



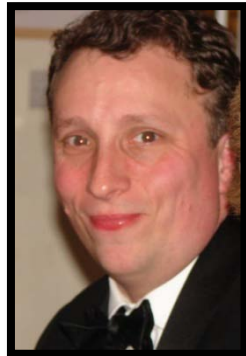
This year we welcomed 21 fresh faced 4<sup>th</sup>



formers from 12 different prep schools. Little did they know that in 4 weeks they would be

performing a dance routine in front of the whole school! However, to their great credit (and the great credit of choreographers George Griffiths and Will Vince) they walked off (or more accurately leaped off) the stage as victors! This set the tone for a really positive term in the house. I hope this newsletter gives you some indication as to how busy the boys have been.

On a sadder note we say goodbye to Stephen Artus who leaves us after three years in North. He has been an outstanding tutor in this period but perhaps our abiding memory was the North House Play this term. His direction, humour and guidance made this a very special event in the house and proved what an outstanding school master he is. He will be greatly missed.



Have a very restful Christmas break.

*EMB*

### **Junior House Basketball**

North started off against Loveday for the first match. We had a promising start and we nearly scored but Loveday took the lead with the first basket. The score kept on going upwards in Loveday's favour. North were unable though to score any points during this match despite some good efforts from Dom Coy, Alex Woodman, Rory Kennedy and Jack Horsey.

We faced East in the third and fourth place play off. We started off well again until we were six nil up over East with baskets from Oli Rodriguez and from Alex Woodman. The final score was ten points to four to North, with a good contribution also coming from Fin Chesterman.

*Mylø Boyd*

### **Junior House Public Speaking**

After very limited time to prepare, Tom Lucy, Rory Kennedy and I managed to fix a few speeches together on the thought provoking topic of blood diamonds.



I was very impressed at the way Tom Lucy opened the evening's speeches as Chairman, with his engaging humour and clarity.

Next followed my speech in which I did my best to keep the audience interested in the horrific facts of the Conflict Diamond industry. Following this, IVth former Rory Kennedy closed our speeches with a fantastic Vote of Thanks. We knew that it was not going to be an easy decision for the judges, as both East's and Cubitt's speeches were superb as well. We were a little shocked when it was revealed that we had won, but we were thrilled all the same.

*Rory Weyman*

### **A perspective from a new L6th**

I came to Cranleigh from a school called Box Hill which is just outside Dorking. It has been a big change for me starting boarding. This school has a very rigorous schedule that helps you to achieve the grades you want for AS level. I performed in the Part Song which was a great bonding experience.

I asked Harry May (the other new lower sixth former) what he thought of the house and he said he loved the friendly and welcoming atmosphere that he was greeted with.

*Euan Cameron*

### **IVth Form Cross Country**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of October the Fourth Form Cross Country took place on a wonderful autumn day. As we walked out to the South Field some people were dreading the cross country while some were looking forward to it. The race was just over 2 miles. Some of us started off well until Loveday Hill where we were sprayed with water by Loveday people but by the end we were all exhausted.

Particular congratulations should go to Hugh Ferry for coming 14<sup>th</sup>; Tim Ayling for coming 5<sup>th</sup> and Ollie Rodriguez for coming 4<sup>th</sup> out of 84 boys.

### **Junior House Fives**



Our first match was against Loveday. In pair one Mylo Boyd and Alex Robertson played, in pair two Callum Kent and Max O'Brien played and in pair three Fin Chestermen and Sam Scutt. Sadly, we slipped to defeat. The team was then mixed around against Cubitt, as some last minute changes were made. Callum Kent and Rory Subba Row played as pair 1, Rory Kennedy and Jerome Greeno played 2<sup>nd</sup> pair and 3<sup>rd</sup> pair was Fin Chestermen and Chris Paton. We again narrowly lost.

*Callum Kent*

### **IV<sup>th</sup> Form House Dance**

When we joined Cranleigh in September, the last thing we thought we were going to do was perform a dance for the whole school and compete against other houses. George Griffiths first approached us saying that we had 4 weeks to practice and perform it to the whole school. We were up for it and excited. When the date of the dance approached we had to start working harder than ever.



On the night of the dance, the atmosphere in North was amazing. When our name was called out to go and perform on stage, the crowd went wild. We took our positions, the music started and we were very excited. When they announced that the winners of the dance were North, we went crazy. We had proved the other houses wrong. **NORTH WERE THE BEST!**

*Dom Coy & Alex Woodman*



The first round of the Senior House squash saw North fall to a crushing defeat at the hands of a strong performance from Cubitt. However, despite overwhelming odds, everyone on the team pulled their weight and put a solid effort into their matches, with an outstanding effort from Will Hardy and Owen Quant. The second round play-off for third and fourth place was a bitter struggle against Loveday, and again, despite the disappointment of round one, everyone played their best.

*Nicky O'Keeffe*

### **Vlth House Football**

As House football winners we were always the clear favourites

### **Part Song**



From the first day back in school, North and the affiliated West girls started practising for Part Song. With a challenging song choice – *Embers* by *Just Jack* - we were told by other houses and music staff that it would not be possible. Along with George Griffiths and Harry Ricks, we took up the challenge.

- the team to beat going into the 6<sup>th</sup> form football. We set out with intent to once again vanquish our unworthy adversaries - East. As

expected, we fired ourselves into a two-nil lead with goals from Nick Roberts and Dave Graham-Wood (joint top goal scorers), with George Griffiths (top assist maker) as provider. Things unfortunately went pear-shaped as we first gave away a dubious penalty and eventually lost 3-2. In a 15 minute game against Cubitt, we came close but narrowly lost 3-0, while against Loveday our profligacy in front of goal (including 3 missed penalties in the shootout) resulted in a nil-all draw. Overall, we came a creditable 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Nick Roberts*

After 4 weeks of hard work, the song

was finally starting to take shape. On the competition night itself, we performed excellently, unfortunately slightly let down by all too predictable nerves. Well done to everyone who took part, as it was a great night, and we proved to everyone that we could do the impossible.

### **Junior House Squash**

Our first match was against East with Rory Subba Row 1<sup>st</sup> seed, Max O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup> seed, Callum Kent 3<sup>rd</sup> seed, Oliver Rodriguez 4<sup>th</sup> seed and AJ Coates 5<sup>th</sup> seed. It was an easy victory for East as they beat us 5-0 but the end score did not reflect some of our games as Callum had a good game, taking it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> set. This result left us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 4<sup>th</sup> playoff against Loveday. This was a more competitive match as Max O'Brien won his game and again Callum came close to winning but North eventually slipped to a 4-1 loss.

*Rory Subba Row*

### **Senior House Fives**

In the first round we faced up against Cubitt, who just beat us 2-1. Our 1<sup>st</sup> pair of Owen Quant and Angus Peters and the 2<sup>nd</sup> pair of Josh Hughes and Dave Forster both fought closely against their opposition but both were narrowly beaten. There was still some consolation to be had, as myself and a rookie to the game, Will Hardy, managed a tight victory against the Cubitt third pair. When it came to the third place playoff against East, after some inspiring fives from the team, we managed a 3-0 whitewash. The particular highlight was Michael Burgess on debut in the 1<sup>st</sup> pair, who managed to secure a solid victory. We ended up third overall, which was a great result in this sport for North.

*Harry Dear*



### **Senior House Challenge**

Having failed to reach the final the previous year, North faced South in the opening round of the competition, a match in which North powered to a convincing victory, scoring 600 points. In the next round, North was matched against a strong Loveday team and, despite a tentative start, North stormed away in the final third to win 520-350. The final was an intriguing contest that saw North play Cubitt. It lived up to the occasion as it was a closely fought struggle, with Cubitt at one point going 230-210 ahead and, until the last three starters, North never being more than 40 points ahead. The final score, however, was 410-330 to North. The winning North team comprised Peter Thompson, George Colgan, Rory Weyman and Chris Paton (Will Palmer having helped North through the other two matches).

*George Colgan*



**Senior House Public Speaking**

We entered this competition with the hope of retaining the trophy. Our topic was entitled “Have music artists of the noughties become too naughty?” The competition was won by Loveday, despite a good effort from the North team of Will Stocks, Hugh Jolly and Harry Dear.

*Harry Dear*

**Senior House Basketball**

Due to our success rate in previous years, we decided to send out an elite team - all of us. We had a good feeling about this year. First, we came up against Loveday, who actually play basketball and have matching kit, and we got destroyed. However, a light shone

through - we scored a basket for the first time in about 3 years. What a beautiful day! The match against Cubitt was similar, but a few exquisite 3 pointers from Ricks, Richman and Preston made the crowd go wild. The result told the story and North finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Ben Roberts*

**North House Plays**

Over the nights of the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of October the House put on a set of four top class plays. *Bouncers*, the longest of the four, was fantastically directed by Angus Peters and the eight boys involved put on a classy display, full of humour. My highlight

**North House Plays**

*Family 2.0* was next to feature. This was expertly directed by George Griffiths and Kelly Hughes. Confident acting from Georgia Watson and Jonny Paddle, along with Oscar Richard's infamous line, made for a great production.



George then changed from director to actor to take part in *Time Flies*. George and Nannas Syms both played mayflies under the watchful eye of Paddy Wilson (David Attenborough). This play, directed by both Nicola Hardwick and Kelly Hughes, was met with rapturous applause.



*Harry Ricks*



### **UVIth Dinner Party**

The U6th North House dinner party is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year. We arrived back from Long Leave a couple of hours early in order to prepare the gourmet food as well as to arrange the house room into a state-of-the-art banquet hall. The food was amazing with Harry Ricks and John Richman commenting on the fact that the food was of restaurant quality and each course got better and better, topped off by the Banoffee pie which was delightful. A special mention must go to Matron G who put in so much time and effort for us to have a wonderful evening. All her work was greatly appreciated by everyone who attended. A great time was had by all.

*Hugh Jolly*

### **4th Form Team Building Day**

The 4<sup>th</sup> form teambuilding day consisted of many different challenges around the school, which were done in teams. The team won that had done the best by getting points for doing well in the challenges. The winners got a prize of chocolate. The challenges ranged from indoor hockey to mind challenges to Mr Wilson's military style water pipe challenge. The big challenge was one where you were on an alien planet [South field] and you had to get 2 barrels across the ground without them touching the floor. You also had to cross a river full of acid using planks and lots of teamwork.

By Fin Chesterman



## **House Rugby**

The highlight of the final week as over 70 North boys battled it out on the cold and damp Cranleigh pitches. We have enjoyed a good reputation in Rugby and this year was no different with us winning the Overall Cup, winning the Lites and being second in the Heavies and Seniors. However, most importantly, was the sense of spirit and support within the house which helped make the last week so special.





## **Tutor Awards**

This year, for the first time, the tutors have prizes for 'good eggs' within the house. This term's prizes go to:

### **4<sup>th</sup> form:**

Tom St Johnston

Mylo Boyd

Alex Robertson

### **LVth:**

Joe Hardy

Max O'Brien

Charlie Ricks

### **UVth**

Marcus Kim

Harry McCagherty

Toby Rigby

## **House Ties**

Hugh Jolly

John Richman

Harry Ricks

Will Hardy

Josh Hughes

Angus Peters

George Griffiths

Sam McCagherty

Will Vince

Pip Wilson

## **Matron's Corner**

Please ensure everything is named especially those new Christmas Presents! (IPODs and Mobile Phones and if they use their duvet covers) +

Also, if you have any spare mugs and books then we will be grateful recipients!

Finally, please try and not bring back too much stuff!