



### From the Headmaster

Our Remembrance Service provided the opportunity for the School to acknowledge our debt to those, including Old Guildfordians, who served in the World Wars and in recent conflict. The whole community came together in an act of remembrance as the School united in memory of those who have lost their lives in warfare. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the School joined in a two-minute silence, the beginning and end of which were marked by the cannons fired in the castle grounds which houses the Memorial Arch, first unveiled in 1921.

The service was particularly poignant as the RGS welcomed a number of eminent and decorated Old Guildfordians to mark the occasion. Laurie Weeden (OG 1938) laid a wreath in memory of the old boys, while School Captain, Max James, laid a wreath on behalf of the staff and students of the School. Two addresses, which are attached to this edition of *The Bulletin*, then provided an insight into the act of remembrance from varying perspectives. Upper Sixth Form student Matthew Alderton gave a powerful and thought-provoking address, inspired by a letter from Old Guildfordian Eric Heaton to his parents dated 30 June 1916, the day before his death on the battlefield. This was followed by Dominic Masters (OG 1996) who provided a very personal recollection of war focusing on the loneliness of leadership based upon his own experiences of command in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At a time of global uncertainty and military conflict both addresses concluded with a reflection on the criticality of cohesion, negotiation and empathy in avoiding future loss of life. In this light, the quotation from William Shakespeare in his play *All's well that ends well*, written in the early 1600s, could hardly be more appropriate: "The more we sweat in peace the less we bleed in war."

### Latest News

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**Engineering:** Edmund Milton-Seall (L6) has been officially awarded the prestigious Kobler Arkwright Engineering Scholarship.

**Kids' Lit Quiz:** After weeks of preparation in Junior Literature Club, two teams of First and Second Formers took part in the South England heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz at the Duke of Kent School. The second team finishing fourth with 69 points; the first team, however, consisting of Second Form boys **Oliver Liversedge**, **Joshua McGillivray**, **Alex Mitchell** and **Samuel Rooke** emerged as winners. They will now go forward to the National Final at City of London Girls' School where eighteen regional winners will battle for the chance to go to the World Final in Toronto next summer.

**Languages:** Sixth Form boys tackled a *Masterchef*-style cooking competition at St Catherine's School Bramley with a strongly European theme. The three teams cooked a three-course meal in just over an hour, with the winning dishes in each category being soupe à l'oignon, tortilla de patatas and apfelstudel: a culinary and linguistic feast for all.

**Mathematics:** In the Senior Mathematics Challenge, from over 100,000 entrants nationally, RGS boys secured 32 Gold, 28 Silver and 14 Bronze Awards. Particularly notable was the fact that seven boys qualified in the top 1% to reach the Mathematical Olympiad, and seventeen more, who just missed the Olympiad, progressed to the Kangaroo round (top 3%); top scores were **Joshua Cudby** (U6) and **Cameron Gibson** (U6).

**Young Enterprise:** Six of our businesses – *GoBillou*, *Hydra*, *Mint*, *Sovereign*, *Zenith* and *Zani* – entered the first of the Young Enterprise competitions held at the Guildhall in Guildford. The competition took the form of a *Dragons' Den* as they competed against 18 other businesses for the £100 cash prize. All our students presented a clear business strategy with confidence, detail and passion, responding well to the tough questioning from the Dragons. *GoBillou* was commended in the top four businesses, taking third place for their foreign language cookbook which is aimed at 9 – 14 year olds to improve their language skills in a fun way while bringing the family together.

## Sports News

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**Chess:** The chess teams' excellent recent form continued with all three teams enjoying success; wins were recorded against King's College School Wimbledon and both Reigate and Sutton Grammar Schools.

**Cross-Country:** Having qualified through the county round of the English Schools Cup both the junior and intermediate teams took part in the South-East England regional finals at Tonbridge School. The juniors finished a creditable sixth with **Max Windle** (2P) being our first runner home. The intermediates ran a superb race with **Ben Fitzpatrick** (4B) leading the team home to second place to qualify for the national finals.

**Eventing:** **Joseph Lethbridge** (L6) took the top spot in the British Eventing 90 on Maris Piper III with a dressage score of 21.

**Rugby:** In the eagerly-anticipated fixtures against Cranleigh School, the matches proved to be evenly contested with RGS sides emerging with seven victories. Highlights included a narrow 12 – 20 defeat for the 1st XV who showed extraordinary resilience and passion throughout the tightly-contested match and also the three Under 16 teams which all won; this was all the more impressive as these three teams scored 135 points without conceding a point. In windswept conditions and torrential rain, the weekend fixtures against The Judd School resulted in three wins for all of our Under 14 sides and a gutsy 29 – 17 victory for the 1st XV. In the NatWest Schools Cup the Under 15s beat City of London Freeman's School to progress to the next round.

**Sailing:** An excellent second day of racing at the National Schools Sailing Association competition with RGS winning all their races.

## Forthcoming Events

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Monday 21 November	Inset day: no school for students
Tuesday 22 November	Monday Timetable Junior Piano Concert in the Rehearsal Room
Wednesday 23 November	King's Lecture in the Auditorium
Monday 28 November	Lower Sixth Form Higher Education Evening in Great Hall
Tuesday 29 November	Fourth Form Parents' Evening in Great Hall
Wednesday 30 November	Ensembles Concert in the Auditorium
Thursday 1 December	Christmas Shopping Evening in Great Hall

