together Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from across the district.

Reflecting on the wider social side of Scouting, Lili Rashbrook said: 'A key part of Scouting is meeting new people and making friends. Whether that's at local events, camps or international trips, there are always opportunities to connect with other Scouts.'

These experiences remind us that one of the greatest strengths of Scouting is its sense of community. Whether around a campfire, working together on a challenge, or welcoming new members into the Unit, Scouts learn the importance of friendship, kindness and supporting one another.

Looking Back

Looking back on the year, it is not simply the camps, activities or badges that stand out. It is the confidence our Scouts have developed, the friendships they have built and the opportunities they have been given to lead, challenge themselves and grow as individuals. As Ciara summed up so well: 'Scouts has pushed us out of our comfort zones, helped us grow, and given us experiences we wouldn't get anywhere else. That's why, for all of us, it's been one of the best parts of our year.'

As we look ahead to another exciting year, we are immensely proud of everything they have achieved. The future of Scouting at Lancing is certainly in very good hands.

Andy Cooper
Scout Leader – Minerva Explorer Unit

CCF Overnighter

This term, the Fourth Form and Lower Sixth CCF cadets took part in their Summer Term Overnight Exercise at Pippingford Park.

Over the course of the exercise, cadets undertook a range of demanding activities, including fieldcraft training, reconnaissance tasks, command challenges and tactical exercises. They were also tested during two blank-firing exercises: a challenging night ambush and a daytime section attack, both of which required teamwork, leadership and resilience under pressure. By Thursday morning, cadets had successfully endured a night sleeping in the woods and all the challenges that came with it. In one particularly memorable incident, a frog decided that a sleeping bag provided suitable accommodation for the night!

The conduct, enthusiasm and determination displayed throughout the exercise were outstanding. Staff were particularly impressed by the way our senior cadets led and supported the younger members of the contingent, helping to create a positive and encouraging atmosphere throughout.

Thank you to all the cadets who took part, as well as the staff and volunteers who gave up their time to make the exercise possible. It was a hugely successful event and a reminder that a little rain, lack of sleep and the occasional muddy boot are no match for a determined group of cadets.

Captain Kate Horwell, Contingent Commander



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I enjoyed many things about the CCF overnighiter but one of my highlights was being able to spend such a good time with my friends whilst getting the experience of shooting blank rounds from a rifle and sleeping in a basher. Also learning how to cook my own food from a ration pack was such an amazing experience to me and the overnighiter overall was an experience that I got to share with my friends whilst learning new things and stepping out of my comfort zone.

Lexi Page, Fourth Form

I enjoyed manning and leading a section attack, as well as firing off blank rounds.

Aaron Thwala, Fourth Form

The overnighiter was a new and exciting experience, especially for the Fourth Form, who were firing blank rounds for the first time. This allowed them to develop their skill at arms, teamwork and leadership. Every activity was a good opportunity to get stuck in, evidently, as enthusiasm was abundant throughout the contingent, despite the adverse weather conditions.

Evie Marchment, Lower Sixth NCO

It was so nice to see all the cadets getting stuck in, no matter the weather or what we were doing. This was easily the rainiest overnighiter I have ever experienced at Lancing, but thankfully it was dry during the night. Despite this, we ploughed on through all of our criteria, and came away with new skills and experiences. I hope that the Fourth Formers enjoyed themselves as much as the NCOs did – they really are great company, and their enthusiasm was a lovely thing to be a part of. Thank you so much to all the staff involved, for keeping us so busy that we were tired enough to sleep when the time came. Another unforgettable CCF experience!

Lucy Mason, Lower Sixth NCO

I loved the CCF overnighiter! Since going to LPW I have always wanted to be involved in CCF at the College and the overnighiter was yet another brilliant experience included in the CCF programme. I really enjoy the Wednesday afternoons we spend learning about what it takes to be a cadet and this opportunity really helped me to further my learning and discover what it is like to spend a day devoted to something I already take pleasure in doing. Although bashers can sometimes be temperamental and the ration packs aren't always to everyone's liking it's still such a fun time with your friends and really makes me want to become an NCO to carry on my Lancing cadet journey.

Phoebe Balchin, Fourth Form

Qui diligit Deum

As the Upper Sixth leave, they give 'exit interviews', an opportunity to reflect on their experience of Lancing and help shape the College of the future.

Among the many positive comments the theme of the strength of Lancing's community comes up again and again.

The strength of the community is something that you feel when visiting Lancing, and parents too have been talking about this as a reason why they chose Lancing for their children in the first place. It's one of those things that you pick up if it's what you're looking for, but equally something really hard to communicate to prospective parents apart from getting them to come and see.

Chapel is one of the key spaces where we gather as a community, and we hear the strength of our community in the hymn singing. The singing this year at the Leavers' Eucharist was particularly strong and rousing! You might think this sort of thing just happens, but it requires careful nurturing.

Communal singing is a great way to experience the power of the virtuous cycle. When everyone around you is singing, then you're encouraged to sing yourself and, in your singing, you encourage others to sing too. Just think of the singing in the football stands of the World Cup, to witness the powerful unifying effect of corporate singing.

The virtue of singing together starts in our prep schools and grows in the College, often with the Upper Sixth giving the strongest lead. Each week Mr Mason enthuses everyone, helping Gibbs' to channel their volume into the melody, and the Houses compete to see who is the most melodious, rhythmical or even just loudest, depending on that week's criterion, with the winning House taking away a tub of Haribo to share.

Although only pupils and House staff get to join in the fun of *Congo*, as its affectionately known, we know its benefit when we sing on Wednesdays, Fridays and those occasions when we welcome the wider community to come and be part of our services. It is so uplifting! We feel its effect when we walk around the College and feel that strength of community. It is just one way in which we flourish as a community and as human beings. This is what Desmond Tutu termed *Ubuntu*, the way in which we become human through our relationships with others.

This is why community is so important, our pupils feel that, visitors pick that up, and it is something that we invest in strongly here because of our belief about who we are as people and as a community, made in the image of God. This is the antidote to isolation and individualism: God the Holy Trinity invites us into relationship with those around us and with Himself through Christ. This is how we become who we are called to be, the true 'you' that otherwise would lie hidden.

Fr Justin Pottinger
Chaplain

An Outstanding Year of Sport

One of the highlights of the sporting calendar is always our annual Sports Dinner. It is an opportunity to pause, reflect and celebrate everything that has been achieved over the course of the year, whilst recognising the commitment, dedication and character of the pupils, coaches and staff who make Lancing Sport what it is.

This year's dinner was particularly special as we welcomed our new Head Master, Dr Scott Crawford, to his first Sports Dinner. His enthusiasm for sport and his commitment to investing in its future were evident throughout the evening, and the announcement of a £6.5 million investment in sports facilities marks an exciting new chapter for Lancing Sport.

We were also privileged to welcome Jamie Jones-Buchanan as our guest speaker. Jamie enjoyed an outstanding career with Leeds Rhinos, making over 400 appearances and winning numerous Super League titles. More importantly, he spoke about the values that underpin every successful team: leadership, resilience, humility and the importance of putting others before yourself. His message resonated with everyone in the room and perfectly reflected the values we strive to develop in our own students.

The evening gave me the opportunity to reflect on what has been another exceptional year. Across the academic year, Lancing students represented the College in an incredible 438 fixtures, fielding 71 teams across our sporting programme. Those numbers are remarkable for a school of just over 600 students and say everything about the enthusiasm with which our students embrace sport.

There have been many highlights. Football enjoyed one of its finest years in recent memory, with the boys' 1st XI recording their most successful Lent Term on record and the U16A boys making history by reaching the ESFA National Final at Stoke City's Bet365 Stadium. The girls' football programme continued its impressive rise, reaching the Charterhouse Sevens Bowl Final after a series of outstanding performances.

Athletics provided one of the highlights of the wider school calendar during Founder's Day. It was fantastic to see the entire College come together for our annual Festival of

Athletics, with students from every year group competing in the traditional sprint races in front of the whole school. The atmosphere around the track was outstanding, with every race enthusiastically supported by students, staff and parents alike. It is moments like these that remind us how sport has the power to bring an entire community together. Of course, no Founder's Day would be complete without the now eagerly anticipated staff versus students tug-of-war. As always, it proved to be a fiercely contested and hugely entertaining finale, with plenty of competitive spirit, laughter and school pride on display.

Our hockey programme continues to set exceptionally high standards. Across more than 120 fixtures, the girls' 1st XI, U16s and U14s all secured county and regional medals, while the girls' 2nd XI extended their remarkable unbeaten run into a second successive season. Tennis celebrated another successful year, with the U18 Boys retaining the Sussex Plate and the girls finishing runners-up in the Sussex Cup. Netball reached another SISNA Plate Final, basketball topped its league before reaching the semi-finals, and athletics continued to go from strength to strength, highlighted by Jack Ryan's new League Run record of 9 minutes 17 seconds and a record-breaking 402 runners taking part in one Friday League Run.

However, as I said during the evening, Lancing Sport has never simply been about results. It is about creating opportunities, building confidence and developing young people. It is about learning to win with humility, lose with dignity and always put the team first. Those values were reflected throughout the evening as we recognised the individuals whose commitment has helped shape our sporting community.





The **Richard Pithey Award for Sporting Endeavour** was presented to **Kitty Honychurch** and **Theo Scoular-Fleming**, recognising their dedication, perseverance and outstanding contribution across multiple sports.

The **Sporting Excellence Award** went to **Issy Cross**, whose achievements in rugby continue to reach new heights. From representing Sussex to earning selection for the Scotland Futures Camp, Issy's journey is a wonderful example of what can be achieved through talent, resilience and relentless hard work.

This year's **Sporting Breakthrough Award** was shared by **Connor Hui** and **Ottie Gee**, two students whose development since joining the College has been nothing short of outstanding. Both have worked tirelessly to establish themselves as key members of our senior teams and fully deserve this recognition.

The **Team of the Year Award** was presented to the **girls' 1st XI Hockey Team**. Their success has been built on much more than results. They have created a culture centred on commitment, respect and togetherness, qualities that saw them enjoy an exceptional season and finish third in the South East Regional Finals.

The **Sports Personality of the Year Award**, voted for by the students themselves is always a particular highlight. Congratulations to **Seb Gorny** and **Lily Townsend**, whose enthusiasm, humour and sportsmanship have made them outstanding ambassadors for Lancing Sport.

One of the most heartfelt moments of the evening came as **Mr Owen Mussell** received the **Coach of the Year Award**. Owen's contribution to football, particularly the remarkable growth of our girls' programme, has been immense. As he moves on to the next stage of his career, it was entirely fitting that we were able to recognise everything he has given to Lancing.

The **Pat Martyn-Smith Legacy Award** remains one of the most special awards we present. Named in honour of a colleague whose courage, determination and love of sport continue to inspire us all, this year's recipients were **Chloe Steven** and **Beau Fountain**, both of whom exemplify the spirit in which the award was created.

Congratulations also to **Hattie Pope**, **Kitty Honychurch**, **Chloe Watson**, **Emily Meyer** and **Harriet Brookfield**, who were each awarded prestigious **Sports Caps** for achieving full colours in three or more sports, an exceptional accomplishment that reflects years of dedication and excellence.

Perhaps the most emotional moment of the evening was presenting the **Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Mr Raj Maru**. Raj's influence on cricket at Lancing extends far beyond coaching. He has inspired generations of students, developed outstanding players and, more importantly, helped shape outstanding young people. His standing ovation was richly deserved and reflected the affection and respect in which he is held across the College community.

The evening concluded with our two highest individual honours. **The Taylor Salver** was presented to **Hattie Pope**, recognising an exceptional sporting career across hockey, netball and tennis, while **The Miller Cup** was awarded to **Marley Rishman**, whose outstanding contribution to football and cricket has left an indelible mark on Lancing Sport.

Whether competing in national finals, county championships or their very first fixture, every student who has worn the Lancing colours this year has contributed to another remarkable chapter in our sporting story.

My sincere thanks go to our pupils, staff, coaches, graduate assistants, parents and supporters for everything you have done throughout the year. Together, you continue to make Lancing Sport something of which we can all be incredibly proud.

Ms Kelly Edwards, Director of Sport

Sun, Success and Silverware

This Summer Term has been one to remember for Lancing tennis, with outstanding performances across all age groups, a host of silverware, and a thriving sense of community on and off the courts.



The season began in impressive fashion at the Independent Schools Sussex League Tournament, where both the U16 boys and U18 girls set the tone early by reaching their respective finals. In two fiercely competitive events, both teams finished as runners-up against some of the strongest opposition in the county. Not to be outdone, a young and promising U16 girls' squad (made up entirely of Third and Fourth Form pupils) secured a highly commendable 3rd place.

Silverware soon followed as the U18 boys delivered a superb campaign to win the Sussex Plate. Their success was built on consistency and dominance, also reflected in their block fixture record this term: an unbeaten run against Worth, Brighton College, Ardingly, the OLs, and Seaford College. Matching this success, the U18A girls have also remained undefeated in their block fixtures, underlining a remarkable term for our Senior teams.

The U18A girls' season was further highlighted by their progression in the National Schools competition. A thrilling first-round victory over Eastbourne College was sealed by a dramatic shoot-out from Coco Mole and Hattie Pope, booking their place in the final 16 group phase. They also claimed the runners-up spot at the Sussex Schools County Championships, continuing their run of strong performances on the county stage.

Alongside these competitive achievements, we launched a new Sports Psychology Programme in collaboration with Nathan Bickle. A series of five seminars explored key mental aspects of performance, including how we perceive pressure, understanding what lies within our control, and developing practical strategies to improve on court. The workshops were well-received and we hope to expand the programme across other sports in the future.

Special recognition must go to our Team of the Season – the U14A boys – who have been nothing short of exceptional. Undefeated across all league matches and block fixtures, highlighting some outstanding new talent emerging from the Third Form cohort. It has been fantastic to see two Lancing Prep Hove pupils, William Goshtai and Skye Kerler, step up to senior level this term, competing superbly in county and friendly fixtures and embracing the opportunity with confidence.

House Tennis delivered one of the most dramatic tournaments in recent memory. In the Junior boys' event, history was made as the competition ended in a complete tie - level on matches, rubbers, and even points scored – forcing a rare rematch between Teme and Second's House. In a gripping contest, Second's edged the final match to claim the title.

The Junior girls' competition Handford and Manor fought their way to the final, with the outcome once again coming down to the deciding rubber. Handford held their nerve to retain their title. Coaches also recognised standout individual performances, with Franzi Kloster and Preston Watkins named Players of the Day.

For the Senior boys, the question was whether Head's House would secure a third consecutive title or if Saints' House, tipped as favourites, could bring it home for the first time. It came down to the final rubber, where Head's House emerged victorious. Special mention must go to Upper Sixth students Austin Johnston and Loui Gerard, who have represented Head's in House Tennis every year since Third Form and have remained unbeaten champions since 2022.

The Senior girls' House Tennis was always likely to come down to two Houses this year: Manor vs Field's. Ultimately, it was Field's who claimed the title as new champions.

Adding further excitement to the calendar was the much-anticipated return of the Junior and Senior Manor Cup, where tennis meets creativity in a unique mixed doubles format featuring fancy dress and over 80 players competing across both days.

The Junior Final was a spectacle both on and off the court, as Preston Watkins and Olivia Milchan (Gibbs' and Sankey's), dressed as characters from Jaws, defeated Franzi Kloster and Bertie Faulkner (Handford and Teme), dressed as Mario and Luigi, in a thrilling tie-break to lift the 2026 title.

The Senior Final saw Fifth Form and House Tennis winners Coco Mole and Jacob Turner (Field's and Head's) take on Lower Sixth Form underdogs Emily Stewart and Jack Baskott (Sankey's and Teme), who, despite their strong efforts, ultimately lost out to the top seeds.

2026 has been a summer defined by excellence, enthusiasm, and innovation – both on court and in mindset – setting an exciting tone for the seasons ahead.

We are incredibly grateful to the Lancing Parents Association for their generous support in providing our brand-new scoreboards. These have brought a new level of professionalism to our fixtures and events, enhancing both the player and spectator experience.

Siobhan Airey, Head of Tennis

Crossing Borders

Chasing Goals

We sat down with Franzi Kloster to ask her about her time at Lancing, in particular trying hockey for the first time and where that's taken her ...



Arriving at Lancing: I wanted to try something completely new and experience living and studying in another country. I also wanted to improve my English and meet lots of new people. My first impression was that everything was much bigger than I expected. It felt a little overwhelming at first because everything was in a new language. At the same time, I was excited to meet new people and experience boarding school life.

Sporting Life at Lancing: Before coming to Lancing, I only played tennis and football in Germany. I have really enjoyed the team training sessions here at Lancing. I think there is a stronger focus on team tennis than I was used to in Germany, I really liked experiencing a different type of training.

One of my proudest sporting moments at Lancing was being selected for the U16A Hockey Team. As I had never played hockey before coming to Lancing, I definitely did not expect to be chosen for this team. It was a great feeling and made me realise how much I had improved throughout the year. It was a great feeling to represent the College. The matches were always a lot of fun and I created many memories during sports fixtures.

I have improved my tennis a lot especially my doubles play. Both the team sessions and my private lessons have helped me develop my match play and become a more confident player.

It was great fun competing for Handford throughout the year, especially winning the Junior House Hockey and Tennis competition. Events like the League Run and 3 Mile were challenging but I always ended up enjoying taking part because everyone was supporting each other.

Hockey Tour and Highlights: When I found out that I was invited to go to Barcelona I was very happy and excited because it was my first ever sports tour. I really enjoyed spending time with my friends and playing hockey against Spanish teams. My highlight of the tour was when we won our final match of the tour. I would definitely recommend going on a sports tour. It is a great opportunity to spend time with your friends and teammates, create lots of memories and experience a different country while playing sport.

School and Cultural Experience: I think one of the biggest differences between the school life in Germany and the UK is

the fact that you do all your co-curricular activities at school. In my school in Germany, we only had our academic lessons in school and our co-curricular activities took place outside of school. I have really enjoyed having everything in school as it allowed me to try lots of new sports and activities and spend more time with my friends outside lessons.

I learned a lot about British boarding school traditions during my year at Lancing. One of the things I enjoyed most was taking part in House events and competitions which is something I have never really experienced before coming here.

The most challenging part of my year here at Lancing was definitely the start of the first term. Not knowing English very well or any other students, I struggled with homesickness especially in the first week. However, I quickly overcame this within the first couple of weeks when I started to make a lot of friends and settled in quite well. I am very happy that I did not give up in the first week and that I kept going, because in the end this was one of the most exciting years of my life and I am thankful that I got to experience every single part of it.

Personal Growth and Reflections: This experience has helped me become much more independent and confident. Moving to another country and learning a new language has pushed me out of my comfort zone and taught me that I am capable of adapting to new situations and overcoming challenges.

My advice to others considering travelling abroad to study: Do it! It is an amazing experience you will never forget. Even if the first few weeks feel difficult, keep going because later in the year you will be very grateful that you did. The friendships and memories you gain are worth it.

The things I will miss most about Lancing are my friends and the sporting activities. Going down to do sports every week has always been my highlight and I looked forward to it every single time. The boarding life at Lancing was also one of my most favourite things here. I have always enjoyed spending time with my friends in the evening or on the weekends, so this is definitely something I will miss a lot.

One word to describe your year at Lancing? Unforgettable!

Cricket News

It has been another encouraging summer for cricket at Lancing, with significant progress made across the boys' and girls' programmes.



While results are always welcome, this season has been defined by the development of our young players, the opportunities created across all age groups and the positive direction in which the programme continues to move.

The boys' 1st XI, under the leadership of Mr Sunderland, fielded one of the youngest senior sides in recent years. Throughout the term the squad grew in confidence, gaining valuable experience against strong opposition and showing clear improvement as the season progressed. Cricket Week proved to be a particular highlight, with two victories, a draw against the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) and just one defeat in challenging conditions. Alex McGuinness enjoyed an outstanding season, producing a superb century against the Lancing Rovers (our OL cricket team) alongside an excellent 80 against the MCC, demonstrating both maturity and consistency at the crease.

The Senior side also competed in the T20 Cup against Worth School. Chasing a challenging target of 180, Lancing battled hard before finishing 30 runs short in an entertaining contest. Alex McGuinness again led the scoring with an excellent half-century, while several Third and Fourth Form players made impressive senior debuts, underlining the exciting depth of talent emerging through the programme.

The girls' 1st XI, led by Mr Mole, also enjoyed a positive summer. Increased squad numbers created healthy competition for places and translated into encouraging performances throughout the term. Bibi Webb was particularly consistent with the bat, recording unbeaten innings of 44 and 40, while Grace Haworth produced an outstanding spell of bowling to claim three wickets against Eastbourne. The continued growth of girls' cricket at Lancing remains one of the programme's most encouraging developments.

The U15 boys enjoyed an exceptional season under Mr Janes, recording the highest winning percentage of any age group within the College. Their progress was reflected not only in results but also in player development, with five members of the squad earning opportunities to represent the boys' 1st XI during the summer.

One of the standout performances of the season came in the first round of the Blackshaw Bowl Cup against Christ's Hospital. After being asked to bat first, Lancing amassed an impressive 174 before declaring after just 14 overs due to approaching weather. Thomas Clarke produced a magnificent unbeaten century, finishing on 102 not out, before the bowlers completed a dominant performance by dismissing Christ's Hospital for fewer than 70 runs. Hugo Mole was the pick of the attack, claiming an outstanding five-wicket haul in a comprehensive victory.

The future of boys' cricket also looks particularly bright. Congratulations must go to Freddie Brookfield and Thomas Clarke, who both scored centuries during the season, an outstanding achievement at any level and one that reflects the exciting talent developing within our junior programme.

At our end-of-season awards, Thomas Clarke and Hugo Mole were deservedly recognised as the programme's Most Valuable Players following outstanding individual summers.

Away from the results themselves, perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the season has been the continued development of players across every age group. The willingness of younger students to step into senior cricket, embrace new challenges and continue learning gives us great confidence for the future.

Looking ahead, preparations are already underway for our 2027 pre-season tour to Desert Springs in Spain. Widely regarded as one of Europe's premier cricket facilities, the tour will provide players with the opportunity to train daily on turf wickets, access first-class gym facilities and benefit from specialist coaching in a professional, match-ready environment. It promises to be the ideal preparation for the 2027 summer season and another important step in the continued development of Lancing Cricket.

My thanks go to all of our players, coaches, parents and supporters for their commitment throughout the summer. Cricket continues to go from strength to strength at Lancing, and we look forward to building on this year's progress in the seasons ahead.

Michael Gould, Head of Cricket

Athletics News

Our competitive athletes have enjoyed another excellent summer. The Sussex Independent Schools Diamond League once again provided a fantastic opportunity for students to test themselves against strong opposition, gaining valuable experience whilst contributing to some excellent team performances.



We were delighted to see several Lancing athletes finish the series with individual and relay medals across the four fixtures. Congratulations to Ena Tedjame-Mortty (Bronze, 100m), Roma Gerstmeyer (Bronze, 100m), Emily Meyer (Silver, Triple Jump), David Okonkwo (Gold, Shot Put), and Luca Bidingier (Silver, High Jump). Our Senior boys' 4x100m relay team also produced an excellent performance to secure the Silver medal.

Another highlight of the term was the annual 3 Mile Race, held on a beautifully warm Friday afternoon. With just under 100 runners taking part, the event once again showcased the enthusiasm for running across the College. The supportive atmosphere around the course and at the finish line made for a memorable occasion for runners of all abilities.

In the girls' race, Bibi Webb claimed victory in 20:48, ahead of Bea Belgeonne in 21:58 and Cecily Simpson in 23:52. The boys' race was won by Jack Ryan in an impressive 16:25, with Dan Harper taking second in 18:51 and Alex Goodman in third with 19:02.

The team competition was equally competitive, with Second's winning the boys' title and Manor taking the girls' title, reflecting the depth of participation and commitment across the House system.

The Worthing Schools District Championships saw several outstanding individual performances helping the Inter boys secure the title of District Champions. Beyond the team success, the event also provided an important pathway for athletes to progress further, with 11 Lancing students earning selection to represent West Sussex South at the Sussex Schools Championships.

To qualify for the Sussex Schools Championships is an outstanding achievement in itself, reflecting months of hard work, dedication and consistent performance throughout the

season. It was particularly pleasing to see Bibi Webb and Hugo Van den Putte progress even further, earning selection to represent Sussex at the Inter-Counties Championships in Kent, where they will compete against the strongest athletes from across the South East.

Seeing so many Lancing students wearing the West Sussex South vest is a tremendous credit to both the athletes and the staff who have supported them throughout the year. To see students progress from District Schools to county representation is exactly what school sport should be about; creating opportunities, rewarding hard work and giving young people experiences they will remember long after the season has finished.

Of course, achievements such as these do not happen by accident. Behind every performance are countless hours of practice, moments of disappointment overcome, lessons learned and a willingness to keep improving. These experiences help develop qualities that extend beyond the athletics track and align closely with what we hope sport can provide for every student at Lancing.

My thanks go to all pupils who have contributed to athletics this summer, whether through lessons, training sessions or competition. Thank you also to the staff, coaches and parents whose support has played such an important role throughout the season.

Most importantly, well done to the athletes themselves. Your commitment, resilience and willingness to embrace challenges have made this a memorable season. We look forward to building on these foundations and seeing what next year will bring.

Martin Footman, Head of Athletic Development

In the Swim

The refurbishment of the College Swimming Pool building has delivered a major step forward in sustainability, energy efficiency and comfort.



The first stage of the College's major sports investment is complete with the upgrade of the Swimming Pool. The project represents a significant improvement in both sustainability and user experience, creating a modern, efficient pool environment that is more comfortable, lower in energy use, and better prepared for a low-carbon future.

At the heart of the upgrade is a completely new ventilation system, replacing an installation that had reached the end of its effective life and was no longer energy efficient.

The new design introduces dedicated ventilation systems for the pool hall and the changing areas, allowing each space to be controlled independently. This smarter approach ensures that every part of the facility receives exactly the right level of heating, fresh air and humidity control, improving comfort for users while avoiding unnecessary energy use.

A key feature of the new pool ventilation unit is its ability to recycle heat that would otherwise be lost. Warm air extracted from the pool hall passes through a high-efficiency heat exchanger, transferring its heat to incoming fresh air. This process dramatically reduces the energy required to maintain comfortable conditions, delivering a significant improvement in performance compared to the previous system.

The system also intelligently regulates the amount of fresh air introduced into the building. By supplying only the minimum amount needed to manage moisture and maintain air quality, it avoids wasting energy while still providing a healthy environment for swimmers. During quieter periods, the system automatically reduces its output to save electricity.

Further innovations include modern, high-efficiency fans that require less maintenance and consume less power, along with upgraded ductwork that distributes air more evenly across the pool hall. This ensures better air movement at pool level, helping to reduce condensation and create a more comfortable environment throughout the space.

The lighting experience has been transformed with the installation of energy-efficient LED fittings. These not only reduce electricity consumption but also improve the visual quality of the space, with carefully designed up-lighting that minimises glare and can be dimmed to suit different activities.

The refurbishment has been designed with the future very much in mind. The upgraded systems are ready to connect to low-carbon heating technologies in the future such as heat pumps, ensuring the facility can continue to improve its environmental performance in the years ahead.

The pool itself has been shallowed to 1.48m, at the deep end. This enables us to manage the pool more efficiently in terms of energy usage and running costs. We have replaced at least 50% of plant and equipment that runs the Swimming Pool thus making the pool more efficient and future facing. We have also added a UV filter system to enhance the swim experience.

The pool hall and the pool itself have been retiled and decorated, as have the changing rooms. We have also created a dedicated reception area to welcome and brief visitors along with an automated access barrier entrance system.

Kim Fisher, Estates Bursar





2026 Finalist

Riding High

Lancing Equestrian Centre is delighted to announce that it has been named a finalist in the prestigious Riding School of the Year category at the 2026 Equestrian Business Awards.



Selected from thousands of nominations across the United Kingdom, the award recognises excellence in horse welfare, education, community engagement, customer experience and contribution to the equestrian industry.

Located on our campus, Lancing Equestrian has become far more than a riding school. Alongside delivering riding lessons for all ages and abilities, the centre provides educational programmes, work experience opportunities, volunteer placements and pathways into equestrian careers, helping young people develop confidence, responsibility and valuable life skills through their involvement with horses.

The Centre works with a wide range of young people from the College and across the local area, supporting them in building resilience, improving wellbeing and achieving personal goals both in and out of the saddle.

This recognition celebrates not only our riding school, but also the opportunities we provide for young people. Horses have an amazing ability to help build confidence, communication skills, resilience and self-belief, and we are privileged to see those positive impacts every day.

As a British Horse Society Approved Riding School and 5-Star Licensed Centre, Lancing Equestrian is committed to maintaining the highest standards of horse welfare, education

and safety. The Centre is also home to Sussex Horseball Club, where riders have progressed from grassroots participation to representing Great Britain on the international stage.

One of the things we are most passionate about is creating opportunities. We want young people to understand that equestrian sport can be accessible, educational and life-changing. Whether a student joins us for a riding lesson, work experience, volunteering or competitive pathway, we hope they leave with confidence, skills and memories that will stay with them for life.

The Equestrian Business Awards celebrate excellence across all sectors of the equestrian industry, recognising organisations that make a positive contribution to horses, riders and their communities.

Winners will be announced at the Equestrian Business Awards Gala in November 2026.

Lancing Equestrian would like to thank its riders, families, volunteers, staff and the wider Lancing community for their continued support and for helping make this achievement possible.

Amy Baker
Director of Lancing Equestrian Centre

The Lancing Parents' Association Making Plans

The LPA is about much more than organising events. At its heart, we're here to bring parents together, helping families feel connected to one another and more involved in the wider life of this wonderful school.



New Tennis Scoreboards funded by the LPA



Annual Festive Wreath-Making Workshop

As our children settle into House life and become increasingly independent, it can become surprisingly difficult for parents to meet each other. Add to that the fact that Lancing has a truly international parent community, with families spread across the UK and around the world, and opportunities to build those connections become even more valuable. Whether you're new to the College or have been part of the Lancing family for years, we want to make it easier to get to know other parents, feel part of the community and enjoy the experience alongside your children.

Working closely with the Foundation Office, the LPA organises a lively programme of social events throughout the year, all designed to bring parents together while supporting the College. Our first event of the new academic year will be refreshments at the Malawi Walk on Saturday 5 September, a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beautiful countryside around Lancing, support an important cause and meet other parents at the start of term. Shortly afterwards we'll hold our Annual General Meeting at the College on Wednesday 7 October, where everyone is warmly invited to hear more about what we do and how to get involved.

Then, on Friday 20 November, comes one of the highlights of the year: our Christmas Party. Current parents, new parents, parents of OLs, staff and members of the wider Lancing family, including our Prep Schools, are all invited for an evening of good food, live music and great company. If your first thought is, 'That sounds lovely, but I don't really know anyone', then this event is especially for you. Come on your own or with friends; there will be plenty of friendly LPA faces ready to welcome you and introduce you to fellow parents.

We'll also be hosting our ever-popular Festive Wreath-Making Workshop on Saturday 5 December, another wonderful opportunity to enjoy some festive creativity together.

Alongside creating opportunities for parents to connect, the LPA is proud to support the College through fundraising. Thanks to the generosity of Lancing families, recent projects have included new table tennis equipment, beanbags and House games, a basketball scoreboard and timer, a grass-court tennis scoreboard, musical instruments, choir books and a new theatre lighting board. These are lasting additions that enhance both academic and co-curricular life, directly benefiting pupils across the College.

This year also marks an exciting new chapter for the Association as we welcome a new Chair and Vice Chair. We're always delighted to welcome new volunteers, whether you have a little time to spare, would like to represent your child's House, have a particular skill to offer or simply enjoy meeting new people. Every contribution, however large or small, makes a real difference.

So, whether you join us on the Malawi Walk, come along to the Christmas Party, volunteer behind the scenes or simply stop for a chat at one of our events, we'd love to meet you.

We have plenty of exciting plans for the year ahead, but the best ideas often come from the conversations we have along the way. We look forward to welcoming lots of new faces, getting to know more of our parent community and, together, making even more plans for the future.

Keep an eye on the Events page of the College website for events and booking links.

For further information about the Lancing Parents Association please contact lpa@lancing.org.uk

Alana Burton
Lancing Parents Association Treasurer

It's been a busy few months at Little Lancing

*There's been a real focus on building our enrichment programme
for our Rising Reception children.*

We have continued with two externally provided activities, Diddy Dancers with fun music and movement sessions and Tiny Tekkers which offer action-packed multi-sports sessions that develop the children's hand-eye co-ordination and get them moving! We have continued with our visits to Kingsland Care Home and to Lancing Prep Hove, this term for pond dipping in their wonderful science garden. Just after Easter, our third group went along to Coombes Farm to see the lambing season ending and the children were enthralled by the visit from The Little Hoof Company, our near neighbours from further up Coombes Road. They brought two delightful Shetland ponies, Digby and Don, and the children learnt about grooming the ponies and helped lead them on a walk around our Forest School field. Little Hoof Company were very complimentary about the children's engagement and

good behaviour and reported back that the ponies thoroughly enjoyed being brushed and pampered!

Cooking school is now firmly established, and the children have made a variety of dishes, from fruit kebabs to cookies and pizza to a particularly tasty baby potato, broccoli and cheese bake with herbs and spices which was absolutely delicious! The children also grew beetroot, which after harvesting were used to make banana and beetroot muffins, with the surplus put out in a box in the nursery foyer for parents to take home. They were all gone in one day!

The whole nursery enjoyed the return visit from the Sherwood mobile farm, who brought along a donkey, goats, sheep, chicks and guinea pigs for the children to meet.

We get all the children out in the fresh air as much as possible; not always straightforward as we seemed

to alternate between biblical amounts of rain and then much hotter weather, where we took care that the children were kept safe from heat and UV sunshine. It's been good to see how much they enjoy being out in the nursery garden, as well as trundling around the local area in our kiddibus and, for the youngest ones, in buggies. The riverside walks are always enjoyed by everyone, and the children love seeing the helicopters and light aircraft operating from the airport. It's so important for the children to be out and about and seeing the world around them outside the nursery.

For our Rising Reception children, it's been their last weeks at nursery before setting off on the next stage of their early years learning journey.





They have followed our school readiness programme, designed to help them gain confidence and a little more independence so to help smooth the transition to this new stage in their lives. We've been visited by many of their Reception teachers here and the children have visited their schools ahead of their start in September.

We held our annual Leavers' Tea Party in the grounds of Lancing College Chapel, with a wonderful children's entertainer, fun games and tea on the Chapel lawn. We ended the afternoon with the presentation of their leaving gifts. We are always a little sad to see the children go, as many have been with us since they were very young babies, and we wish them well as they leave us for their life at primary school.

Looking further ahead, the work on the cottage next door has been continuing apace and we are very much looking forward to our two new Rising Reception rooms opening in September. With these additions, the reconfiguration of a room in the main nursery building to create a new room for older toddlers and a small expansion of numbers made possible in our baby rooms, Little Lancing will expand its capacity from its current 77 to 114 from September. This has enabled us to improve the flow and progression of children up through the nursery and as a result we will be welcoming many more new starters throughout the year, which was not previously possible. It's wonderful to see these plans taking shape and we can't wait to see the new spaces up and running!



JOVITA OPIO
Nursery Manager





Dorset House School

A Summer Term of Energy, Creativity and Community

As the Summer Term draws to a close, there is much to celebrate at Dorset House. It has been a term defined by energy, warmth, and a strong sense of community, underpinned by a shared commitment to providing our pupils with an education that is both ambitious and deeply nurturing.

Across the term, pupils have embraced a breadth of opportunity that extends far beyond the classroom. Academic learning has been enriched by a vibrant co-curricular programme, enabling every child to develop confidence, resilience and a genuine sense of purpose as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

A defining feature of the Dorset House experience remains our programme of leadership and residential trips, which challenge pupils to step beyond their comfort zones. Whether climbing in Brecon or taking on new challenges in Snowdonia, pupils have demonstrated impressive independence, teamwork, and camaraderie. These experiences are instrumental in shaping character and creating memories that will last long beyond their time at school.

The creative arts have flourished this term. From a spellbinding Year 3 and 4 production of *Robin and the Sherwood*

Hoodies to a memorable whole-school recording project and our summer concert in the amphitheatre, music and performance have brought the community together in remarkable ways. These shared artistic moments capture something essential about Dorset House: a willingness to participate, to collaborate, and to celebrate one another's successes.

One of the notable highlights of the term was the honour of hosting the Aurin Girls' Choir from Hungary. Their breathtaking performance in the barn was truly unforgettable, showcasing extraordinary musicality and artistry. Just as valuable were the workshops they led with our pupils, which offered inspiration, challenge and cultural exchange, as well as the opportunity for our own choir to perform alongside them, an experience that will undoubtedly remain with our pupils for years to come.

Sport has, as ever, played a central role in school life. From cricket fixtures and athletics to swimming galas and tennis competitions, pupils have represented the school with enthusiasm and integrity. Alongside participation and success, there remains a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, exemplified in achievements such as the U9 boys

receiving a Fair Play award at the Bede's tennis competition.

Wellbeing and time outdoors continue to underpin a Dorset House education. From Forest School to whole-school events such as the charity walk across the Downs, pupils benefit from opportunities to connect with nature, challenge themselves, and develop a strong sense of belonging.

There have also been many moments of collective celebration. Among the most eagerly anticipated was the announcement of this year's House winners. I am delighted to share that Wilkinson secured the highest number of 'Os', earning not only the House trophy but also the much-coveted House trip to Paultons Park, an announcement always met with great excitement across the school community.

This term has also seen the introduction of a new and significant development in pupil leadership: the early selection process for Heads of School. For the first time, Year 7 pupils have been invited to apply for these roles ahead of entering Year 8. The process has been both rigorous and inspiring, with candidates submitting thoughtful letters of application, undertaking interviews with myself and





Mr Bardouveau, and presenting to the whole school before a pupil vote. The successful Head Boy and Head Girl will be announced at the end of Prize Giving, marking the culmination of a process that has already demonstrated the strength, confidence and aspiration within the cohort.

As the term progressed, there has been a palpable sense of celebration across all areas of school life. Events such as the art exhibition, sports days and swimming galas have allowed pupils to shine and families to share their achievements. It was during Sports Day that I experienced a particularly personal and memorable moment. To mark my first 100 days as Headmistress, I was unexpectedly presented with my own Dorset House 3D-printed medal, a gesture that I found deeply touching. In that moment, I felt immense pride, not only in the pupils but in belonging to such a welcoming and supportive community.

The term concluded in the most fitting way with 'A very DH afternoon', a joyful gathering of pupils, families, staff and alumni. With inflatables, barbeques and even a pony visit, the entire community came together to celebrate the spirit of the school. It was also a moment to

mark important farewells, as we thanked Laura Hutchings, Sarah O'Brien and Jo Truscott, alongside Pamela Goldfinch and Sarah Armstrong, for their significant contributions to Dorset House. Their dedication has shaped the lives of so many pupils, and they leave with our heartfelt gratitude and very best wishes.

The final weeks of term also bring a sense of transition, particularly for our Year 8 pupils as they embark on their leavers' programme. It is always a privilege to see them depart as confident, capable and well-rounded individuals, ready to take the next step in their educational journey. Their incredible performance of *The Tempest* on what was undoubtedly the hottest evening of the year so far, wowed the audience from the opening scenes on the terrace to the intimate surroundings of the inner barn.

Throughout the term, it has been a pleasure to continue strengthening connections with the wider educational community, including our links with Lancing College. Opportunities for collaboration and transition ensure that our pupils are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage of their journey.

Ultimately, what stands out most is the spirit of the pupils themselves. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to embrace every opportunity define life at Dorset House. Supported by a dedicated staff team and a strong community, they flourish in an environment that celebrates both individuality and togetherness.

It has been a joyful and productive term, and one that leaves us looking ahead with confidence and excitement.



SARAH SUTHERLAND-BOOTH
Headmistress

Lancing Prep Hove

The Summer Term of 2026 has once again brought with it a familiar balance of purposeful endeavour in the classroom and a rich and varied programme of events, as we look ahead to a well-earned summer break.

During the Easter holidays, it was a great pleasure to take 53 pupils from Years 6, 7 and 8 to Bormio for our annual ski trip. Set high in the Italian Alps, the resort provided both challenge and inspiration, with pupils skiing from the summit of Cima Bianca at 3,000 metres down to the valley below. Our more experienced skiers relished the opportunity to tackle the renowned Stelvio run, while others grew steadily in confidence and skill over the course of the week. With clear blue skies for much of our time on the mountain and a lively programme of evening activities, the trip was marked by a strong sense of camaraderie and shared achievement.

Back at school, the term has been enlivened by a number of memorable moments. Through our *Loan a Lamb* initiative, pupils delighted in the opportunity to care for a ewe

and her lamb, an experience which quietly fostered both curiosity and responsibility. In Pre-Prep, the arrival of ducklings provided equal fascination as children followed, with great care and patience, the early stages of life from egg to newly hatched birds.

Earlier in the term, we also came together to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough. This was a joyful occasion, but also a thoughtful one, giving pupils the opportunity to reflect on his remarkable contribution to our understanding of the natural world. Artwork, activities and time outdoors all centred on themes of conservation and care for the environment, ensuring the day was as purposeful as it was enjoyable.

That same spirit of community and shared endeavour was very much in evidence on our whole-school Charities

Day. Pupils spent the day off timetable, embracing a wide variety of activities in support of Chestnut Tree House and the RSPCA. An engaging introduction to animal welfare helped to frame the day, and it was particularly pleasing to see pupils working together on a large-scale seagull sculpture, created entirely from recycled materials. The finished piece stood as a striking reminder of both their creativity and their growing awareness of the world around them.

Following the examination period for our older pupils, attention turned to residential and Activities Week; both key features of the Summer Term. These experiences allow pupils to challenge themselves in new settings, developing independence, resilience and, just as importantly, strengthening friendships. Our Year 5 pupils also enjoyed a memorable weekend at the Lancing





College Jamboree, where outdoor pursuits, shared experiences and time under canvas fostered a real sense of belonging within the wider Lancing community.

Sport has, as ever, played a central role in the life of the school this term. The swimming gala was marked by enthusiasm, encouragement and strong house spirit, but the most competitive match was, as it always is, the Year 8 Leavers v Parents match. As is tradition, a fiercely competitive match ensued making the parents' victory all the sweeter. A term of considerable success, our U9 cricket team secured a well-deserved victory in the Mowden Cup against strong opposition. This latest win, our third in the competition this year, reflects not only skill but a genuine commitment to teamwork and sportsmanship.

The creative and performing arts have continued to flourish alongside these achievements, with pupils across

the school engaging thoughtfully and confidently in opportunities to create and perform. It has been a pleasure to see their growing enjoyment and willingness to express themselves in so many different ways, including the Year 5 & 6 Drama Showcase evening in which the children shone as they performed in the shade of the trees in the midst of a heatwave.

As we approach the end of term, our thoughts naturally turn to Year 8, who have led the school with warmth, good humour and a strong sense of responsibility. Their final weeks were marked by Prize Giving in Lancing College Chapel, where we came together to recognise their many achievements and the contribution they have made to school life.

Saying farewell to Year 8 is always a poignant moment. They leave us as confident and capable young people, well prepared for the next stage of their education. While they will be greatly

missed, we reflect proudly on all that they have achieved and look forward to seeing all that lies ahead for them. We hope they carry with them many happy memories of their time here, and look back on their years at Lancing Prep Hove with lasting pride and affection.



KIRSTY KEEP
Head Mistress

Lancing Prep Worthing

This marks my twelfth Summer Term at Lancing Prep Worthing, and I can honestly say it has been the most action packed of them all.

As I reflect on the many memorable moments we have shared, it is almost impossible to believe they have all taken place within a single term.

Alongside the outstanding energy, curiosity and enthusiasm of our pupils, we see daily the embodiment of our first school aim: to *Love Learning*. Whether in the classroom, on stage or out on trips, our pupils approach each opportunity with genuine engagement and intellectual curiosity. I am immensely proud that the dedication and expertise of our staff in nurturing this love of learning have been recognised on a national level too, a powerful testament to the strength and shared vision of our whole community.

Our school continues to grow and flourish, bringing with it even greater opportunity through richer experiences, wider collaboration and an ever-more dynamic environment in which our pupils can thrive. Most striking has been how this growth has strengthened our sense of community, rooted firmly in our second school aim: to *Be Kind*. This is evident in the way pupils support one another, work collaboratively and

contribute so positively to school life.

This term, our pupils have also strongly embraced our third school aim, to *Go Out into the World and Do Good*. Through House events and initiatives such as the Bannister Mile, they have raised funds with enthusiasm and purpose. A particularly moving example was our Chamber Choir's visit to Avon Manor in Worthing, where they performed for residents living with dementia. Their singing brought genuine joy and served as a powerful reminder of music's ability to connect, uplift and evoke memories. Our pupils approached the visit with great maturity and empathy, making it a rewarding experience for all.

One of the standout moments of the year was our much anticipated annual Third Generation Day, a surprise event designed to create memories that pupils will one day share with their own grandchildren. This year, pupils from Years 1 to 8 travelled to the Isle of Wight, beginning with an exciting hovercraft journey across the Solent. The day unfolded with games, beach picnics and shared activities in a wonderful coastal

setting, creating a truly memorable experience filled with laughter and companionship. Back at school, our younger pupils embraced adventure during a brilliantly themed Pirate Day, immersing themselves in imaginative activities, storytelling and creative play. It was a joyful celebration of curiosity and childhood wonder.

Sport has, as always, played a central role in school life. Sports Day was expertly organised and full of energy, enthusiasm and healthy competition. Pupils demonstrated not only impressive athletic ability but also teamwork, determination and excellent sportsmanship, making it a memorable occasion for the whole community.

Our annual production, performed over three nights at Lancing College, was another highlight. *Newsies the Musical*, the inspiring story of young newspaper sellers standing up for fairness and justice, was brought to life with outstanding energy, talent and teamwork. From confident lead performances to a vibrant ensemble, the production was polished and engaging throughout. As one reviewer described





it, 'a triumph ... slick, funny, with top notch acting, singing and dancing.'

Beyond these events, what truly defines LPW is the voice and involvement of our pupils. Pupil-led committees such as the School Council, Green Team and Food Committee continue to flourish, providing meaningful opportunities for leadership, responsibility and contribution. It is inspiring to see how thoughtfully pupils engage with shaping their school experience.

Trips and residential have once again provided invaluable opportunities beyond the classroom, fostering independence, resilience and strong friendships. For many, the chance to camp overnight at school was a particular highlight, offering adventure, teamwork and lasting memories.

Across the term and the year, the sheer breadth of opportunity has been remarkable. Through sport, the arts, leadership and outdoor experiences, our pupils have been encouraged to explore, challenge themselves and discover new passions.

Above all, this term has been a powerful reflection of what it means to be part of Lancing Prep Worthing. Our pupils have shown a genuine love of learning in all they have embraced, a deep kindness in the way they support and care for one another, and a growing sense of responsibility to go out into the world and do good. These three simple but profound aims lie at the heart of everything we do, and it has been a joy to see them lived out so fully in the life of the school this year.



FRANCESCA MILLING
Head



Legacies, Events Conservation and Safety

Major works will be taking place in Lancing College Chapel during the summer holidays. They are all aspects of the ongoing efforts of the College and the Friends to maintain the building in good order, improve its safety and extend its use.

Conservation of stonework is urgently needed at clerestory level in the apse. As the Chapel is, famously, the fourth tallest church building in the UK, access at high level is always a challenge and often the biggest expense. We use a variety of methods to reach the great heights both for inspection and for repairs. In 2025, a drone survey gave us brilliant close-up pictures of the masonry: enough to identify the areas most affected by the elements and in need of attention. But nothing can take the place of a tactile investigation. On the exterior of the building most of the inspection and even the repairs can be done economically by rope-access, with the masons abseiling down the elevations. For the interior we can use a 'cherry-picker' (or mobile extending working platform) where there is a level floor, or, for more awkward areas, towers of scaffolding. This year a combination of all three methods of access will be used.

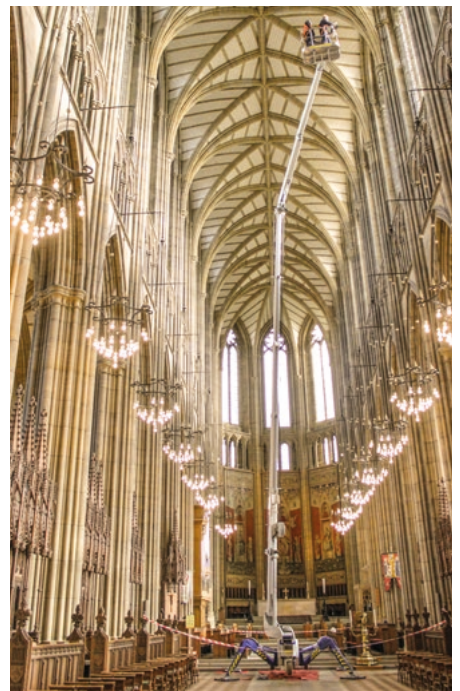
The work in the apse involves some new stones but mostly consolidation of the original sandstone with lime mortars. Any ironwork in the windows which has not already been tipped with stainless steel, will be renewed with non-ferrous materials. We make regular careful inspections of the most vulnerable clerestory windows in the nave to ensure their structural integrity. For the past few years, we have been monitoring and recording the changing temperature and humidity of the exposed surfaces to assess the causes of deterioration. The stored data has helped to improve the durability of mortar repairs.

It is also planned to install a new wrought-iron gate on the northwest stairs to the crypt. This is for security and safeguarding, allowing the Upper Chapel to remain open for the school community when the building is closed to the public and unattended. A new safety rail is being added to the organ loft gallery as well as better safety precautions for the organ tuner. Improvements of this kind are all part of the high daily cost of keeping the Chapel in good order and available for its many uses by the College and the wider community.

An exceptionally generous legacy from Michael Millyard OL has made possible more work than usual this year and we are sincerely grateful for this and for all the donations which the Chapel receives.

Yvonne Wilson, the College's Commercial Director, Vicki Lamont, the Events Manager, and their team, have been very successful in securing bookings for concerts and other 'outside' events in the Chapel. There have also been several weddings for couples who have some connection with the Chapel. This commercial activity makes an essential extra contribution to the Chapel Maintenance Fund which finances conservation. Of course, everything that is done in the Chapel requires the approval and cooperation of the Chaplain. None of it could happen without the remarkable work of our indefatigable Verger, Andrew Wynn-Mackenzie, supported by Sue James, the cleaner, many other members of the College staff and the redoubtable volunteer Chapel Guides.

Jeremy Tomlinson
Hon Secretary, Friends of Lancing Chapel





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The award-winning completion of the Chapel is now a well-established fact but the Friends of Lancing Chapel are still very much in demand. The building needs supporters, volunteer helpers and a regular income for its maintenance, conservation, and enhancement. It is easy to become a Friend and membership is not expensive. There has been a good response to our recent appeal for new members. If you have recently received a membership application form, do please consider joining us.

Everyone for whom the Chapel has some special significance or who has enjoyed a visit is asked to contribute to its preservation. The best way to do this is to become a Friend and make a regular gift-aided donation by Direct Debit.

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It costs at least £600 a day to keep the Chapel open and in use. There are also major projects to be financed in the next few years.



Foundation Office & Lancing Society

And so, the Academic Year closes with a whirlwind of plays, concerts, fixtures and goodbyes.

Goodbyes are always tough but hopefully softened by the fact that it is truly an 'à bientôt' rather than a 'au revoir'. Those leaving Lancing become OLs and parents of OLs and we hope you will stay connected as very welcome members of The Lancing Society.

We are also saying goodbye to Diana Cree, our Executive Director of External Relations, after 10 years of dedicated service. She has played a critical role in the College's development and growth over this period, and we wish her well.

We are delighted to welcome Diana's successor, Victoria Deadman Gatt who will join us in August from Royal Russell School. Victoria will lead the Admissions, Marketing, and Development functions at Lancing and we're very excited to have her on board. You'll have the chance to meet her soon.

Regarding hellos, Simon Ellis (Sanderson's 1973–1978) was elected as Chair of the OL Club at the AGM in June, and we are incredibly grateful for the commitment he has shown in taking

on this position. Those of you who know Simon will not be surprised that the plans for the next phase of the OL Club are formulating quickly, and you will hear more about those in due course.

These plans are only made possible thanks to the excellent tenure of the previous Chair, Nigel Bennett (Olds 1972–1977) who, for the past five years, has brought energy, passion and unwavering levels of bonhomie to the role. Thank you, Nige, and don't be a stranger!

Along with Simon, it was a pleasure addressing our Upper Sixth Leavers on their last day and presenting them with their OL ties and scarves. We are very much looking forward to seeing them and many of you at the Young OLs Drinks on 10 September in London.

There is an action-packed edition of *The Quad* for you all here with no shortage of events to catch up on from the last term. Thank you especially to those who came to the first in our re-launched series of Business Networks.

Despite the tube strikes and train cancellations, it was a brilliant evening full of energy and ideas, and I am very much looking forward to Law and Insurance, taking place in September and November respectively.

OLs and Former Lancing Parents Survey Review

Thank you to everyone who filled in our recent survey. We previously carried out this activity in 2016 and 2021, and it's a vital opportunity to check in with our OL and Former Lancing Parent community to understand more about your sentiment towards the College, what you enjoy of our Events and Communications programme and where you think we could do better.

We are, of course, always open to feedback but this gives us that snapshot moment where we capture a wide range of views from across the ages in one go.

From the survey it said that 72% had been mostly/extremely happy at Lancing which is great to see and

Summer Term OL Visits



Patrick Chan
(Gibbs' 2008–2010)



Anthony V Cooper
(Gibbs' 1960–1964)



Paddy Joyce
(Saints' 2020–2025)



Philip Gunton
(aka Ajahn Vajiro)
(Second's 1966–1971)

especially as that warmth towards the College has continued throughout the years since leaving.

You told us that the main things you would like to see from the Foundation Office are:

- Keeping you updated on current developments at the College.
- Providing online and in-person opportunities for you to liaise with OLs and stay connected to friends.
- Attend school events, whether sporting or cultural.
- Raising funds through this group to support the continued development of the school.
- Supporting professional networking.

We have taken this on board and in addition to our current programmes we are expanding our Young OL Drinks to include under-35s and widening our class reunion events to include people who left 20, 30 and 40 years ago. You will no doubt see further changes in the months and years to come, and we hope this will enable more of you to engage with Lancing and the friends and connections you made here.

There were no surprises that people love reading our newsletters and *The Quad*. One thing that did show up is that not many of you follow us on our various social media platforms. We are very active across Instagram (@lancing_college) and LinkedIn (@lancing-college) so please do follow us there.

A clear piece of feedback concerned Founder's Day and the fact that it is now an event exclusively for current pupils and their families. While this is not something we are able to change, we are fully committed to creating meaningful opportunities for OLs to come together. This summer, we held our first OL Sports Day, and, following its success, we are excited to build on it and develop an even bigger event in 2027.

From a development point of view, it seems we are a generous group with 58% of respondents saying they were regular givers to charitable organisations and 52% of respondents saying they had given to the College in the past. We hope that this strong level of support will continue and grow in the years to come, enabling us not only to give as many people as possible the opportunity to benefit from the experience we have all enjoyed, but also to ensure that

Lancing continues to be recognised as one of the country's leading educational establishments.

Thank you again to those who took the time to fill out the survey. We are looking forward to putting your feedback into action.

With best wishes from Lancing,



HENRY ELLINGER-GANE
(Head's/Second's 2001–2006)
Development Director



Ron Lam
(Teme 2009–2014)



Ivy Ng
(Manor 2008–2012)



Andrey Proskurnikov
(School 2002–2004)



Emily Smuts (right)
(Manor 1982–1984)

Legacy Lunch

We marked the 1848 Legacy Society's 20th anniversary with a lunch for members at the Old Farmhouse hosted by the Head Master, Dr Scott Crawford.

The guests were delighted to visit the Head Master's private residence and for many it was their first time at the house and an opportunity to talk individually with him. The Head Master said one of his aims for the College is to ensure a strong position for it going into the next decade and the 1848 Society was helping to achieve this, and that is why it plays such a key role in the school's future. He said he really appreciated the generosity and spirit of the Lancing community and had decided in his first term to become a member of the 1848 Legacy Society as he too wanted to make a deeply personal commitment to Lancing's future and his time here. The 1848 Legacy Society's purpose has never been more

important for the College, and its growing numbers show that OLs and parents recognise this. Andy Whitehouse (Sanderson's 1990-1995) and Chair of the Foundation Council says, 'Legacy gifts through the 1848 Society are a particularly special way to pay tribute to the College. A donation made as part of your legacy highlights an institution that made a lifelong difference: it sends a message about the power of that foundation to shape lives. I am humbled to now have the opportunity, through my legacy gift, to help future generations experience life at Lancing.' If you would like to consider leaving a legacy to Lancing, please contact Catherine Reeve on clr@lancing.org.uk



Transformative Impact

In this issue, we catch up with Declan Bransby (Gibbs' 2018–2020), whose journey is a powerful example of the transformative impact of the Lancing Foundationers Programme.

Since its launch, the programme has opened the doors to a Lancing education for talented young people who might otherwise never have had the opportunity. It has enabled them to flourish academically, discover new passions, and realise ambitions beyond what they once thought possible.

When Declan joined the College in the Sixth Form from a state school in Durrington, he knew he was stepping into a very different environment. Although the transition took time, he soon became a central figure in Lancing life.

Declan went on to study Medical Biosciences at Imperial College London, specialising in neuroscience for his final-year project. Today, he is a Technical Programme Manager in Just Eat's Global Product & Tech division, having been promoted 18 months after joining the company, through its early careers programme.

We caught up with Declan to reflect on his time at Lancing and the lasting impact of being a Foundationer.

What were you like as a pupil?

I joined in the Sixth Form when most people had already been at Lancing for two or three years, so at first, I was quite shy. The scale of the school and being surrounded by so many new people felt overwhelming. But as I became more involved with life in Gibbs' and across the College, I really came out of my shell. I worked hard because I never lost sight of why I was there, I wanted to earn a place at a great university, but I also found a balance between studying and making the most of everything Lancing had to offer.

What are your favourite memories of Lancing?

Some of my favourite memories are the everyday moments, like eating toast in the Gibbs' kitchen with the other boys and our matron, Steph. Playing basketball for the school was another highlight, and I'll never forget Mr Smith taking the House Captains to The Ginger Fox to thank us for our hard work. I still go back to that restaurant regularly today, all these years later, because he introduced me to it.

Did you have a favourite subject?

Maths was always my favourite. Even though I went on to do a science degree at Imperial, Maths captured me the most. It was during Further Maths A Level that I realised just how complex it was – and that I perhaps wasn't quite as naturally gifted with numbers as I'd once thought!

What are you doing now?

I work as a Technical Programme Manager at Just Eat in the Global Product & Tech department, where I work with software engineers to deliver new loyalty features for customers around the world. Outside work, I run a personal finance content channel because I'm passionate about helping people who may not have had access to financial guidance growing up. I want to make managing money feel more accessible.

How did the Foundationers Programme help you achieve what you have so far?

It gave me an incredible leg up. I'd done well in my GCSEs at my state school and had a lot of potential, and Lancing gave me the space and opportunity to grow that curiosity and continue my trajectory through A Levels. Just as importantly, it gave me a new confidence. I arrived not knowing many people, managed to integrate myself into the community, and was eventually made Head of School despite only having been there two years. Being selected to represent a school I'd once found intimidating was a huge personal achievement, and that confidence has stayed with me – it's led me to take opportunities I might have shied away from in the past, and I really credit it with a lot of how my young adult life has gone.



What do you hope the future holds?

Career-wise, I want to stay in tech but move towards a Product Management role at a company with a mission I'm genuinely invested in – whether that's a startup or something bigger. The dream would be a personal finance company that helps younger people, or a company in the health and fitness space. On a personal note, I'm hoping to buy a house with my partner in the near future, which feels like another big milestone – especially as someone who didn't necessarily expect that to happen so early in life.

What advice would you give your school-age self?

Three things, really. Get stuck in early with everything the school has to offer – the sooner you open yourself up to it, the quicker you feel comfortable and accepted. Study hard and choose strategically, because the job market is tough, especially for entry-level roles, and never underestimate the connections you make at school – you never know where those relationships might lead. And finally, take up a hobby that has nothing to do with grades or money – something purely for happiness and fulfilment. Don't underestimate the value of that.

As the Foundationers Programme enters its 10th year, Declan's story is a reminder of the extraordinary impact made possible through the generosity of our donors. His journey demonstrates how access to opportunity can transform not only a young person's education, but the course of their life.

OL Business Network

It was a pleasure to be joined by so many members of The Lancing Society on Wednesday 22 April at the re-launch of our Business Network series.

Our panel was chaired by Neesha Gopal (Manor 1983–1985) and she was joined by Polly Graham (Field's 2001–2006), and Alex Maxwell-Scott (Teme 2001–2006). They kicked off the evening by discussing numerous challenges and opportunities surrounding their various parts of the Built Environment and the industry more widely.

AI of course had its moment, with some strong cases for, but with the caution of not trusting the bots to do everything and remembering the skills that are still best done by humans.

It also felt there was a consensus across the panel, and in the room more widely, of making the most of being in an office learning from the great and the good around you and the habits and behaviours you can pick up osmosis-style.

And what fantastic surroundings we had for the evening, hosted at the Cavalry and Guards Club on Piccadilly in their stunning Waterloo Room. We were very grateful to Alex Maxwell-Scott (Teme 2001–2006) for making this possible.

Please do look out for our next Business Network in the Advent Term, we hope to see you there.



Evelyn Waugh Lecture

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2026 Evelyn Waugh Lecture, our annual event for Foundation donors,

This year, we were delighted to welcome acclaimed social historian and author Juliet Nicolson as our guest speaker. Juliet captivated the audience with a thought-provoking and insightful talk, before guests continued the conversation over a convivial dinner in the Megarry Room. We are deeply grateful to all of our Foundation donors and supporters,

whose generosity has enabled the Foundationers Programme to continue flourishing. Thanks to your commitment, we are proud to have welcomed our 50th Foundationer to the College – a significant milestone that reflects the life-changing opportunities your support provides for young people.



Leavers' Ball 2026

Our Leavers' Ball was a fitting celebration of an exceptional Class of 2026, marking the end of their Lancing journey and the beginning of exciting new adventures.





A Fond Farewell to our 2026 Foundationers

As we bid a fond farewell to our five outstanding Foundationers who are leaving us this year, we do so with immense pride and gratitude.

During a recent reflection on their life-changing time at Lancing, they spoke about embracing new opportunities, many of which they had never imagined possible, thanks to the College's expansive co-curricular programme and academic opportunities.

They shared how quickly they found a sense of belonging: one Foundationer naturally took on a caring, maternal role

within her House, describing it as a true 'sisterhood,' where she has made lifelong friends. Another, initially hesitant in becoming a Foundationer, soon found his confidence and became an integral member of both his House and year group.

Their journeys have been remarkable, and we know they will all go on to make a significant impact on the world. We look forward to sharing more of their stories and inspiring the next generation of Foundationers to follow in their footsteps. We are excited to welcome our new Foundationers, who will join us in the Third and Sixth Forms in September.

Associations' Dinner

We were delighted to welcome the members of our various Parents' Associations, The OL Club Committee, and the Friends of Lancing Chapel (FOLC) Committee to our annual Associations' Dinner.

The good old British weather – combined with the Lancing College wind tunnel – forced us into holding the drinks reception in our Reception (marvellous though it is) before we settled comfortably into the Megarry Room.

These groups show us so clearly that a school is far more than classrooms and timetables, and our committees have

organised some fantastic events this year. From Festive Wreath-Making to Comedy Night to a YMCA Christmas Present Drive and mentoring our pupils, thank you for everyone who has been part of these committees!



Over 60s Spring Lunch

A wonderful group of OLs gathered at the Royal Thames Yacht Club for the biannual Over 60s Lunch. Following a lively drinks reception, guests made their way upstairs to enjoy a delicious lunch in excellent company.

Guests were warmly welcomed by OL Club President Nigel Wheeler (Olds 1963–1968), before Head Master Dr Scott Crawford provided an engaging round-up of recent College news and developments.

The guest speaker, Tony Long (Field's 1970–1974), captivated the audience with a fascinating account of his life and career as a former Metropolitan Police officer.

Outgoing OL Club Chair Nigel Bennett (Olds 1972–1977) carried out his final Over 60s Lunch duties with great aplomb, thanking the speaker and reminding guests of the exciting programme of events taking place during the Summer Term for all OLs.



World of Sport

It was fantastic to welcome so many OLs back to the College for the inaugural OL Sports Day, a celebration of sport, community and lifelong connections.

The event brought together former and current pupils for a day packed with competitive fixtures, friendly rivalry and plenty of memorable moments.

Played in excellent spirit throughout, every match showcased the strength of the College's sporting tradition, with close contests keeping players and spectators engaged from start to finish.

The cricket fixture provided one of the most dramatic finishes of the day, going right down to the final over before the Rovers secured victory. Netball was equally competitive, with the OLs claiming an impressive 14–12 win.

In boys' hockey, the OL side edged a closely contested game 2–1, while the current pupils produced a dominant performance in girls' hockey to record an 8–1 victory.

Tennis proved another highlight, with current pupils winning three of the five matches to secure a 3–2 overall victory.

Away from the action, players and spectators gathered to enjoy match teas, with strawberries and cream proving especially popular and adding to the traditional summer sporting atmosphere. The day offered a wonderful opportunity for OLs to reconnect with friends, current pupils and staff and reminisce about their sporting days at the College.

When the points were totalled, it was the OLs who emerged victorious, edging the overall score 3–2 to become the first winners of the OL Cup 2026.

A huge thank you goes to all the players, supporters, Lancing College sports staff, Foundation team and catering team who helped make the inaugural OL Sports Day such a success. The enthusiasm, sportsmanship and camaraderie on display ensured a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

With such a successful first event, excitement is already building for next year's competition. Watch this space!





Message from the New Chair

I was delighted to have been elected as Club Chair at our recent AGM on 4 June and it is an honour to head up the oldest and largest association within the Lancing community.

Founded in 1878, The Club has 9,000 members, made up of OLs who live and work all over the world and in every career, discipline, trade or vocation imaginable. However, whatever our different paths in life, we were all shaped by Lancing in all its magnificence, having spent our formative years here, and through The Club, we remain part of the Lancing community for life. To misquote that old cliché, 'You can take the person out of Lancing, but you can't take Lancing out of the person'.

Whilst The Club was founded to benefit former Lancing College pupils, we are reliant upon the College for our future membership and upon the current parents for our annual revenue. They fund our Club because they like the idea of their children being part of the Lancing community for life and always having that support network and sense of belonging, wherever life takes them. This is part of Lancing's overall offering, and, to facilitate it, The OL Club needs to work closely with the College and all bodies within the wider Lancing Society.

Teamwork

To understand how this is all best achieved, I have carried out the following engagements in my first month as Chair, in addition to the AGM and Summer Drinks party:

- My first Founder's Day since 1978,
- The inaugural OL Sports Day,
- My reinduction day at Lancing,
- My first Foundation Council meeting,
- A Visit to Lancing Prep Worthing,
- My first Legacy Society lunch at the Old Farmhouse.

On all these occasions, the welcome and support that I received has been terrific from across the Lancing Community and all expressed the value of the OL Club being part of the wider team. Talking of team, it was striking to see how the College Executive, the staff, the Prep Schools and the various associations, bodies, councils, committees and the Friends of Lancing Chapel within the Lancing Society work together to deliver Lancing's unique educational offering, despite the challenges of an unfriendly political environment and a competitive market.

The importance of teamwork, and the Club's place within 'Team Lancing', was best summed up for me by the Bursar, Mark Milling. I particularly liked his analogy, because as an ex-Naval man, it involved boats. He likened the Lancing Society to a Rowing 8, deep into a highly competitive race and battling fierce conditions. To win the race all 8 rowers have to pull together and remain in time. The OL Club is a key crew member in the boat, and as such, needs to ensure the rest of the team is not let down in the race.

The Club's Direction of Travel

Building on this I see the direction of travel for The Club being guided by two key responsibilities:

- To make good on the promise made to parents that the story doesn't end when a pupil leaves the College. The Club is there for all OLs, throughout their lives, through communication, networking & fellowship.
- To acknowledge how precious a Lancing education is, and how difficult it is to provide in today's competitive and challenging times.

News from OLs



Congratulations to Piers Williams (School 2007–2012) and his bride Alicia Thonet on their wedding which they held at Lancing College Chapel on 28 May 2026. We always love welcoming OLs back to the College to celebrate their major life moments, so do contact the Events Team on events@lancing.org.uk if you would like to hold a celebration with us.

As a key player within the Lancing Society, and as beneficiaries of a Lancing education ourselves, all of us in The Club want to 'support the College in any way we can'. This is the first goal of our MOU with the College and one welcomed by the vast majority of Club members, canvassed in a recent survey. We will therefore be guided by the College, and work in partnership with the wider Lancing Society, to fulfil our role in ensuring the Lancing family, the Chapel and The Club, continue to thrive for future generations.

In my view, all The Club's activities are informed by a balance of these two responsibilities.

The OL Club Committee

The OL Club Committee has excellent representation from the College Executive and three enthusiastic younger members, but there are areas where we can strengthen:

- We would like representation from those OLs aged between 35 & 65, especially those with an interest in areas such as music, drama and the arts.
- Working with the College Executive to support younger OLs with careers and professional advice.
- Supporting the Foundation Office in growing Club activities to maximise membership engagement.
- Working with The Lancing Society as a whole. Outside the College Executive, there is no representation from the governing body, the other College committees or the Friends of Lancing Chapel on The OL Club Committee.
- How we address these issues is how we reshape the Committee for the future.

This is work in progress and more to follow on that in the next edition of *The Quad*.

2028: The Club's 150th Birthday

Finally, The OL Club is approaching its 150th birthday in 2028. Following an excellent inaugural OL Sports Day in June, we have a superb template to work with to mark our birthday but need to broaden it to celebrate all the other activities (music, the arts, drama, etc) for which the College is renowned. This will, I hope, encourage as many OLs as possible to join us on the day, and, equally hopefully, for them to re-engage more actively with The Club in future.



SIMON ELLIS

Chair, The OL Club
Sandersons 1973–1978



Anthony Oxley (Olds 1968–1973) shared this throwback photo from his time at Lancing. According to his research it is quite probable that the boys were watching the classic film *The Great Escape*!

Can you spot anyone you know?
Answers to foundation@lancing.org.uk

If you have any OL photos to share, please send them to the Foundation team. We always love seeing them and are keen to share them with the College community.

The OL Club AGM and Summer Party

Nearly 100 OLs gathered for the Club's Annual AGM and Summer Party at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, enjoying an evening of friendship, celebration and reconnection.

This year's event was particularly special, as it marked the first AGM and Summer Party for both Head Master Dr Scott Crawford and the incoming OL Chair, Simon Ellis (Sanderson's 1973–1978). It also provided a fitting opportunity to thank the outgoing Chair, Nigel Bennett (Olds 1972–1977), for his outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to the Club since 2021. His dedication, warmth and good humour have been greatly appreciated by the OL community,

It was wonderful to welcome so many familiar faces, alongside an especially strong turnout of 2025 Leavers. Hearing about their first year beyond Lancing was a reminder of the enduring strength of the OL network and the important role it continues to play in bringing generations together.

As always, the Royal Thames Yacht Club proved to be a superb venue, with its stunning views overlooking Hyde Park providing the perfect backdrop for a memorable evening.





O Captain! My Captain!

Get to know three of our OL Sports Captains from LOBFC, OL Cricket (The Rovers) and OL Fives as they reflect on their time at Lancing College, share where sport has taken them since leaving school, and encourage fellow OLs to get involved, make the most of every opportunity, and enjoy the many benefits of staying connected through OL sport.



LOBFC: Frankie Tudball (School 2013–2018) – Captain

What is your favourite football memory from your time at the College?

Scoring an extra-time equaliser in the Boodles Cup on the 1st XI pitch.

Who inspired your passion for football, and how has that passion evolved since leaving school?

I have been passionate about football for as long as I can remember. Playing football with my dad and brother from a young age instilled my passion for football, but the footballers who inspired my desire to play football were Zinedine Zidane, Frank Lampard and Lionel Messi. At Lancing, many coaches and fellow students also inspired my passion. The coaches who influenced me the most were Chris Crowe and Steve Brown, and the players were Ben Mendoza (Gibbs' 2010–2015) and Demi Abiru (Teme 2013–2018).

Since leaving Lancing I have continued to play football as much as possible, but reality soon hits that you can't just rock up to the Dyke Field for a big kick around anymore. However, since leaving Lancing I have been heavily involved with the LOBs and I have grown a great attachment to the Club. I have been inspired by the stories of LOBs success and the lengths to which people have gone to make the Club succeed. Those who have continued to inspire my passion for football since Lancing include Nick Evans (Sanderson's 1953–1957), Chris Williams (Field's 1990–1995) and Ryan Wood (Head's 2004–2009).

Football is often called the ultimate team game. What qualities do you think make a successful teammate?

I think a successful teammate must bring something to the team on the pitch and make it a more positive team to be in. A successful team is built and developed, so you need teammates who want to play their part and are committed to helping build the team.

What role has football played in helping you keep in touch with the OL community?

Football has played a massive role in my OL community. I am very lucky to have played LOBs for 8 years now and as a result, I have made many great friends, some of whom I did not go to Lancing with, and our membership covers many generations. It is always great to see our members at various OL community events. It is also brilliant to have a great deal of support for our Club.

Why do you believe schools should continue to invest heavily in sport and physical activity?

Schools such as Lancing should continue to invest time and resources into sport and physical activity because it provides you with many benefits. It builds strength, character, resilience, and enjoyment. Not only that, but we are also seeing the career path of an athlete becoming more possible with increased opportunities. Lancing has already helped several athletes achieve success through its investment in sport. I look forward to seeing many more.

The Rovers: Tim Mackenzie (Olds 1981–1986) – President

When you think back to your school cricket days, which match or moment stands out most vividly?

I still remember as if it was yesterday, the moment I was 'summoned' to the Master in Charge of Cricket, Alan Evans-Jones, office one evening. I had no idea what it concerned so I was a little nervous, but he wanted to invite me on to the forthcoming Australian Tour as someone had dropped out. I had just started the Lower Sixth and hadn't played in the 1st IX at that point, so it came as something of a shock. But 15 minutes later, after a quick sprint across the Upper Quad back to Olds to ring home, I was heading Down Under.

What first attracted you to cricket, and what do you enjoy most about the game now?

As my Housemaster pointed out on my UCAS application my 'sporting achievements far outcried my academic potential', which was a fair comment as I've always loved pretty much all sports. I just remember at prep school enjoying being out in the sunshine running around after a cricket ball. I was definitely in the team for my fielding as I hadn't mastered the art of batting or bowling. But as that progressed and I got more involved in the game, it became more enjoyable. These days it's very much a social relationship as I've managed to lose the art of batting and bowling, and don't really enjoy running around after a cricket ball anymore. I'm too old for all that!

Cricket teaches patience, teamwork and character. Which of those lessons has proved most valuable in life beyond sport?

I think it must be teamwork. There are very few careers out there where you work alone and if you can't work well with other people you're going to struggle in life, in my opinion. Character building wouldn't be far behind though. There are a lot of moving parts in cricket which can test your patience and sense of fairness, so if you can get on top of those two, you'll be a better person for it.

How does the Rovers help former pupils stay connected with one another and the College?

I've never tired of coming back to Lancing; I loved the place and still do. To have the privilege of being able to play half a dozen games at Lancing on that fantastic Upper Field, surely one of the most picturesque school grounds in the country, is amazing. The Rovers keep in touch all year round, through messages and social media, especially during the off-season, and there's now quite a healthy crossover with the LOBFC group which is great and just keeps the social side going ad infinitum. But the great thing about cricket, for me anyway, is the time you spend playing a game. You've literally got hours to catch up, talk nonsense, maybe have a glass or two of squash, and during Rovers Week there's always a group heading into Shoreham for beers, curries etc. It's a very sociable set up and we welcome more to join us!

What would you say to a pupil who is considering taking up cricket for the first time?

Do it! It's a great game, a sociable game, a fun game, and you don't have to be the next Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, (he's a 15-year-old Indian wonderkid), to enjoy it and you'll only get better with time. You'll undoubtedly make friends doing it, and it's a sport that you can play forever and a day. I still turn out for the Rovers when we're short (very short!) and I left the school 40 years ago! Finally, and more importantly, if you're a girl thinking about it, don't hesitate – the ladies' game is on such an uphill trajectory! Get on it while you can – you never know, you might be the next Alice Capsey (Manor 2017–2020).

OL Fives: Matt Davis (School 2011–2016)

What first attracted you to the game of Fives?

Fives was a sport that I had never heard of before, and I was keen to try everything unique Lancing College had to offer. The fact that my sister had also been playing for a couple of years definitely helped my attendance!

Do you have a favourite match, rivalry or memorable moment from your time playing Fives at school?

I recall an inter-House match between School and Head's whereby two of us Third Formers from School were pitted against two Fourth Formers from Head's, and thought we had little chance, but surprisingly were able to finagle the first point of the match, of which we were very pleased about.

What makes Fives such a unique and rewarding sport to play?

The fact there is no referee – and therefore everything operates on trust – makes it a deeply rewarding competitive sport in the most honest of ways, whereby it is quite common for a player to announce their own 'foul', 'scoop', or 'touch', unbeknownst to the other players.

How can schools encourage more young people to embrace traditional sports like Fives alongside newer activities?

By showcasing its rich heritage. Basil Handford, in whose honour Handford House is named, was an avid player, and played at Harrow during the same time as Winston Churchill's attendance, and of course at Eton College, from where it gets its name. Combining this with the necessary honesty, sportsmanship, and surprisingly useful ambidexterity, makes it a must for anyone in their formative years to gain foundational, lifelong skills. We welcome all players (both OLs and current players) to join us.

Which former pupil would you most like to partner in a doubles match?

Alex Abrahams (Head's 2011–2014) – we were regular partners at Lancing, but he carried on progressing while I moved away and have yet to catch up to him!

What is your favourite sporting memory from your school days?

Charlton Chase in the Friston Forest – an overnight orienteering exercise in groups. I was fortunate to be teamed with a cross-country runner with an indomitable will, and despite my lack of fitness, I was not willing to let him, or the team, down. It was during those moonlit hours in snow covered fields I realised that what I thought was the limit of my physical endurance was just my mind putting limits on my body's capability, and I've been able to push harder, and for longer, ever since. I even earned my best League Run position the following/same day, as most of the keen runners were recovering from the ordeal, but I knew I had more to give.

Best piece of advice a coach or teacher ever gave you?

'It isn't the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog.'

The Rovers

The Rovers had another interesting, partially successful but unbelievably fun season.



At the beginning of June, we played the College XI in a 20 over match, and knocked off the 145 target with five wickets, and ONE ball to spare. Well done Sheff aka Oscar Sheffield (Teme 2018–2023) for seeing us over the line with 46*.

Next up we travelled to the Old Hamptonians in the Cricketer Cup. Unfortunately, due to a clash with the Sussex League's club T20 competition, we were bereft of at least half a dozen of our best players, and our total of 197 whilst competitive was under par. Sheff stood out with 48, and Barney Hall's (Gibbs' 2016–2021) rapid fire 38 got us up there, but having dropped their opener off the first ball of their reply, they put on 167 for the first wicket, game over.

We headed back to HQ for the Peter Robinson Trophy against the College XI, this time a 40 over competition. Could we win the trophy for the first time in three attempts? Sadly not, due in no small part to current pupil, Alex McGuinness's superb 104 which propelled the College to 241-7. Peter's son Jonny Robinson (Second's 1979–1984) opened up with last year's leaver Webby, aka Max Webb (Second's 2020–2025), and between them and Freany aka Robin Frean (Second's 1996–2001), amassed a mighty 17 runs between them – not a great start! Veteran Village aka Phil Goulstone (Sanderson's 1985–1990), who flew in from Sydney the day before the game, held the side together with a patient 40 and once again Sheff, with 54, gave us a chance. Cal Nicholls (Head's 2020–2025), on debut, scored a scintillating 47, and another vet, Spinky aka Richard Spink (Olds 1985–1990) scored 27*, which saw us fall just 19 runs short – what a great game!

After the match 2026 Leaver, Marley Rishman, gratefully accepted the Peter Robinson Trophy in his last game for the College, and Alex McGuinness was awarded the Lancing Rovers Trophy. The Rovers expect great things from those two and the rest of the current crop in the future.

And so, to Rovers Week: Due to 'unforeseen circumstances,' this year's tour consisted of a day's golf and two days' cricket, with the Old Cranleighans unable to raise a team. So, eleven 'golfers' descended on West Hove GC on a blisteringly hot day in July and with a mixed bag of handicaps ranging from scratch to well above scratch, we took on this tough, hilly course.

Well done to Matt Lee (Field's 1989–1994) for organising the day and driving down from Edinburgh, and congratulations to Ethan Franklin (Gibbs' 2018–2023) for taking the spoils, Jamie Chester (School 2018–2023) for the longest drive, and

Charlie Gilgenkrantz (Second's 2016–2021) who, as the only player to hit the green on the par 3 seventh, won nearest the pin by default!

Brighton Brunswick turned up on Thursday for a 40 over game plus a delicious barbecue between innings. They won the toss and batted. Brighton Brunswick amassed a decent 274-6, with Sheff as our best bowler taking 3-27. In reply, Cosmo Portman (School 2019–2024) went first ball, then Notty aka George Nott (Gibbs' 2011–2014) rather surprisingly, and Webby put on 50 for the 2nd wicket. Contributions from Ballas aka Nicholas Ballamy (Head's 2009–2014) 63, Tom Hall (Gibbs' 2019–2024) 38*, Sheff 28 and Ben Chaloner (School 2019–2024) with 24* at 11 almost saw us home. We finished agonisingly short on 271-9! What a game!

And so, to Friday and our match against The Sussex Martlets. We won the toss, decided to bat, but it didn't turn out as expected. Notty 7, Barney, a phall-induced duck, Lewis Franklin (School 2014–2019) 9, Freany 1, Matt Lee 16, Webby duck, Tom Hall 6, Ethan Franklin 1, Scadey 1 and Ben Chaloner 7* meant we reached 185 all out. How so, I hear you ask. Well, the President had, rather shrewdly in hindsight, 'signed up' the College's new Head of Cricket, and all-round good egg, Mike Gould, the day before, who managed a scratchy 120!

Clearly not enough but meant the match reached tea at least. Yet another ton was scored during the week, this time by Harry M, one of the Martlets' openers, but despite Felix 'the Colombian' Sullivan (Gibbs' 2002–2007) on debut taking 2-38, and Ethan 2-23, they knocked them off six down with plenty to spare.

Only one thing left to do, award the Swordfish Trophy to the Rover who made the most impact on tour, but cricket has precious little to do with it. It was close between Ethan, Barney and Ben, but the latter took it on countback due to his brown and green camouflaged floppy hat – enough said.

Thanks to all involved – Adam and Dom for the pitches, Hannah and her staff for the barbecues, the College for still letting us play there, the Foundation Office for the chocolate and to everyone who made a contribution, however small they may have thought it.

Here's to next year #UpTheRovers

For more information please visit www.lancingrovers.co.uk

Tim Mackenzie (Olds 1981–1986), President

OL Golf



The team with other OLGS members at a pre-tournament dinner at RSG

Halford Hewitt 2026

The 2026 Halford Hewitt, said to be the biggest amateur golf team sporting event in the world, took place at Royal Cinque Ports and Royal St Georges (RSG) from 9 to 12 April 2026. After a trial at RSG in early March, Captain Ralph Brünjes (Gibbs' 2001–2006), like Luke Donald before him, chose the same team as for the previous year. The five pairs for this scratch 4somes event were therefore:

- Tom Scade (Gibbs' 2018–2023) & Charlie Gilgenkrantz (Second's 2016–2021)
- Ross Gilbert (Head's 1996–1999) & Chris Pettie (Head's 1992–1997)
- Eric Brünjes (Teme 1998–2003) & Jack Cheesman (Head's 2014–2019)
- George Holman (Gibbs' 2005–2010) & Harry Brünjes (Head's 1996–2001)
- Ralph Brünjes & Simon Wright (Second's 2001–2006)

The first round was played at RSG on the 9 April in beautiful weather conditions and pitched Lancing against Blundell's, a school with a similar ranking in the Anderson Scale (the measure of past success in the HH). Unsurprisingly then it was a very close affair. Blundell's got the better of the first two matches while Lancing secured matches 4 & 5. Eric Brünjes and Jack Cheesman took the deciding match to the 18th hole but could not better the solid par there from the Blundell's pair which was enough to see them progress to the second round. The matches had been followed by a fairly large contingent of OLs who definitely got their money's worth.

As first round losers, Lancing was eligible to participate in the Prince's Plate competition the following day where they acquitted themselves with distinction beating Bishop's Stortford before narrowly missing out against Canford in the round of 16.

OLGS Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting was held at a windy, but fortunately not too wet, Hayling Golf Club on 13 May. The main event was 18 holes handicap stableford playing for the President's Cup.

Hayling, a good test of links golf in the best of weather, proved very challenging as evidenced by the total number of balls lost across the four groups (we were running a sweepstake on this) and hence the winning score of 32 points achieved by both Paul Finnett (Sanderson's 1978–1983), winner on a countback, and runner-up Crispin Stephenson (Teme 1985–1990) was commendable.

The service we received on the day was excellent, including the tot of port on the 1st tee, care of the Club's relationship with the Sandeman family, and all who participated were unanimous in their approval of the course. As such we have taken steps to secure a return in 2027.

Other news

The OLGS team captained by Tom Scade were unfortunate this year not to make it to the Finals of the other major team scratch competition, the Grafton Morrish. In the South East qualifier held at Knole Park in May our team of six missed out by one place.

The OLGS website is now up and running and can be found at <https://olgfsociety.co.uk/>

The website provides members with the facility to maintain their own membership details, apply to play in upcoming fixtures, find information about the Society's activities and obtain all OLGS news and recent results. It also helps Match Managers to organise teams and there is access for members to shop for OLGS branded golfwear provided by Glenmuir.

To find out more about the society please take time to visit the website; we would welcome any feedback.

Date of next society meeting

The OLGS Autumn Meeting will be held at West Sussex Golf Club on Wednesday 2 September. Full details are available on the website.

Contact Charles MacKendrick (Teme 1978–1983) on charliemackendrick@gmail.com for more information.

OL Fives

As is to be expected in the Summer Term, many students are preparing for and sitting important examinations. As a result, inter-school Fives fixtures take a back seat to allow the necessary time for revision.

However, there are still plenty of enthusiastic players who appreciate a break from revision to let off some steam and hone their skills ahead of next year's fixtures. As a result, our evening Fives club has continued to thrive, pairing current students with adult players to help develop the younger generation's skills – and, on occasion, even give the more experienced players a run for their money!

This proved particularly beneficial for the OLs, as the Fives season concluded with the Welsh Invitational trophy being retained by OL Matthew Davis (School 2011–2016), this time partnering a current pupil from Rydal Penrhos School, the tournament host.

The evening Fives club intends to continue operating through the summer, so for anyone looking to get (back) into Fives, please contact Matt Davis at MDavis@lancing.org.uk

Matthew Davis (School 2011–2016)



5 May marked World Fives Day and saw the courts in use by (left to right) Kristiana Smilovska, Matthew Davis (School 2011–2016), Henry Steele (Heads 2012–2017) and Jethro Steele (Head's 2024–present)

LOBFC

At the time of writing my last LOBFC update, the LOBs needed a win from their final game to confirm their survival in Division 2 of the Arthurian League. Since February, form had been strong, with three wins from five games, and confidence was at a season high.

For our final game of the season, we fielded a strong side along with a couple of positive options on the bench. The LOBs came flying out of the blocks, going 2–0 up after just 10 minutes, with goals from Josh Shand (Second's 2012–2017) and Will Honychurch (Gibbs' 2014–2019). There were heroics at both ends, with Bradley Harman (Saints' 2018–2023) saving a penalty to keep us ahead. The LOBs went on to score another two goals, with Hector Mendoza (Gibbs' 2012–2017) and Alex Bilton (Teme 2020–2025) wrapping up the victory. Final score: 4–2.

At the back end of the season, the LOBs found the confidence, goals, and tenacity required to secure survival. Our strong finish gives us great confidence to start next season in the same way we finished this one.

There have been some seriously outstanding contributions to the LOBs this season, most notably from Will Brook (School 2021–2023), who owned the central midfield role for the club; Bradley Harman, who consistently made big saves; and Scooter Reid (School, 2012–2015), who made the left-back position his own. Cal Nichols (Head's 2020–2025) and George Hockey (School 2020–2025) brought plenty of energy to our attack, while Will Bainbridge (School 2016–2018) and Alex Bilton found the goals when we needed them most. As always, Ryan Wood (Head's 2004–2009), Steven Crosby (School 2006–2009), and Will Honychurch worked tirelessly off the pitch to ensure we fielded our strongest teams and remained well organised.

Ahead of next season, we held a summer tournament in Battersea, which saw six teams compete for the LOB World Cup. We had a great turnout, with LOBs as old as 50 and as young as 18 taking part. The youngsters came away with the trophy at the end of the day (pictured), which they thoroughly deserved.

Frankie Tudball (School 2013–2018)

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OL Tennis

In April, the OLs competed in the D'Abernon Cup qualifying round held at St George's College. A team consisting of Jayden Hobbs (Gibbs' 2019–2022) and George Naunton (Second's 2017–2022) faced a tough draw consisting of Cranleigh, KCS, St Georges and Tonbridge, but managed to narrowly progress through to the main draw with three wins out of four, securing a place in the last eight at Eton in late July. The team will be fighting for that all-elusive final held at the All England Club.

We returned to the College for our annual fixture against the current 1st team. Greeted with the sight of Wimbledon-esque

grass courts and an abundance of cakes in the pavilion to weigh us down, the team battled hard across five, three-set matches, in a contest that showcased tennis of the highest calibre. The current pupils ultimately emerged victorious with a 3–2 win, with an exceptional match featuring pupils Ben Atkins and Jacob Turner against former 1st team captains Louis Shaw (Second's 2011–2016) and George Naunton. All eyes are now ahead to next year with the OLs keen to take their crown back!

George Naunton (Seconds 2017–2022)

OL Tennis Captain



OL Rifle Shooting

The OL Rifle Club continues to make its presence felt on the world stage of long-range target shooting across a wide age span. Tom Craig-Fleming (Second's 2016–2021) and Andrew Morley (Gibbs' 1969–1973) are off to Brisbane shooting for GB teams in October, Tom as an under-25, Andrew as a veteran. Andrew is also off to the USA and Canada in August shooting for Great Britain in four international matches.

We continue to mobilise teams to Bisley for annual 'Q' matches against the other worthy Old School teams. Pictured is the team that recently won the short-range match.

OLRC would love to hear from any OLs, new or 'old' who'd like to see if they can re-kindle an old skill – or just pick up a new one! We have Home Office approval, equipment and expertise on hand. Thanks to support from the OL Sports Club, we can also offer sponsorship for students in full-time education, all you need to do is get yourself to Bisley.

Andrew Morley (Gibbs' 1969–1973), Captain

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(Left to right): Andrew Morley, Chris Claridge (Gibbs' 1973–1978), Tim Duncan (Head's 1984–1989) and James Pain (Gibbs' 1963–1967)

Andrew French (Second's 1976–1981)

Andrew was born in Horsham in 1963. After moving to Shoreham, he started at Lancing College on a scholarship in 1976, initially as a day boy and then as a boarder. He played Fives and had a particular talent for languages, leaving with five A Levels.

Andrew went to Bristol University where he obtained a degree in German. Upon graduating in 1987 he was recruited by Midland Bank, where he remained for his entire working career rising to be the Director of Project & Export Finance covering Scandinavia, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. He travelled widely in northern Europe for his work as well as further afield.

In the 1980s Andrew had been posted to Athens and there he met his wife, Nicky. They married in 1994 and had three children, Sam, Joe, and Izzy. The family moved back to Sussex after living and working in Dusseldorf.

When Andrew left HSBC in 2018, he became a committed volunteer for the Brighton & Hove Green Party, acting in many roles including as treasurer.

He loved crosswords, working out answers before anyone else had even understood the clue. He was a valued part of his local pub quiz team in Brighton. He was well read and had a love of music and film where he was attracted to anything quirky and off beat.

He was kind, gentle, modest, and methodical with a wonderful dry wit and deadpan delivery. This came across in his texts which usually included a joke or wryly funny observation. He adored his children and helped and supported them in all circumstances. They all rallied round in his final illness, as did his many friends who took turns to visit him. Andrew died of cancer in the Royal Sussex County Hospital in March 2026.

Jonathan French (Second's 1977–1979),
Andrew's brother: jafrench61@outlook.com



Brigadier Alastair I H Fyfe DL (Olds 1951–1956)

Alastair died peacefully at home on 20 May 2026. Born in Misterton, he was further educated at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst having completed basic military training at Winchester.

In 1958 he was commissioned into the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He saw service in Germany, Gibraltar, Zambia, Berlin and Northern Ireland before being selected to go to the Army Staff College in 1971. After completing a staff appointment with a Royal Air Force Headquarters, he served in Belize and Northern Ireland before going to RMA Sandhurst as an instructor. After serving as an instructor at the Nigerian Staff College, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, The Light Infantry which was part of the UN Force in Cyprus.

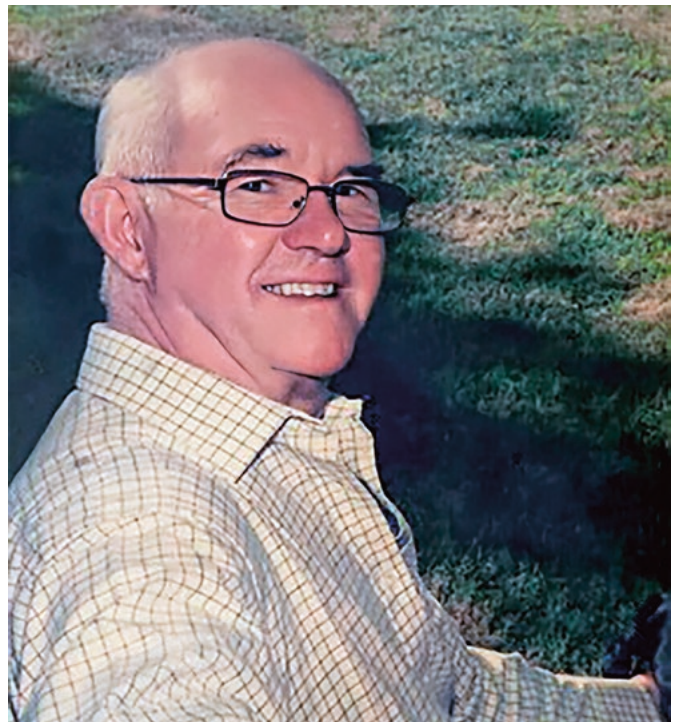
In 1984, he took up an intelligence staff appointment at HQ British Army of the Rhine, followed by a tour with the NATO Headquarters in Oslo. From 1988 to 1991 he was the British Military Attache in the former Soviet Union, serving at the British Embassy in Moscow. He also held the appointment of Honorary ADC to HM The Queen from 1989 to 1991.

He retired from the Regular Army in 1991 and served as the Regimental Secretary at the Light Infantry Office in Taunton. He was made a Deputy Lieutenant of Somerset in 1995 and High Sheriff in 2006/7. He also was Vice-Provost of the Woodard Schools (Western Region), Deputy Colonel of 6th Battalion, The Light Infantry (Volunteers), and The Rifle Volunteers. He became an Honorary Fellow of the Woodard Schools Corporation.

A keen athlete, he represented the Army, the Combined Services and Somerset at both athletics and cross-country running, as well as Gibraltar in the 1962 Commonwealth Games.

He is survived by his wife Deirdre (known as D), their daughter Nicola and son, Andrew.

D Fyfe



David Fisher (Olds 1954–1959)

David was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on 5 June 1941, the son of Monica ('Bobbie') and Ivan Fisher, who served in the Fleet Air Arm. His childhood was spent in East Africa before he came to Lancing College, where, following the death of his father at the age of 46, he remained on a scholarship. After a year studying engineering at the University of London, he joined Inchcape as a management trainee, beginning an international career that would span 25 years.

His work took him across East Africa, the Middle East, South America and Asia. While posted to Thailand, he met his future wife, Josette. They married in 1970 and shared 56 years together, raising their daughter Kimberley and later delighting in the arrival of their granddaughter, Sophie. Retirement eventually brought them back to Thailand, where they made their home in Pran Buri.

A true global citizen, David never lost his affection for England or for the friendships he made at Lancing. He remained in close contact with school contemporaries throughout his life, returning regularly to Sussex and the UK, and was deeply saddened by the passing of many lifelong friends.

Sport was a constant thread throughout his life. A keen squash player into his eighties, he also loved football, cricket and golf, following Tottenham Hotspur, Brighton & Hove Albion and England with unwavering enthusiasm. Travel, too, remained one of his great passions, taking him to every corner of the world.

Known for his warmth, curiosity and gift for storytelling, David built friendships wherever he lived. His annual Christmas newsletters became legendary among family and friends, reflecting his remarkable ability to stay connected across continents. He is remembered with great affection for his generosity, humour, loyalty and zest for life.

Kimberley Fisher (daughter)



Julian Reindorp (Field's 1958–1963)

Few boys can have got as much out of – and put as much into – school life as did Julian Reindorp whose busy and positive nature radiated out from him wherever he was or whatever he did. No academic star, he nonetheless flourished in History under the tutelage of Roger Lockyer who inspired so many in that subject, well meriting his place to read it at Trinity, Cambridge. Julian was a great athlete, captain of the school team and of cross-country – no one did a faster Five Mile than he did! His school career peaked in the role of Head of School under Sir William 'Willie' Gladstone.

Like his father, who by then was Bishop of Guildford, Julian took Holy Orders, ordained in Poplar where his first ministry was. He subsequently moved to Milton Keynes before his final parish of Richmond in Surrey. In his ministry Julian had been inspired by his year in industrial Bangalore to give priority to society's less privileged members and he was proud to be motivated by concern for the have-nots of any society, giving charitable support both at home and abroad, specifically in Sri Lanka which he visited on numerous occasions. In accordance with that conviction, he was a life-time member of the Labour party, though always fond of his old school.

With a sizeable family and many friends Julian was an inspiration and an example that lives on.

Simon Watson (Field's 1957–1962)



Revd George Royle
(Field’s 1947–1952)

George was born on 29 January 1934 in the drawing room of the vast rectory at Pulborough, the son of Revd George and Nonie. His early schooling was at home before he became a chorister at Chichester Cathedral Choir School and then continued to Lancing College, where he joined Field’s House. At Lancing he was notably athletic: Captain of Cross-Country, a member of the swimming team, House Captain, and part of the chess team. His choice of Cross-Country and swimming was characteristically practical: they could be completed swiftly, allowing him to shower, change and move on to more important pursuits, chiefly anything with wheels or an engine. He rode his bicycle vast distances to return home and took a keen interest in the College Farm, where operating the tractor was the priority. Many of his memories of Lancing involved driving the car of his Housemaster, the celebrated Patrick ‘Tiger’ Halsey, rather more than academic endeavours.

After Lancing he undertook National Service in the RAF, read Theology at King’s College London, and was ordained. He served his title post on a South London housing estate in St Helier before joining the Bush Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd in Australia. Posted to Alice Springs, his parish was roughly twice the size of the British Isles. There he met and married Lois, the young Australian teacher who became his lifelong partner. They returned to the UK by ship for the birth of their son, David.

George’s ministry in Britain included priest-in-charge of St Peter’s, Sydenham, 12 years as Vicar of the vast Leigh Park housing estate near Portsmouth, and twelve years on Hayling Island. He retired as an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral. He and Lois retired first to Devon before moving to Wiltshire to live with family at Easton Farm in the Lodge. In retirement he drove for twenty-five years for Link and Hospital Cars, continued pastoral work, and was a much-loved grandfather, school-run driver and ‘Royle taxi service’ for late-night pick-ups. He loved working with a Ferguson tractor of the same model



he had first driven aged fourteen in support of the family’s equestrian business. He remained active and independent almost to the end, dying peacefully at home with support from Dorothy House Hospice. In a characteristic final act of service and economy, he donated his body to medical research. He was a kind, gentle, honourable and generous man who lived a life of service, grace and quiet humour. He is survived by his son David, granddaughters Lottie and Pippa, and their families.

The Family

We also remember the following OLs:

Name	House and Year	Date
Christopher G Selwyn	Gibbs’ 1970–1975	July 2026
Richard M Glascodine	Head’s 1972–1977	June 2026
Jeremy J Searle	Second’s 1978–1983	April 2026
Peter J W Wilson	Gibbs’ 1951–1955	April 2026
Simon R Long	Field’s 1954–1958	February 2026
Martin Marriott	Sanderson’s 1948–1951	July 2025

Wherever possible, full obituaries are published on The OL Club website www.oldlancingclub.com or in the next edition of *The Quad*

Forthcoming Events for OLs and Parents 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming OLs, parents and guests to our programme of events over the next few months. The most up-to-date event information can be found on our website.

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
YOUNG OLs DRINKS	Thursday 10 September	Tattersall Castle, London
MILESTONE REUNION – 2006, 1996, 1986 LEAVERS	Saturday 19 September	Lancing College
HONG KONG REUNION	Tuesday 22 September	The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
FRIENDS OF LANCING CHAPEL FESTIVAL	Saturday 26 September	Lancing College Chapel
BUSINESS NETWORK – LAW	Wednesday 30 September	Location TBC
LANCING PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM	Wednesday 7 October	Lancing College
OVER 60s LUNCH	Thursday 8 October	Royal Thames Yacht Club
NEW YORK REUNION	Thursday 22 October	The Harvard Club, NYC
BUSINESS NETWORK – INSURANCE	Wednesday 4 November	Location TBC
FOUNDATIONERS UPDATE EVENT	Wednesday 11 November	Royal Geographical Society, London
LPA CHRISTMAS PARTY	Friday 20 November	Lancing College
LPA FESTIVE WREATH MAKING	Saturday 5 December	Lancing College
THE OL CLUB CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY	Thursday 17 December	St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London

For further information about any of these events, please contact the Foundation Office:
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